

Minutes of March 14, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Approved bills for the first half of the month.

Undersheriff Darrel Chapman joined the meeting to get approval for purchasing 3 vehicles from John Jones Automotive Group totaling \$116,353.00.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7th as amended and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Register of Deeds Tammy Moulden joined the meeting to request ARPA funding to reimburse her office for the costs associated with repairing books as the funding is now open to be spent on all expenses usually funded by the county. She would then have enough funds within her budget to give employee raises. The Board asked her for updated job descriptions and costs associated with the raises she is proposing.

At 11 a.m. left chambers to view the courtroom remodel progress and look at the proposed Community Corrections office space.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He submitted a purchase order for a mule he found in stock. He reported that he has scheduled for Haug Construction to replace some hydrants that are leaking.

Adjourned for lunch from 12:16 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks and Holton Recorder Ali Holcomb joined the meeting. Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir board members Lana Dillner, Deb Dillner, Barb Dillner and Beth Nelson joined the meeting. They reported that they had been stuck waiting due to Covid delays on the grant they have now secured for the community building. They are hoping to have the structural plans complete within two weeks and then it will be ready for the bidding process. The grant is a \$160,000.00 match grant giving them \$320,000.00 for the building. They have raised over \$112,000.00 and the county pledged \$25,000.00 to be used towards the basement or storm shelter. When they applied for the grant, they had secured over \$22,000.00 of in-kind donations from vendors for their services. They are now expecting at least an 18% increase in materials costs and no longer know what, if any in-kind service donations to expect. They also had planned for former Banner Lake Director Lu Griffiths to provide general contracting services as in-kind to meet their match qualifications. The FOBC board explained that they have submitted additional grant requests for the increased costs associated with materials and for a parking lot. They are not moving forward with any other projects at the lake but have had discussions of reviving the ADA trails at the lake. Chairperson Kathrens stated that the Board wanted to meet to express their concerns for a lack of progress on the community building and to clarify the roles of the county and the FOBC board. Commissioner Kelly added that opening the lines of communication was important to the Commissioners and also they want to keep the building project within the bounds of the grant. FOBC expressed their frustrations as well in the long waiting process for the grant award and also the loss of Lu Griffiths as their guide in this process. They also stated that current Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell is an invaluable member of their team and they are appreciative of his commitment

to their cause. It was decided that once the plans are back they will be released to the county so they can publish the bid and also will select a builder through a sealed process.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber and Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz joined the meeting. Scott submitted chemical bids for the year as follows:

- Van Diest Supply Company \$238,010.00
- Nutrien Solutions \$267,830.50

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the low bid from Van Diest for \$238,010.00 and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott submitted bids for pipes as follows:

- Metal Culverts, Inc. \$59,633.00
- Welborn Sales Inc. \$57,754.80
- J&J Drainage Products Co. \$65,644.00
- Contech Engineered Solutions \$53,594.11

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Contech low bid for \$53,594.11 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Eric reported that Hamm's Soldier Quarry opened for business last week. Scott submitted one fuel bid:

- Haag Oil \$28,780.00

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag Oil bid for \$28,780.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

County resident Barb Shields joined the meeting to discuss the county's resolution regarding the collection of 15% of a homeowner's insurance policy resulting from fire, explosion or windstorm damages. County Counselor Lee Hendricks explained that the resolution was adopted to protect the county from those who experience damages and then do not follow through with repairing or cleaning up their property. The Kansas statute allows for a 15% lien of funds until the county feels adequate measures are being taken to resolve the property damages. Barb stated she felt like the resolution created a hardship for people trying to deal with the loss of their home and Lee explained that the county will create a better process moving forward considering her input. Commissioner Kelly stated he appreciated her feedback.

County Appraiser Kate Immenschuh discussed the process for a resident to acquire a special event permit to hold a rodeo on his property. It was decided that he would need to submit an application and site plan along with a fee to cover the publication cost for a public hearing.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Road and Bridge	Linda Jackson	\$16.82 per hour	\$17.89 per hour	Length of Service Increase	04/15/2022
Road and Bridge	Mark Cole	\$16.64 per hour	\$17.17 per hour	Length of Service Increase	03/31/2022

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Banner Lake	6744	City Cycle Sales, Inc.	Kawasaki Mule	\$9,668.00
Road and Bridge	6864	John Jones Automotive Group	1 Dodge Durango 2 Dodge Chargers	\$116,353.00

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Attest:

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District