

Minutes of April 18, 2022

Chairman Kathrens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Keith Kelly and Dan Brenner were present. County Clerk Kathy Mick recorded the minutes.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes with Emergency Preparedness Director Pat Korte for her annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 9:04 and opened at 9:24. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Emergency Preparedness Director Pat Korte had the County Commissioners sign off that they have reviewed and approved the Jackson County 'Continuity of Operations Plan' (COOP).

The Commissioners approved the change orders 167-177.

The Commissioners signed the Liquor License for Prairie Band Casino and Resort beginning March 21, 2022 and Firekeeper Golf Course Inc. beginning May 1, 2022. The licenses are good for two years and cost \$500 apiece.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to appoint at the Hoyt Rural Fire District #3 request, Angie Brown as a member of the Board of Trustees effective April 6, 2022 to fill the position vacated by Jerry Harter. This appointment will expire December 31, 2024. Commissioner Brenner seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Received 'Notice of Decision' from the United States Department of the Interior for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to place 7.57 Acres in the SW/C of SW/4 of Section 10, Township 8 South and Range 14 East into trust acquisition of fee lands. The Commissioners will not appeal this decision.

The Commissioners met with Coal Creek Construction for the final walk through on the courtroom remodel. Judge Marek and Jennifer discussed refinishing benches before re-installing them and curtains for the windows for help with sound. They Commissioners found no issues.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes with Juvenile Intake Director Brooke Smith for her annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 10:34 and opened at 10:49. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes with Banner Creek Director Kurt Zibell for his annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 11:02 and opened at 11:17. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Received another letter from Mack Truck wanting \$4,000 more on top of the \$3,700 already added to the accepted bid price asked for per truck. The County ordered 3 trucks in 2021. Keith requested a contact number from Scott to contact this business.

Chad Gerhardt has given Jackson County three bags of magnesium chloride for dust control. Scott Kieffaber cautioned the Commissioner in using this product in humidity, can become slippery when wet, attracts deer, if it leaches out into fields it can kill crops. The Commissioners want to put it on W road between 134-142: W road 134 to County line & K16 & F for 1/8 of a mile

Scott presented bids for 'Chip and Seal' projects for 2022.

- Approved Paving LLC - Chip and Seal Appl \$295,855 and Wedge & Overlay of 245 S-T \$297,300
 - Harbour Const -Chip and Seal Appl \$302,016 and Wedge & Overlay \$192,700
 - Vance Brothers-Chip and Seal Appl \$411,967.50
- No decision was made.

Discussed hours on grader fleet. The two highest hours have 10,540 and 10,751 and they are no longer under warranty. Keith would like to replace the two highest with ARPA funds. Scott and Eric estimate the operators put 1600-1700 hours per year on each grader. No decision was made.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to put up to 75 tons of gravel on the observatory road. Cost of rock and labor to be paid out of County Misc. Commissioner Brenner seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes with Road and Bridge Director Scott Kieffaber for his annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 1:54 and opened at 2:04.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes with Head Custodian Chad Phillips for his annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 2:09 and opened at 2:19. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes with Elderly Services Director Amanda Spalding for her annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 2:30 and opened at 2:45. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Judge Campbell met with the Commissioners and requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 3 minutes. Commissioner Brenner seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 3:00 and opened at 3:03.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes with Appraiser Kate Immenschuh for her annual evaluation. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 3:05 and opened at 3:09. County Clerk Kathy Mick also attended the session.

Keith called Salesman Bob Jacobs about trading the 770 skid loader with tires, for a skid loader with tracks. No decision was made.

The Commissioner left the Chambers to view the proposed site of the Friends of Banner Creek Community Building. Commissioner Kathrens shot the ground elevations for the location and didn't like the layout of the ground for a multi-level building with a walk out basement. Commissioners Kathrens suggested moving the building to the Westside of the road in the brome field where there is room for

parking and a playground. The other Commissioners agreed. The Commissioners will check with the Grant Program to make sure moving the building doesn't affect the grant.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Monday April 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Jackson County Commissioners

Ed Kathrens, 1st District Commissioner

Dan Brenner, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Kathy Mick, County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District Commissioner