

Minutes of May 1st, 2023

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

Scott Kiefabber requested an executive session for 10 min personnel/personnel matter for 5 minutes. Commissioner Brenner made the motion, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Went into closed session at 9:02am and opened session at 9:10am.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion for the County Clerk to make an eye apt for an employee and someone will drive them to the appointment, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3.0.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the commission to give their weekly report.

Scott reported on the meeting at road and bridge. He talked about the patching crew and possibly getting funding to help pay for uniforms. Commissioner Pruett would like to require steel toed boots for the employees if the County is paying for them. The discussion was tabled until Scott could discuss it with his employees. He reported he has bug spray and sunscreen for the employees.

Wade gave his report:

38 calls completed out of 141 calls total this month.

T and 270th Rd South is a minimum maintenance road; a landowner would like to see this road abandoned. Road and Bridge will contact all the landowners this would concern.

They received 2 bags of road stabilizer from Mid States. Per agreement it will be placed between 75 Hwy and W Rd.

250th K to F, will be redone. In the past there have been some issues with the individuals that live on that road.

T4 Rd – An individual smoked some ribs for the employees for lunch, it was greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Brenner commended the work of Bruce Hinkle on a road he graded on the reservation.

L and 278th Rd, Commissioner Pruett asked them to look at it as he had a complaint from an individual.

Oak ridge has concerns about the chip and seal that has been done. Scott and Wade will meet with Don Fate to see what is needing done and decide on repairs.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to pass resolution 2023-9 appointing Kristie Richter as the freedom information officer, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion, motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to pass a temporary alcohol permit for Wilcott Brewing for the July jubilee at Banner Lake. Commissioners Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed the mural at Delia. He has sent the information to Suzette.

A1 alarms agreement for Road and Bridge is for a 1-year contract. Lee will send a letter to cancel the contract for next year, 2024.

Whiting Fire Department has applied to expand their Fire district. The Holton Fire Department is not in favor of them taking any of their district. Commissioner Pruett will contact Whiting Fire and see if they want to proceed. Whiting Fire would like to proceed. A hearing will be set for the Fire Departments.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of April 24th, 2023, with corrections. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of April 28th, 2023. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Signed the minutes of April 17th, 2023.

Reviewed a letter that was received from Tom Hoffman concerning NextEra.

Received a phone call from Jodi Folk with Whiting Fire Department concerning the actions needed to proceed with the district change. Commissioners have received the petition with the addition of the legal description, and it is sufficient for publication.

Commissioners made a motion to proceed with the ARPA report under the former chairman's name. Commissioner Brenner made the motion, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The County Clerks attempts to get the account changed thru the government has had no results.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for lunch. Commissioners Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm.

Readjourned at 1:pm

Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. He presented the Commission with new regulations for Banner Lake that will be given to campers. He would like them to review them.

Kurt is going to get iPads for the park host to use to check campers in once the web site is up and going. Discussed the option of letting off road vehicles in Banner Lake. Discussion was tabled for now.

Kurt hired Linda Oestmann as the Shower House Attendant at Banner Lake. She will receive \$65.00 daily for services, to be paid twice a month.

Commissioners made the motion to release the funds to Netawaka City for \$25000.00 out of the ARPA fund to de-sludge their lagoon.

Commissioner Brenner requested an executive session for employee evaluations for 20 minutes, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Entered closed session at 1:40pm opened session up at 2:00pm. No decisions were made.

Belinda Estes met with the Commissioners to go over the Emergency Services Grant (ESG) application. This is used to help people who are homeless or have been evicted thru the courts. They have homeless programs and long-term housing programs along with other programs. The Commissioners signed the application for the ESG.

Commissioners reviewed T and 270th Road, per a request to abandon the road.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Signed the following payroll change:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Road and Bridge	Frankie Lorenzo	0	17.64	New hire

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