

Minutes of April 4, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz joined the meeting. At 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session with Eric Fritz to discuss personnel for 30 minutes and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken. Commissioner Brenner reported road concerns for 190th and Q Roads and 238th near the Taylor residence. Commissioner Kelly stated he appreciated what Road and Bridge is doing and asked Eric to let the employees know. Chairperson Kathrens added that he agreed but wanted their concerns to not be forgotten. Commissioner Kelly suggested discussing chip seal with a vendor from Marshall County that he met at the highway officials meeting.

Commissioner Kelly gave an overview of the legislative event he attended at the courthouse on Saturday.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the March 28th minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. He reported that the landfill had an inspection recently and no major issues were found. Chairperson Kathrens asked about the track loader and its repair history. Scott explained that they have been swapping out the track loaders for repairs as needed. Commissioner Kelly stated that he wants to be sure that the shop is running efficiently as it appears that the county is spending a lot of money on repairs. Chairperson Kathrens added that the operators are servicing their own equipment and it should be the shop's responsibility. The Board expressed their desire to have regular maintenance performed and proper inspections on equipment to mitigate the repair costs. Scott discussed the road maintenance class he recently attended and how other counties give their operators the authority to fix their own roads, taking ownership of their own territory. Commissioner Kelly stated that they need to meet with the grader operators to discuss the guidelines expected, develop standards and then hold the operators accountable. Chairperson Kathrens agreed that there needs to be disciplinary action when necessary. Commissioner Brenner would like to stop band aiding the problems and start a proactive approach to get roads fixed properly. Scott submitted a quote from Foley to rebuild the Caterpillar 120M motor grader for \$231,164.84. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the rebuild cost presented and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. They discussed depleting the \$184,822.00 left in the road machinery fund and using another for the remaining \$46,342.84 needed.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb and Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. NRCS representatives Jamie Johnson and Laura Gray joined the meeting. Laura explained that the NRCS was due for its 5-year operation and maintenance agreement evaluation on the dam. The dam is inspected annually by engineering services contracted by the county for the NRCS guidelines and by the NRCS to meet the State's provisions every 3 years. Chairperson Kathrens asked about seeking approval for

lagoons on the north side of the lake in place of the pump station taking waste all the way to Holton's water treatment facility. Jamie stated her office could accept the proposal for review and the county may want to contact the Kansas Water office for more resources that may be available.

Kurt reported that he had the plans for the community building and provided the Board with a bid draft for a newspaper ad. He has discontinued service with waste management and is using his new trailers. The new mower should arrive in about two weeks.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

At 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel/employee evaluations with Tara Peek present and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 2:15 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Kelly received a call regarding a tube entrance and followed up with Road and Bridge Foreman Wade Cormier via phone. Wade will call the resident and discuss further.

Courthouse Custodian updated the Board on the remaining items in the halls from storage that are unclaimed.

Drafted a letter of support for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's request for RAISE grant funds to replace and repair roads.

Received notice from NEK Environmental Services about an expired wastewater permit for a property near Hoyt.

Approved Emergency Vehicle Designation applications for Darren Lamme, Aren Sewell and Jorden Matthias.

Approved Change Order 2021-164.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sheriff	Jonathan Bryant	\$	\$19.79 per hour	Hired FT	03/31/2022
Road and Bridge	Clinton Burger	\$	\$16.64 per hour	Rehired FT	04/04/2022

Signed the following Occupy County Right of Way petitions:

Company	To	Sec/Twp/Rng	Address	Date
Telcom	Bore under Q Road from pedestal to house	34/7S/15		03/30/2022

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Attest:

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District