

Minutes of February 7, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. He submitted one fuel bid as follows:

- Haag Oil \$25,620.00

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag bid for \$25,620.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott also submitted bids for the bridge inspections as follows:

- BG Consultants \$21,604.00
- Elite Engineering Services \$14,312.00
- CFS Engineers \$22,575.00

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Elite Engineering bid for \$14,312.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott reminded the Board that the county will be hosting the NEK Highway Officials meeting on March 24th. He also reported that Evergy is working with Road and Bridge crews to do tree clearing training at the end of March. He discussed keeping the trucks already ordered last year although the company has now added a surcharge. It was decided that the wait period to get the trucks and surcharge are inevitable because of supply chain shortages. He will try to negotiate a lower fee. Scott reported that Bridge Foreman Terry Mick is preparing a tube order. Scott informed the Board that the used trucks he looked at were almost the same cost as the brand-new ones he found locally. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman 4x4 crew cab from Ellis Boys for \$46,133.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott also submitted an order for a used roller in St. Louis. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2014 Bombag smooth drum roller for \$69,500.00 from Hayden Machinery and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. The Board also gave their approval for Scott to purchase a water truck for up to \$25,000.00 should he find one.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He reported he is still waiting for a couple more bids for the bathrooms. He was able to get a large brush pile burned last Friday. He will be attending the Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir meeting tomorrow night and hopes to receive the structural plans for the building. Kurt has selected a south side camp host from the applicants provided and will get a contract in place.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting. He discussed the BASE grant and vehicle policy/policy manual.

Brody Page joined the meeting to update the Commissioners on his plans to move forward with his Eagle Scout project to replace the courthouse flagpole. He explained that he had made plans with the previous Board to replace the current pole with a Stresscrete product out of Atchison. He has been

earning money to put towards the project and Covid delayed his fundraising efforts. He is ready to pursue the project again with the Board's approval. The Board approved him to continue.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb and Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. GAS Representative Brett Waggoner discussed the BASE grant program and the application process. Brett explained that it was a competitive program where applications will be rated and weighted and be required to have a business or marketing plan for specific projects that qualify. He and his partner are available to pursue the application for a fee if the County chooses to do so. The applications are due at the end of the month.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the January 31st minutes as written and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 Appointing Custodians of Open Records and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Agreement 2022-05 Muralist Lindsey Kernodle and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Received a letter from Oak Ridge subdivision HOA board member Don Fate requesting assistance with the chip seal entrance the county maintains and the ditching.

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	6788	Hayden Machinery	2014 smooth drum roller	\$69,500.00
Road and Bridge	6789	Ellis Boys Dodge	2022 Ram 1500	\$46,133.00

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Attest:

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

