

Minutes of April 11, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

NEK Environmental Services office manager Martha Smith and Environmental Health Specialist Pat Toby joined the meeting to give their annual report. Martha explained that the county's environmental and sanitation codes are enforced by NEKES. NEKES is a five-county coalition in northeast Kansas. Commissioner Kelly asked questions about the inspection regulations for rentals and property sales. Martha explained that when a realtor is involved, they include inspections of wastewater systems to comply with the county's regulations. Not all rental property owners are having inspections done between renters. Martha suggested updating the regulations to meet the current expectations of the county. Martha and Toby explained that homeowners don't always maintain their septic tanks or lagoons and this can lead to environmental issues. Commissioner Kelly also asked about the difference in fees between NEKES and Topeka. Martha explained that the NEKES fee for inspection is higher as they also include the permit fees if needed and Topeka funds their environmental services at a higher level than do the five counties.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the April 4th minutes as written and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He reported at least 6 interested in bidding the community building so far. He will be contacting City of Holton to get information on the powerlines for the building and also needs to have some elevation work completed. Kurt submitted bids for a skid steer toothed bucket attachment as follows:

- KanEquip \$2016.89 (8 weeks ETA)
- Bobcat \$2,247.00 (in stock)

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to purchase the Bobcat bucket for \$2,247.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. The BOCC chose the slightly higher bid as the bucket was in stock. Kurt also submitted a bid for an ice chest as follows:

- Polar Temp \$2,385.87

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of an ice chest from Polar Temp for \$2,385.87 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb and County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting. Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. Scott submitted a fuel bid from Haag Oil for \$29,175.00. He explained that the unleaded fuel tank needs maintenance so they are waiting to fill it as the level needs to be low so the tank can be accessed. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag Oil bid for \$29,175.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott

reported that the tube at 246 and W has been completed and they have been granted a temporary permit to get water from Soldier Creek. Scott will be hosting a weed meeting on Wednesday and attending a meeting in Topeka. At 1:12 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session with Scott Kieffaber and Lee Hendricks to discuss personnel. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 1:38 p.m. No action taken. Scott discussed selling the scrap metal at the landfill and purchasing safety vests.

IT Consultant Tim Blevins joined the meeting to discuss some preliminary start up figures for the community corrections program starting July 1st. He provided a spreadsheet with rough estimates for expenses including supplies and salaries.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks gave an update on the community corrections program, nuisance cases and a meeting with Katie Sawyer from Senator Marshall's office.

Tourism Council members Suzette McCord Rogers and April Lemon joined the meeting to discuss the launch of their orb project. The intended launch date is Glory Days, May 28th. They have a link on the Chamber's website with all the information. April has made 100 blown glass orbs that will be hidden on public property within Jackson County with dates and identifying numbers. The orbs are mostly clear with a few special-colored ones. When the orbs are found they ask that you take a photo with it and share with the Chamber. The orbs can be kept but they would like people to only keep one and re-hide others if they find more. The orbs will be hidden in groups through July. They also discussed the mural project that they are trying to coordinate timing with and the Art Walk where a 4x8 mural will be created by members of the community and later copied by a muralist. During Fall Fest they plan to have a back door decorating contest around the square in Holton.

Courthouse Custodian Chad Phillips asked the BOCC for permission for a group to hold an Easter egg hunt on the courthouse grounds Saturday. They approved the request.

Approved Emergency Vehicle Designations for Jonathan Foster, Ryan Bowe and Joseph Shasteen.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

| Department | Name | From | To | Reason | Date / / |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sheriff | Shawn Walker | \$18.36 per hour | \$ | Resignation | 04/04/2022 |
| Sheriff | Jonathan Bryant | \$ | \$20.09 per hour | Hired FT | 03/31/2022 |
| Elderly Services | Wendy Dorris | \$ | \$14.46 per hour | Hired PT | 04/11/2022 |

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

| Department | PO # | To | For | Amount |
|-------------|------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Banner Lake | 6865 | Polar Temp | Upright ice chest | \$2,385.87 |
| Banner Lake | 6861 | White Star Machinery | Toothed bucket | \$2,247.00 |

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Attest:

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District