

## *Minutes of March 27, 2023*

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

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the commissioners to give their weekly update.

Road update: completed last week 20-25 March 2023

Graveled bad spots on, 270 W-X, V 246-239, 98 V4-V. 246-N4-P4. 270 J4-K, 270 E-H, 126 I-H, 124 J4-K, Q 142-134, 142 R-Q, 166 R-N

Trimmed more trees back on Old Highway.

Complaints on Trees being mulched. Maybe put comment in paper about trimming.

Tubes replaced 226-F4, F-227, G-221, B-273, S-104

This Week: 27-31 March 2023

Continue to spot fix roads as needed

Rock in potholes on 254

Mulch trees

28<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 0700, KPERS 0800

Future Planning:

T4 project (working)

118 and I ditching

262-J, fix ditch, rock

Commissioner Pruett asked when the bid for fuel was due for this month because he was told last week that the fuel bid was due on Tuesday, Scott stated this was because they had run out of fuel, normally it is due at the beginning or end of month. Scott will talk with Linda and get back to them. The Commissioners requested that bids be due at 7am on Mondays. Scott stated they don't bid the fuel that goes into the barrels, commissioners would like to start having this bid. The Commissioner requested that road and bridge let the bidding parties know who got the bid and for how much. This will be done via email.

Talked about replacing the floor in Linda's office before her new desk came in. Scott will get bids and report back to the commissioners.

Scott talked to Steve Allen, with KDOT about a disk to clean ditches with and to pull gravel back to the road. Commissioners believe it would be a good idea to have one for the county. Getting quote on roof for new building at road and bridge, getting chip n seal stuff ready to go.

Wade reported on the road conditions and the progress they are making on the roads.

Wade also reported that property owners have been piping irrigation, they have been trenching across the roads and not boring. Wade would like to know what direction to take with this. County Attorney Lee Hendricks said one call wouldn't be able to locate, if its in the right of way it wouldn't be on the party digging it would be the landowners. Commissioners want the landowner to dig at least 60 inches down and that it be bored not trenched and understand if the waterline is in the right of way that they understand it is their responsibility. Road and bridge will update the request with new language and get it back to the commissioners next Monday.

Commissioner Pruett reported that a pile of limbs had been dumped on S and 246<sup>th</sup> and requested they be picked up.

Commissioner Kelly talked about the possibility of having some students job shadow at road and bridge, wade will contact the school districts to see if there is any interest.

Scott talked about changing hours at the landfill, weed and recycle. He will bring in a new proposal for hours to be open. It will be discussed at that time.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed some of the solar leases that have been filed in the Register of Deeds Office with Boulevard and Associates, LLC.

Lee received an email from NextEra about the road use agreement on existing transmission lines, they would like to update the route. Commissioners all agree that they would like to have a new agreement drawn up.

A drainage district that existed had raised money to straighten the St. Creek. When they disbanded they transferred money to the county to use in the district. This money was designated to be used in the St. Creek Drainage district only and how it is used will be determined by the Board of County Commissioner. Commissioners will get a map and have road and bridge see where there could be improvements made.

Discussed Tax Abatements for new construction and revitalization. Discussed having a companion plan. The commissioners will contact other counties to see what their process is. There will be more discussion at a later date.

Approved the minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>, with corrections. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Pruett, Seconded by Commissioner Brenner. Motion passed 3/0

Signed Change orders 2022-146 thru 2022-152

Received a request from Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center to appoint Michael Carlson. Signed a letter appointing Michael Carlson to the Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center, Inc. Governing Board of Directors. Chairman Kelly made the motion to approve the appointment of Michael Carlson to the Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center, Inc. Board of Directors

Signed the State of Kansas – List of County Officers for the Secretary of State.

Bryan and Brie Rhodd Revitalization application Denied, does not meet current regulations.

Signed Purchase order for Networks Plus for training for Microsoft 365 in the amount of \$1275.00 for all county employees.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for lunch, seconded by Commissioner Pruett approved 3/0

Adjourned 12:00pm

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give an update.

He will be listing the oldest mower and the tree trans-planter with Purple wave. He is wanting to replace the mower with a new mower when this one sells.

Opened sealed bids for the skid loader, 2 bids were opened. One was Will McAsey for \$43,196.00. the other bid was for \$41,800.00 from Jeffrey Tauscek. Chairman Kelly asked for a motion to accept the bid from Will McAsey, Commissioner Pruett made the motion, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Kurt has been working with Tim Blevins on bids for a camera system, so far, he has 2 bids and will get a 3<sup>rd</sup> then present to the commissioners.

Schwab Easton is designing a new sewer system for Banner Lake that will go into a septic system allowing the county to not have to pay electricity on the sewer pumps or the monthly flush fee. It should save the county between \$500.00 to \$800.00 a month. He hopes to have it in place this summer.

Lake cleanup day will be this Saturday (April 1<sup>st</sup>) at 9:00a.m.

Chairman Kelly called for an executive session for personnel and evaluations, Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion. Entered into executive session at 1:30 p.m. and opened back up at 1:45p.m no decisions were made.

Met with Laura Golden with Developmental Services about the cleaning of Road and Bridge.

She presented a bid for \$40.00 a week. There would be 2 consumers to 1 staff. The commissioners agreed to have them clean the road and bridge dept. Laura will email a contract for them to sign.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to accept the bid from DSS, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Brenner expressed that the county has the right to clear from the fence line up when road and bridge are clearing trees hanging in the right of way.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for personnel and evaluations Commissioner Pruett seconded it the motion passed 3/0 went into closed session at 1:57p.m. and opened the meeting at 2:06 no decisions were made.

Teresa McAnerney with Enterprise Facilitation met with the Commissioners about the Shovel Ready Program. This is a program that is a data base that has information that could benefit Jackson County. This is a program geared toward rural commercial businesses.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Linda Jackson from Road and Bridge met with the Commissioners to present information on the fuel questions that they had earlier. Linda sends out the request for bid on Friday afternoon and ask that they reply back at 8am on Monday. She doesn't always get a bid back from each business. Discussed rather or not to bid the Grader fuel. Decided to stay on the rotation they have now.

Kate Immenschuh presented the commissioners with a solar map showing the location of each Solar lease in the County.

The Commissioners read the letter sent to them by the Kansas Department of health and environment concerning a proposed Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit.

Signed the following purchase orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	#6819	Riley Electric	Labor/parts	\$8820.00
County	#6913	Networks Plus	Training 365	\$1275.00

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date
Sheriff	Journie Woosley	0.00	\$19.50	New Hire	03/22/2023

Dan made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pruett Seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0  
Meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m. next meeting will March 31<sup>st</sup> to sign bills and payroll.

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County, Kansas

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Mark Pruett, 1<sup>st</sup> District

Attest:

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Dan Brenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk

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Keith Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> District