

Minutes of February 14, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens and Commissioner Brenner were present. Commissioner Kelly was absent due to attending the NaCo conference. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting. He discussed the vehicle policy, ARPA funding and opioid mitigation. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 Opioid Mitigation and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Larry Valdez to another term on the Hoyt Fire Board and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve \$500.00 to Wetmore Post Prom from the alcohol tax prevention funds and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Approved payroll and bills.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb joined the meeting.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber and Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz joined the meeting. Scott stated he has ordered signs for the Road and Bridge yard to designate employee only areas. Chairperson Kathrens stated he was not pleased with the amount of rock applied to a portion of 218 Road as he feels other roads needed it more. Eric explained that the road is a gravel road, not a dirt road and is also a school bus route. He also stated that he was doing as directed, rocking the entire road and not just bandaging bad spots. Scott presented chip and seal projects as 254 patching one mile of ruts, 110 west of 75 highway to N Road (4 miles), W Road from 172 to 198 (3 miles), Q4 Road from 278 to 286 (one mile) and 198 east of 75 highway to T2 (3 miles). He is waiting for a bid from Harbour Construction for these projects. No action taken.

Undersheriff Darrel Chapman met with Commissioners to request using ARPA funds to purchase a new generator for the jail. They currently have a natural gas powered 25kw generator. The City of Holton reported that their peak usage is 106kw. Darrel submitted bids from McElroy's for a 150kw diesel powered generator for \$134,000.00 and a 125kw diesel powered generator for \$118,700.00. Both generators are Caterpillar brand. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve \$118,700.00 from the ARPA funds to be used towards the purchase of a generator for the jail and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks reviewed the bid options from Cytek Media Systems, Inc. for a new sound system for the courtroom. Option 1 offered pendant speakers with either wired or wireless microphones and Option 2 offered column speakers with either wired or wireless microphones. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Option 1 with wired microphones for a cost of \$30,727.00 and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve an allocation of \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds to Public Wholesale #18 to be used for the purchase of a generator and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve an allocation of \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds to RWD #1 to be used for the purchase of chlorine analyzers, backup generator and water lines as presented and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve an allocation of \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds to RWD #3 to be used for the purchase of painting the Soldier water tower and water lines as presented and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve an allocation of \$50,000.00 from ARPA funds to EMS to be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies as presented and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 GMC truck for Road and Bridge from Cable Dahmer in the amount of \$46,844.95 and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7th as written and Chairperson Kathrens seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He reported that he is continuing to clean up trails and cut wood. He is now seeking bids for an epoxy bathroom remodel as that material may be more cost effective than onyx. He attended a Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir meeting last week and reported they discussed the Strader Davies memorial run, a trail cleanup day and an Evergy grant they want to apply for to get assistance with a parking area to be used for people at the start of the trail heads and proposed building. They are still waiting for the building plans before they can proceed with letting it to bid.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Left chambers at 1:15 p.m. to view county road and bridge projects.
Approved Change Orders 2021-111 through 113.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sheriff	Jeri Wells	\$17.33 per hour	\$17.58 per hour	Introductory Period Complete	01/25/2022
Sheriff	Lane Slocum		Half an hour of pay for 365 days	Additional pay for K9 care	02/10/2022
Sheriff	Travis Spiker		Half an hour of pay for 365 days	Additional pay for K9 care	02/10/2022

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
District Court	6475	Network Computer Solutions	5- Fujitsu scanners	\$5,678.70

Road and Bridge	6769	Cable Dahmer Buick GMC	2022 GMC 2500HD Sierra	\$46,844.95
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The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 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