

Minutes of April 10th, 2023

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Mark A. Pruett and Dan Brenner were present. 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 Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the commissioners to give their weekly update.

Scott asked for an executive session for a personnel and policy matter for 10 minutes. Commissioner Pruett made the motion and Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Closed session was entered into at 9:06 a.m. Opened session back up at 9:12 a.m.

Scott gave a report on the loader to repair it. Scott would like to repair the loader they have for \$2500.00 and then put it up for sale and move the other one down to the landfill. He would also like to sell the Dozer. Chairman Kelly would like to know the value for the equipment and if they plan to buy outright or do a trade in. Scott will get pricing and meet with the Commissioners, and they will discuss their options then.

Scott received the quote back from Hooper Roofing for \$38,850.00 for the roof for the new building at Road and Bridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pruett and seconded by Commissioner Brenner to approve the bid for the roof. Motion approved 3/0

Mark made a motion, Dan 2nd the motion for 6 bids from Riley Electric for work at the road and bridge dept. 6696.00

Scotwood Industries, dust stabilization. Taxpayers have contacted them to do dust control.

Wade gave his weekly road report:
COMPLETED LAST WEEK, 3-7 Apr. 23

Graveled and worked on, 206-T-Rd, 214 V—w, 150-T-s. T-182-166, R4-178-182, 286-Q-N
Trimmed more trees back 198-B

Ditching at 118-I-H 70% complete
Free State Trees worked on T4 power lines completed
Every tree work on T4 power lines complete.
Installed entrance tube, 16890-94, 17518-206, Cross Tube X-131

THIS WEEK, 10-14 Apr 23:

Finish 118-I-H Ditch
Move in and start heavy work on T4 and 106
Transition back to more fixing roads than patching
Mulch trees. Long list

FUTURE PLANNING

T4 project (working)
118 and I ditching (working)
262-J, fix ditch, rock
Road/dust control on Soldier Quarry Haul Roads

The Commission discussed NextEra and different questions and concerns they have with County Counselor Lee Hendricks. Lee also discussed the eminent domain process with the Commissioners.

Mr. Wareham came in and wanted the Commissioners to know that he was anti wind. Chairman Kelly told him there is a moratorium on wind panels for 18 months.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for lunch, Commission Pruett 2nd the motion, motion carried 3/0

Adjourned for lunch at 12:16 a.m.

Opened the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. They opened the bids for the Visitors Center at Banner Lake. 2 bids were submitted. JM Custom Builders for \$492,261.79 and Aeschliman Construction for \$379,636.00. The Friends of Banner were present for the opening of the bids. There is a grant for \$160,000.00 and the County matched 160,000.00 so there will need to be an additional \$79,396.00. The Commission would provide \$40,000.00 of the funding out of the parks and recreation fund and the Friends of Banner would apply for more on the grant. Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve \$40,000 for the initial payment to get the project started, Commissioner Brenner 2nd it. Motion passed 3/0 Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept the bid from Aescheliman Construction Commissioner Pruett

2nd the motion, motion passed 3/0. This bid reflects donations from these subcontractors: Aeschliman Construction for \$2000, Chris Gross Construction for \$10,000, Bell Plumbing for \$1,190, Riley Electric for \$1,500, McManigal Electric for \$500, Andy Gilliland Topeka Landscape \$500, Haug Construction \$1,500 and Ehrhart Excavating \$1,500 for a total donation of \$18,960.00. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept the bid from Aescheliman for a 54'X18' ADA concrete parking lot, 6" thick for \$10,500 and the sidewalk allowance of 468 square feet, 4" thick for \$13,500. Commissioner Pruet 2nd motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Friends of Banner expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Kurt and said he had done a fabulous job.

Kurt created 3 packages at the lake for the local companies that donated their time as a thank you. Chairman Kelly suggested the first event be a cookout as a thank you for everyone that helped on the Visitors Building.

Kurt submitted bids for a security system for the lake. Commissioner Pruet made the motion to approve the bid from the Computer Doctors for \$6784.00 and Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0 The other bids submitted were from Flint Hills Security, LLC for \$6595.00 and Backstreet surveillance for \$6766.65.

Commissioners met with Amy Hallauer, Dylan Robbins and Kristina Romiane of the Health Department. They asked for permission to replace the signs at the Health Department. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the new signs and Commissioner Pruet 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. They also asked permission to put in a generator at the health department. Commissioner Pruet made the motion to approve the generator and Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept Dylan Robbins as the New Health Officer for Jackson County Health Department. Commissioner Pruet 2nd the motion, motion passed 3/0.

Jonathon Wimer met with the Commissioners to discuss incentives for New Construction. This would be in addition to the neighborhood revitalization plan now in place. His proposal was to target the 9 cities and the unincorporated portion of Jackson County. Jonathon suggested a threshold on residential property but not on Commercial. Commissioners will look over the proposal.

Timber Ridge residents Brenda and Bobby Adkins, Dale Noel, Irvin and Denise Sanderson and Tom Sextro met with the Commissioners to discuss their road. Irvin Sanderson stated there was extensive work done in August of 2020 by Road and Bridge and he is requesting that the County come finish the work that was done then. Irvin stated that the road needs a new tube, it is silted shut. 2 vehicles cannot pass on the road, rain and water do not go through ditches the water

pools at edge of the road. Chairman Kelly said that Road and Bridge will gravel, raise the crown up, shape ditches, clean crossroad tubes, and keep it bladed up. The Commissioners could not give a definite date that the repairs would start as other projects are already underway. Chairman Kelly said Road and Bridge would come out and design a plan as how to proceed. Road and Bridge would then bring their plan back to the Commissioners and they would decide how to proceed. Tom Sextro asked how often gravel is put on the roads, chairman Kelly told him it depends on the amount of traffic and the quality of gravel. He also suggested that they have the road sprayed each year for stabilization.

Beth Nelson met with the Commissioners to show them the contract that was submitted to the land and water conservation for the Visitors Building at Banner Lake.

Received a letter from Whiting Ball Club requesting funding. Commissioner Pruett made a motion to donate \$2500.00 to Whiting Ball Club, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion, motion passed 3/0

Signed the minutes of March 27th, March 28th, March 28th Whiting Fire Board, March 31st.

Signed Abatement 2022-167

Commissioner Brenner moved to approve the minutes of April 4th. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion, motion passed 3/0

Signed the following purchase orders:

Department	PO #	From	Amount	For
Road and Bridge	6820	Hooper Roofing	\$38,850.00	Roof

Signed the following pay roll changes:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason
Road and Bridge	Mark Thonen	\$19.17	\$0.00	Discharged
County Clerk	Errin Bourdon	\$17.32	\$17.62	Computer pay

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0

Meeting adjourned at 4:25p.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

Attest:

Kristie D. Richter
Jackson County Clerk