

Minutes of May 2, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Emergency Management Director Pat Korte submitted a request for a Delia Fire Board member. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to appoint Rick Matyak to serve a term on the Delia Fire Board beginning July 1, 2022 and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Pat also stated that the recent storm caused some damage to power poles near Mayetta likely from straight line winds. They have been repaired.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the April 22nd special meeting minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the April 25th written minutes and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

County Clerk Kathy Mick joined the meeting to discuss the mill levy funds used to support Developmental Services of Jackson County. Kathy explained that the last time their services were funded by a designated mill levy was in 1989 at the rate of .554. In 1990 the State had counties reduce and combine levies into the general fund. Since then, DSJC and other agencies have been funded from county general with appropriations decided by the Board of County Commissioners.

Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir member Beth Nelson joined the meeting. She supplied the BOCC with a shortcut table of contents for the community building grant. She also spoke about the recent Earth Day cleanup where 16 volunteers picked up trash and debris on the lake property. She also reported that the grant has allowed them permission to move the building across the road from the original designated spot so that they can acquire ease of access to utilities and parking. Beth also reminded the Board of the upcoming annual Strader Davies Run on June 4th.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of window treatments and hardware for the courtroom from Budget Blinds in the amount of \$9,501.37 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. He reported that the bathrooms are operational, but he is still waiting for a mixer valve to repair the hot water heater. Kurt submitted bids for pest control as follows:

- Home Run Termite and Pest Services LLC \$95.00 monthly
- Grass Roots Pest Control \$60.00 monthly
- Champion Pest and Lawn \$118.00 monthly

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the low bid from Grass Roots for \$60.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition joined the meeting. They have requested a \$15,000.00 appropriation from the alcohol tax prevention funds. RVHS Superintendent Aaric Davis, HHS Superintendent Bob Davies, JHHS Superintendent Jim Howard, HHS Principal Wittmer, sponsors Sherri Dibbern, Debbie Harshaw and Ashley Wick attended with the students. Students represented each school through their involvement with JCYC, RESIST and SAFE. The students reported doing programs like sticker shock, seatbelt checks, red ribbon week and tutoring with younger students. The schools were also able to participate in KDOT's ThinkFast interactive program. Holton High School student Lorna Smith serves on the state SAFE board and assisted with planning the conference. Holton High School student Dalton Ent serves on the RESIST board on the national level. Other students who presented were Kylee Dieckmann, Sadie Raborn, Morgan Davis, KJ Miller, Abby Everts and Jalen Gaston. Aaric Davis thanked the Board for their support and added that not only does the program prevent unsafe activities, but also allows leadership and civic opportunities for the students. Chairperson Kathrens thanked the students for coming in to present.

Hamm Quarry representatives Ramon Ramirez and Lexi Anderson joined the meeting to discuss the Soldier Quarry. Ramon explained that the crushing crew is on a rotation and will likely return in January to the Soldier site. They have sold 30,000 tons so far and have 65,000 tons crushed and ready. The county had shown interest in prepaying for a stockpile of rock to prevent shortages during construction season. Ramon stated that they can come back early to crush if necessary but that they wanted to sell to everyone and not limit others by saving rock for the county. He also added that the Onaga site will begin crushing soon and Nemaha County will use less of the Soldier Quarry once that takes place. Chairperson Kathrens stated his appreciation for Ramon's reassurance of rock availability.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz and Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. Fuel bids were presented as follows:

- FnF Petroleum \$38,832.00
- Haag Oil Company \$36,525.00

These bids are for diesel only as they are still trying to drain the unleaded tank for repair. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag Oil bid for \$36,525.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott reported that they had received the federal exchange monies in the amount of \$101,445.85. He suggested using the funds for equipment, possibly a tracked Uni-Loader. He will seek bids. Eric reported that the dust control on 142 Road from the highway to W Road is complete. They continued south on W Road to deplete the load. Eric added that he will use a full rate on T Road from 142 to 166 Road, all 3 miles of Spring Road and the selected 3 miles of 254 Road. He reported that a driveway issue on 134 Road will be done tomorrow and the I Road bridge was delayed but should start later this week.

Youth Services Director Brooke Smith joined the meeting to discuss new office space and security equipment needed. Currently her staff use a substation of the Sheriff in Wamego for services provided in Wabaunsee and Pottawatomie Counties and the administrative county is paying the monthly rent. July 1st the 2nd Judicial District will start their new grant year and Brooke has acquired a new space to rent that Youth Services and Community Corrections can share. She also requested approval to purchase a security system for the new space. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of a Secure Wave system for the amount of \$7,595.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

At 2:34 p.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney client privilege with Lee Hendricks and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 2:40 p.m.

Sheriff Tim Morse, Undersheriff Darrel Chapman and Captain Scott Morris joined the meeting to present the Sheriff's Office budget request for 2023. Darrel presented a pay study comparing other county pay plans to Jackson. The pay plans use years of experience and rank to determine pay. His slideshow included starting pay, average pay and the pay ranges. Shawnee County was reported to use performance and longevity to determine its wages. The data was for deputies and detectives as detectives are also certified deputies. It was noted that the \$1.50 per hour increase implemented by the county last year for corrections and dispatch workers was appreciated and did help to fill and retain employees in those positions. Shawnee County was reported to have increased pay by 15% for its deputies. Sheriff Tim Morse discussed how having quality employees equals a safe community. He requested pay increases as follows:

- \$1.53 per hour for 4 detectives
- \$1.50 per hour for 2 Captains
- \$1.53 per hour for patrol deputies
- \$1.42 per hour for dispatchers
- \$1.50 per hour for Undersheriff
- \$.50 per hour for corrections
- \$1.00 per hour for office administrators
- \$1.00 per hour for maintenance
- \$.50 per hour for janitorial

He stated that these wage increases would total \$133,845.00. Commissioner Kelly asked what the income from the jail is yearly so that he can explain to county patrons. Sheriff Morse stated that it varies around \$800,000.00 and that he uses those funds to purchase vehicles, equipment and building improvements.

Captain Scott Morris discussed the benefits of offering KP&F versus KPERS retirement for law enforcement employees. He stated that this would make the county more attractive in recruitment and retention of employees. He discussed the proactive style of enforcement that Jackson County implements and the higher stress levels of the type of work. KP&F retirement offers a lower retirement age and death/disability coverage. They have contacted KPERS to start a study to get cost estimates for switching.

Signed the following Occupy County Right of Way petitions:

Company	To	Sec/Twp/Rng	Address	Date
Telcom Construction	Bore under T4 from pedestal to house	18/7/16E	21914 T4 Road	03/15/2022

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
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District Court	6399	Budget Blinds of Topeka	5 courtroom drapes and hardware	\$9,501.37
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Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Banner Lake	Dave Snyder	\$8.83 per hour	\$10.00 per hour	Length of service increase	05/15/2022
Banner Lake	Robin Levick	\$9.84 per hour	\$10.00 per hour	Length of service increase	04/25/2022
Banner Lake	Leroy Galster	\$9.84 per hour	\$10.00 per hour	Length of service increase	04/25/2022

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Attest:

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District