

Minutes of February 6, 2023

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Dan Brenner and Mark A. Pruett were present. County Clerk Kathy Mick recorded the minutes and County Counselor Lee Hendricks was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks requested an Executive Session for a period of 15 minutes for Attorney Client privilege. Dan so moved, Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 9:04 and opened at 9:19. No decision was made.

One bid was received for fuel from Haag Oil Company in the amount of \$27,260 for 1500 Gallons Unleaded no alcohol and 6500 winterized Diesel clear Low sulfur 60/40 Blend. Mark made the motion to accept the bid from Haag Oil Company. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Received two bids on concrete parking slab at Road and Bridge Shop:

Eisenbarth Construction	\$31,640.00
Sullivan Const	\$40,260.00

Mark made the motion to award the bid to Eisenbarth Construction. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Signed a Right of way Easement in Sec 14 Twp 9 Range 15 for Rural Water district No 1. To supply water to the property known as the Hoyt Strip where they County parks equipment in the south part of the County.

Scott presented a quote for plastic pipe in the amount of \$828.70 that will go under the concrete slab for the down spouts.

Scott presented a quote for a Jib crane for the shop. He is still waiting for another bid so this was tabled until next week.

A discussion was held that the electricity upgrade will probably be needed at the shop.

Dan reported that Road 226 from F to G needs to be finished. The 3" road rock is showing through for 2.5 miles. This road was not on the list for 2023 but the Commissioners agreed that it needs to be finished.

Scott reported that the new mini backhoe is in and the guys like it and are using it on 110 and E.

Scott reported that he had an individual that questioned what it would cost to chip and seal Deer Run. Scott stated that the road needs \$250,000 in prep work before it would be ready for chip and seal. Keith Kelly stated that the Road was never brought up to road standards and the County will continue to maintain it, the way it is right now. Scott said that they did need to work on a turn around for the school bus. There is a 60 foot right of way.

Timber Ridge needs some ditch checks put in.

Mark made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 10:06 with County Counselor Lee Hendricks, Scott Kieffaber and Wade Cormier also present. The meeting opened at 10:11. No decisions were made.

Scott informed the Commissioners of the audit of the purchase of easements for a bridge project in 2021. The County miscalculated figuring the easement price and needs to pay Henry & Carol Richter \$21.00 additional. Dan made the motion to pay \$21 to Henry & Carol Richter for their Permanent Easement. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

The Commissioners reviewed Kevin Hill's request to become an employee of Jackson County in a KPERS covered position and KPERS guidelines for dual employment. Kevin Hill is currently the Brown County Attorney and a contract employee of Jackson County being paid \$40,000 a year. Kevin wants to be a County Employee in a KPERS covered position and be paid \$40,000 a year. KPERS requires 1,000 hours work per year for a covered position. Forty dollars per hour is not a normal rate for an attorney and it would cost the County an additional \$6,260 in employer taxes and benefits. The Commissioners denied his request.

Received a proposal from Hartwell Capital Consulting for a 12-month period at \$8,000 per month. The contract would consist of Hartwell working for the County to receive ongoing Federal fund due to land within the reservation boundary and outside the reservation boundary being taken off the Tax role and put into USA Trust. Item was tabled.

Signed added and abatements # 123-127.

Mark made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 10:45 with County Counselor Lee Hendricks & County Clerk Kathy Mick also present. The meeting opened at 10:51. No decisions were made.

Kurt Zibell informed the Commissioners that he is checking it to online auction sights to sell the skid loader.

Kurt has submitted the paperwork for the wastewater systems.

Kurt will be meeting with the Friends of Banner Creek this week to hopefully finalize the building plans. Once they have the final draft he will see if the commissioners want anything changed.

Dan made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 11:35 with County Counselor Lee Hendricks & County Clerk Kathy Mick also present. The meeting opened at 11:40. No decisions were made.

Recessed for Lunch

The Commissioners agreed to pay for the concrete slab out of ARPA funds.

Carrie Saia met with the Commissioners to request funding that would support educational session(s) provided by Marcus Engel. Marcus has a compassionate story that relates to his personal account of being hit by a drunk driver. Hearing his personal testimony first hand reminds us all how quickly a decision to drive under the influence can have life changing consequences. Carrie would like to coordinate with all three area high schools for best choice of venue and dates/times that would allow for maximum attendance. The speaking engagement is approximately \$10,000 plus travel expenses. Dan made the motion to give the Holton Community Hospital \$35,000 for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Education. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. This will be paid out of the Alcohol Tax Fund.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30th as corrected. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Mark made the motion to give the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 per month for 11 months to advertise for the Art Connection events during Second Saturdays. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. This will be paid out of the County Misc. Budget.

Jody Folk with the Whiting Fire Department called to ask the Commissioners if they would help the Whiting Fire Department purchase cover gear for their 12 firefighters in the amount of \$30-40,000 out of the ARPA funding. The Commissioners denied the request because the Whiting Fire Department has a mill levy to fund their department and they feel like they should have been budgeting for this large of expense over the last few years.

Dan made the motion to allocate \$10,000 out of the Alcohol Tax fund for the purchase of a new Drug Dog for the Sheriff's office. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

The County received an additional \$18,789.40 in Opioid Payments for a total now of \$21,252.60. The Commissioners called the Sheriff and told him they want to put \$20,000 of this to add onto the evidence room and buy narcan for the officers.

Lee informed the Commissioners that he is contacting the Cities and Schools concerning the Neighborhood Revitalization plan. The Commissioners called Kate and asked her to answer some questions concerning the letters she sent out informing individuals that they missed a deadline and were no longer eligible for the plan.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Road	Jason Meggison	0	17.64	Rehired	2-6-2023

The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m. The next meeting day will be February 13th.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Attest:

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District