

Minutes of May 8th, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

John Boyd stopped in to visit with the Commissioners on the Solar project that NextEra is wanting to put in the county. The Commissioners answered some of the concerns that he had. They again reiterated that they are trying to protect the County.

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

Scott reported that he has the first dump truck back from Kansas Power that they have had since October. He stated he has some issues with the repairs.

Oil distributor trailer is in Scott will go pick it up today.

The request to vacate T Rd and 270th, Wade is still trying to reach all parties involved.

Hamm quarry prices will increase starting June 1st from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a ton

Motor grader bids are ready to send out, the Commissioners agreed that Scott could proceed with the bids.

Scott gave an update on the Road project Rehabilitation.

The new sensors and WIFI were installed on the fuel tanks down at the bridge yard. They should be done today.

Scott is having a demo at Timber Ridge with the City's high pressure water jet at 9am to clean out the tubes.

The County will pay for the CDL for new employees. They are down 5 drivers. The Commissioners will look into a retention contract with anyone that the county pays for the CDL for.

Scott reported that he will list the Dozer for sale, the Commissioners agreed.

Signed the following right of way:
Susan Richards, install tube
Caleb Doyle, New Entrance
Caleb Doyle, Feed Bank Entrance

Signed a Vacation request for Scott Kiefabber.

Wade gave his weekly road report.

Property on C road is encroaching on the right of way.

Update on Timber Ridge, after the tube is cleaned they will install the ditch checks. The estimated date to finish the project is 2024.

Talked to the reservation about the bridges to establish how many bridges the county has.

198th, 214th on G Rd, The Tribal Road and Bridge are going to replace the bridge in this area. If there is a detour they will contact Road and Bridge to determine a route.

Wade received a call from Mike Fredericks, he had contacted him about a bush that is blocking site on 110th and S rd. Mr. Frederick stated that he thought the stop sign wasn't in the right place. Wade will check the stop sign.

This week:

They are working on dust control on T4 on the Soldier road. He would like to start work on 134th and W when they are done with T4. After dust control he would like to start patch work.

Chairman Kelly asked for an executive session for personnel/ongoing personnel matters. Commissioner Brenner made the motion and Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. This session included Scott Kiefabber. Went into closed session for 5 minutes at 10:12 am to 10:17am no decisions were made.

Signed the following Emergency Lights and Sirens:
Robert Lynch

Received a Thank you card from former County Clerk Kathy Mick.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve petition 2023-10 for Whiting Fire Department #7 to alter their district boundary to include part of District #4 which is Holton Fire Department. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Signed claims register for 5-8-2023

Signed the approved minutes of April 24th, 2023.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of May 1st, with corrections. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0

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

Readjourned at 1:00pm

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

Received a thank you note from The Hoyt Fire Department for the donation for the fireworks.

Received a thank you note from the students at Jackson Heights for the post prom donation.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into Executive session for 10 min for attorney/client privilege, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This motion included County Counselor Lee Hendricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Entered closed session at 1pm, extended for 10 more minutes at 1:10pm. Opened session back up at 1:20pm. No decisions were made.

Kurt Zibell, Banner Lake Director met with the Commissioners to give his weekly update. Jessie Robinson has requested to sell bait at the lake. It would be a live bait vending machine that they could purchase from. Chairman Kelly told her to discuss it with Kurt and work out the details and Kurt will report back to the Commissioners.

The water main break is fixed but the new hydrant has a crack in it. The water heater in one of the bath houses is not working properly, the heating elements are not working. He will look into replacing them.

The online reservations for Banner Lake will exclude 34 spots, so not all spots are going to be reserved online.

Kate Immenschuh, County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners to discuss the purchase of a vehicle for the Appraisers office. The vehicle they have now will be put out to sealed bid.

The Planning Committee met with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Lee Hendricks to review KORA (Kansas open records act) and KOMA. (Kansas open Meetings act) Those in attendance were Appraiser/Zoning Director Kate Immenschuh, Delbert Boiling, Willard Wilson, Victoria Gilliland, Ginger Rodvelt, Jonathon Wimer, Steven Willett, and Marge Cochran.

After the review, there was a discussion on what should go into the regulations for a possible solar project in Jackson County.

The Commissioners will meet on a Monday night from 6pm-7pm. check the calendar for the correct night.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to pay the Holton Recorder for 2 consecutive weeks for the Administrative Assistant position at a rate of \$163.50 a week. For a total of \$327.00.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.

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