

Minutes of May 15th, 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.

Commissioner Pruett stated he was pleasantly surprised at the amount of people that attended the first night work session on May 8th. The next one will be held on June 5th at 6pm.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly update. Scott presented fuel bids. The first bid was from Knotty Pine Oil for \$24320.00 the second one was from Haag Oil \$22350.00. Commissioner Pruett made the motion to accept the high bid from Knotty Pine for \$24320.00 Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 Commissioner Pruett stated that keeping local dollars here is a good thing and going back and forth between the two would be a good thing also.

The new fuel tracking system is excellent, Linda gets an email at 6am showing levels, it's working well.

Scott submitted a list of items that will be sold on Auction Time. The following items were on his list: Chip unit, oil Distributor truck, Cat D6 dozer, Track Loader from landfill, Snow plows at bridge yard (6 each), Screen Conveyer, Orange Dump Truck (not running), Orange Dump Truck, Used oil tank 1000 gal, used oil tank 500 gal 2 each, old fuel tanks at bridge yard 3 each, I beam at bridge yard, Excavator Buckets at bridge yard (2 each), Desk risers (4 each) and Athey Machine.

Mid states sent Scott an email stating they are going up on gravel prices, no price has been given to him yet.

Scott spoke about the high-pressure water jet that the city used to clean the tube at Deer Run.

Scott reported that he would have a high schooler job shadowing at road and bridge tomorrow.

Scott would like to investigate purchasing a hammer for the backhoe. He will get pricing and get back to the Commissioners.

The rock budget was discussed and what the balance is and what is needed to finish the year. Commissioner Kelly asked if the money they will be spending is for roads or projects? Scott stated they have several projects coming up. Scott would like to start spending out of the County General Rock fund which has \$236,000.00 and then use the capital outlay fund which has over \$1,000,000.00 in it.

Wade gave his road report.

COMPLETED LAST WEEK 8-12 APRIL

Rocked/fixed, 134 W-R, 98 U4-V4, Y 318-326, Y-Z 262

Soldier quarry haul road, rocked, road stabilizer done F 230-226 ready to complete.

Grader with Bitts on, E road south of 16 Hwy, 110 west of Delia, 110 West of chip

T4 project, ditchin a little less than halfway through, some light rock applied, tube at 106 and T4 replaced, two entrance tubes replaced, 106 T-T4 completed less final rock. Will rock all when complete.

Prepped to sell items on wet days.

THIS WEEK 15-19 MAY

Continue T4 project

Prep 134 W-Y 134 and W 142-134 for dry stabilizer

Apply dry stabilizer on Soldier Haul road G230-226, 226 F-G

FUTURE PLANS

T4 project (working)

Rock/dry dust control on Soldier quarry haul roads and Denison quarry haul roads (working)

Finish C 270-286 project.

Commissioner Brenner asked about 110th road and what we can do about the bush blocking the view. This is on an individual's property. Who is liable if there is a wreck? County Counselor Lee Hendricks stated that it would be the landowner's liability.

Signed the following Right of Way forms:

Carina Smith install driveway

Gabriel Schultz Field entrance

Maggie & Cody Viergever main entrance

Brightspeed of Kansas Relocate copper/fiber feeder cable

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Date
Road and Bridge	Kyle Bohnenkemper	0	14.96	05-15-23
Road and Bridge	Jason Meggison	17.64	18.17	05-07-23
Youth Services	Karen Beightel	14.56	14.92	4-10-23
Youth Services	Megan Milne	20.23	0	04-24-23

Mr. Kauffman came in and talked with the Commissioners about a follow-up question that he was asked at Monday night's meeting. He left information on investigating benefits and challenges of converting retiring coal plants into nuclear plants.

Zoning officer Kate Immenschuh received a building permit on a garage on property doesn't conflict with county regulations but would with the subdivision's regulations. How do we deal with this? The County Counselor advised that the county has no enforcement, but a committee could be formed to assess the regulations of the subdivision. Kate will send a letter out informing the individual that the county has no issues but there are subdivision regulations.

Lee received a letter on a revitalization application that was denied. He informed them that the Commissioners are in the process of amending the regulations. The Commissioners didn't feel like this one met the qualifications.

The Commissioners received a phone call from Theron Schrader about the solar project that may be built in Jackson County. Commissioner Pruett visited with him and answered his questions. He asked the Commissioner's if they had a time frame on the solar issue, they responded they are hoping to have a plan by August and then send it to the Planning Commission.

Lee Hendricks asked for a 5-minute executive session for attorney client/open records to include County Clerk Kristie Richter and County Appraiser Kate Immenschuh. Commissioner Pruett made the motion, Commissioner Brenner seconded the session, motion passed 3/0. Went into closed session at 10:49am, extended session for 5 more minutes at 10:53am, for the same reasons and with the same people, opened session at 10:58am

The Commissioners and County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed the Butler County Solar Facilities draft. This also included the appraiser/zoning officer Kate Immenschuh. They discussed what they liked and didn't like about the plan.

Lee requested an Executive session for 10 minutes for attorney/client privilege about resent correspondence to include the County Clerk Kristie Richter and Appraiser/Zoning officer Kate

Immenschuh. Commissioner Pruett made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes, Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion, the motion passed 3/0. Went into closed session at 11:51am, extended for 30 minutes at 12:pm with the same motion and same reason. Opened session up at 12:28pm.

Chairman Kelly informed the Commission he received a call from Chris Johnson and David Brown both individuals live in the area where the propose solar project could be. They asked Commissioner Kelly if they would be able to provide input to the Commissioners specifically related to the setback distance required between the project and the residence. The Commissioner's discussed the creation of an Advisory Committee to provide input for the specific questions, and possibly provide input for screening. The Commissioners discussed that they would consider members for that committee and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for lunch, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Adjourned for lunch at 12:30

Meeting readjourned at 1:00

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. They discussed the questions that were asked at Monday night's work session. Kurt said he is planning on doing a Facebook live or a recording to inform people about the new online reservation application and how it works. Kurt believes it's a matter of not knowing the correct information. The sewer project has been approved except for the decommission plan, he will supply more information to the State for review. He will replace the water heater in one of the bathhouses, it wasn't feasible to replace the parts only. He will get bids for the type of water heater he has now and any alternate methods. On Saturday there were 8-9 volunteers that helped build the new deck at the lake. He thanked Aeschliman Construction and all the volunteers for all their hard work.

The Commissioners asked Kurt if he could attend the next Monday night work session. It will be held at 6pm on June 5th.

Willy Wilson met with the Commissioners to discuss the variance on buildings. He would like to have variances instead of the Zoning regulations that are now in place. He is also concerned because a gentleman is on the planning Commission and on the appeals board, he thinks this is a conflict of interest. Commissioners will discuss this with the County Counselor.

Department heads met with the Commissioners. Those in attendance were Kate Immenschuh, Pat Richter, Jeff Morrow, Amanda Spalding, Shari Monaghan, Lisa Miller and Scott Kiefabber. Issues discussed were the tornado damage in the county from the storms Friday night. Commissioners inquired about what the department heads thought pay increases should be for

the employees for 2024. Commissioners asked the Department Heads what they thought about the Commissioners catering a meal at Banner Lake for the employees to show their appreciation for the work they do and recognizing the length of service of employees who have been here 5, 10, 15 years etc. The Department Heads agreed that it would be nice to have one.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of May 8th with corrections, commissioner Pruett seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 8th Work Session with corrections. Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the bills and payroll for the 15th. Commissioner Pruett seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pruett seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

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