

Minutes of February 21, 2023

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

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the letter of support to the Kansas Department of Commerce for the Sprint Grant for tourism. Commissioner Pruett Seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

County Commissioner Pruett made the motion to go into executive session for 8 minutes for attorney client privilege and contract issues. Commissioner Brenner Seconded, motion passed 3-0 Session closed at 9:05 a.m. and was reopened at 9:13 a.m. No decision were made.

Appraiser and Zoning Administrator Kate Immenschuh met with the County Commission to look into raising her application fees. She will email the information to County Counselor Lee Hendricks.

Scott Keiffaber, Wade Cormier and Tim Grossnickle met with the Commissioners about a fence issue on B and 278th Road concerning road right of way. It was decided that the fence would stay where it is and a tube would also be put in, Tim was in agreement with this. Scott brought up the concern that if there is work to be done who would be responsible for it? County Counselor Lee Hendricks said this would fall on the landowner.

Wade discussed the road update and future road planning with the Commissioners.

Completed Last Week, 13-17 Feb 23

Prep and recover from winter storm. Chains, Spreaders fix

Start Calibrating Mulcher head

Two new tubes to replace 214-M-N

Some signing

Spread salt/sand, Graders worked up intersections.

This Week 20-24 Feb 23

Recover work winter storm

Fix mud spots as we can with rock

Tube replacement T-278 Hole in tube

Shop fix spreader

Continue calibrating mulcher head.

T4 Trees

Future planning:

T4 Project

118 and I Ditching

262-J, fix ditch, rock

Scott discussed getting a Fracking tank for dust control. Commissioners all agreed that was a good idea.

Scott talked about upgrading the fuel system, fill levels and wi fi systems. PEI out of Topeka, Ks would be the vendor.

Scott presented the WEX gas card agreement for Lee to go over. Lee approved the agreement and the Commissioners gave the approval to go ahead and start the process. Scott will contact other Departments this would also help.

Rejected a Revitalization application from Mahnopoly LLC due to it being incomplete as no city is listed. Also the Commissioners do not feel it meets the criteria.

Discussed the following with County Counselor Lee Hendricks:

Nuisance Abatement Senate Bill 162

Statement of organization for political action committees and party committees

Fire districts; audits; cost

Commissioner Pruettt made a motion to ask Whiting Fire to conduct an audit of their expenses to be complete no later than 60 days from date of request/ pursuit to 19-3638 Dan Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell gave an update on the Community Building at Banner Lake reservoir. Reported several people were utilizing the lake with the nice weather.

Kurt will be taking sealed bids for the Skid Steer.

Discussed the Shop and insulation issue he is having and what can be done about it so it can be better utilized.

Discussed the misinformation that has been out to the paper for the Solar Panel issues. Commissioner Pruettt does not believe there needs to be a press release as they have already stated their reasoning. Commissioner Kelly stated that once a template for regulations are created there would be a public hearing and input from the county residents.

Commissioner Pruett moved to go into Executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client and contract negotiations rational. Chairman Kelly made the motion, Dan seconded it. The motion passed 3-0. Session closed at 11:33 a.m. Motion was made to extend for 10 more minutes until 11:50 a.m. under the same reasons as provided prior. Motion was approved. Session opened at 11:48 am No decision was made.

Commissioner Pruett made a motion to accept the contract with Hartwell Capitol Consulting, LLC. for \$5000.00 a month out of the Aarpa funds. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Commissioner Pruett made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss attorney client and contract negotiations. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3/0. Session closed at 12:02 p.m. Motion made to extend for 5 more minutes for the same reasons provided prior. Session opened 12:10pm No decision was made.

Adjoined for lunch 12:19

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Commissioner Pruett made a motion to rescind the order for an audit for the Whiting Fire Board. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. the motion passed 3/0. Commissioner Pruett will contact the Whiting Fire for further discussion.

Commissioner Pruett and Commissioner Brenner attended the Conservation District meeting and said how nice it is to see what a great job they are doing.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-13 with corrections. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Road and Bridge	Todd Melling	0	17.64	Equipment Operator	02/17/2023

Signed the following Right of Way agreement: JBN Telephone to bury fiber optic cable from Whiteway St from Netawaka west to Hwy 75.
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The meeting adjourned at 2:57pm. The next meeting will be Monday, February 27th at 9:00am.

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