

Minutes of March 21, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Jackie Feathers joined the meeting to introduce herself as the new CEO. She stated she was from Sabetha and had been working with the agency since 2017. She explained that KANZA is growing and expanding services to offer a higher quality of care. They would like to focus on substance abuse services and there is a need for that program. Commissioner Brenner asked if there was a way that KANZA could assist with diverting funds used by public defenders for court related matters that involve substance use and mental health issues. Jackie explained that she has seen programs work well in other counties similar to what he proposed and there would need to be County Attorney support in order to be successful. Jackie also added that they have staff available to provide crisis assessments as requested by the Sheriff's Office.

District Court Clerk Jennifer Strathman joined the meeting to give an update on the status of the courtroom remodel. She stated that the audio system and painting was nearly completed and the carpet had been installed. The blinds and curtains are still on the list to accomplish. Commissioner Brenner asked if the Odyssey software was live yet and Jennifer informed him that they will be in July.

County Clerk Kathy Mick discussed the Paycom conversion process for the county's payroll system.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He stated that Road and Bridge provided staff to remove trees for the location of the community building and have delivered rock for the roads. Kurt was able to move the trees with his skid loader to a brush pile. He is planning to update the security cameras before camping season begins. Discussed regulations and process for addressing disobedient tenants at the lake. He reported that the contractor was on site to prep the bathrooms for their new coating.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks and Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. Scott reported that Eric was out grading roads. Chairperson Kathrens asked about the Paycom authorities needed at the Road and Bridge office. Scott stated he would continue to do Environmental Services and Linda would handle Road and Bridge employees. The Commissioners expressed that they would like to be sure the new laptops are in the field with the foreman every day and being used. Commissioner Kelly asked for a status update on the LTAP engineering study the county has contracted to do with KDOT. Scott said he would check in on it. Scott reported that they have purchased a second water truck and he is also applying with KDHE to use water from the Soldier Creek on a project. At 1:22 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for matters of personnel with Scott Kieffaber and Lee Hendricks present and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 1:30 p.m. No action taken. Scott informed the Board that he and other employees will be attending an LTAP class on road maintenance in Atchison on the 29th and attending a working around powerlines training in Oskaloosa on the 30th.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks gave an update on the Community Corrections program organization and the status of an existing loan repayment. At 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for matters of attorney client with Lee Hendricks and Tara Peek present. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 2:25 p.m. No action taken.

Undersheriff Darrel Chapman, Register of Deeds Tammy Moulden, Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber, County Appraiser Kate Immenschuh, Elderly Services Director Amanda Spalding, Treasurer Linda Gerhardt, Emergency Management Director Pat Korte, Sheriff Tim Morse, County Clerk Kathy Mick and Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting for the monthly department head meeting. Pat asked for an update on the approval of her COOP plan under review by Lee Hendricks and he informed her that he will be emailing her some suggestions for minor changes. Commissioner Brenner informed the heads that the NEK-AAA has purchased some food trucks to be used in disaster relief situations should they be needed. Tim and Darrel discussed the generator needs for their operations and the anticipated delivery of the newest one that was mostly funded through ARPA. Kurt gave an update on the building and bathroom remodel at the lake and Tammy added that she had been to the lake over the weekend and applauded Kurt for his work done there saying the lake looked great. Scott asked about the Paycom system and training. Kathy explained the adjustments that are still in progress and that the transition is still underway.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the March 14th minutes as written and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Approved Change Orders 2021-121 through 132.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Banner Lake	Susan Rollins	\$11.89 per hour	\$15.79 per hour	Length of Service Increase	02/28/2022
Banner Lake	Ray Korte	\$9.84 per hour	\$13.96 per hour	Length of Service Increase	02/28/2022

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	6771	Chuck Henry Sales	1991 Peterbilt tank truck	\$19,850.00

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, March 28, 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