

Minutes of March 13, 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.

Scott Kieffaber requested permission to sell old fuel tanks, old snowplows and used I beams at Harris's Auction. The Commissioners agreed.

Scott reported that Electrician Bryan Riley has looked at the building and the specs for the new truck shed and he said the wiring is not large enough to carry the load for the things they want to do. He would suggest breakers for each truck and new line for the chop saw. Then we will need 220 for the power washer and the jib crane.

The concrete slab on the west side will be poured on Friday.

Mark Pruett requested a 5-minute executive session with Wade Cormier and Scott Kieffaber to discuss personnel. Dan seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed 9:10 and opened at 9:17 a.m. No decision was made.

Main Office roof at Road & Bridge is leaking. Scott wants to stay with the same company that repaired the rest of the roof. They were contracted with through Paul Smith.

Paul Smith plans on installing the windows at Road & Bridge when the weather is nicer.

Scott also reported that his computer has been down for a week. Keith will call Tim Blevins to get this issue fixed.

A High Risk Rural Road Grants representative is helping Scott with the paperwork to submit 254th's Chip and Seal for 2024 grant funding. So people need to be told that 254th Chip and Seal will not be repaired this year in hopes of receiving funding to fix it in 2024 through this grant.

If 254th road get this grant Scott would like to see something done with a narrow small bridge that is still in good shape but the width is the problem.

Scott has ordered new tires for the Landfill backhoe.

Elite Engineering will be doing the 2nd year Bridge Inspections on 9 bridges in Jackson County.

Dan Brenner would like to see the Commissioner rotate going to the Road & Bridge meetings or set it up as a meeting so all of them can attend.

Dan made the motion to give Royal Valley After Prom \$1,000 out of the Alcohol Tax funding. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Received a letter from Tom Hoffman

Dan made a motion to give Netawaka Athletic Club \$2,500 out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Keith reported that he attended the Hoyt City Council meeting.

Pat Korte invited the Commissioners to the Storm Spotters Training meeting on March 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sr. Citizens Building.

Signed Lights and Sirens permit for Loren Edwards.

Don Brees met with the Commissioners to see if there was anything happening concerning regulations for Solar Farms. Don did state that if landowners property taxes raised because of Commercial use of the contracts states that NextEra will take care of the additional tax dollars. They also talk about how uninformed some people are about the issues and how would be the best way to keep them informed. They discussed the possibility of Facebook.

Dan made the motion to sign a contract with Loyd LLC to prepare the 2024 Budget and to provide budget training to all department heads for a cost of \$25,000. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

The Commissioners want to set up a meeting the 1st week of April to discuss issues with NextEra. When the meeting is set up it will be open for the public to attend, but no public input at this time. Only the County Officials will be able to ask questions of NextEra during the meeting.

Mike Ford met with the Commissioner to give them an update on the Science Center. Currently Mike is the Director, other board members are Carrie Andres, Nancy Kennedy and Karen Ford.

Recessed for Lunch

Pat Richter asked permission to contact Jackson Height Construction Group (Paul Lierz) about pouring a concrete pad for a bench in the Courtyard. The Commissioners agreed to the request. The County would provide all the material for the project.

Signed Added and Abated Tax forms 139-143.

Adjourned at 3:12. The next meeting will be March 15th to approve Bills and Payroll.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sher	Jacob Wuerfele	21.95	0	Resignation	3/10/2023
Sher	Maverick Ohlde	0	21.32	Hired as Deputy 2 yr	3/13/2023
Sher	Bryce Whelpley	21.95	25.08	Promoted to Patrol Sergeant	3/3/23
Sher	Mary McAsey			Moved to PT until June 23	2-25-23

Signed 5 Request and Petitions to occupy county Right-of- Way for Giant Communications in Sections 33-7-16, 4-8-16, 3-8-16 & 34-7-16.

Signed a Request and Petition to occupy County Right of Way for Telcom Construction in Section 21-8-16.

Dan made the motion to approve the minutes of March 6th as corrected. Mark seconded and Chairman Kelly called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

Attest:

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk