

Minutes of May 16, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 9 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

County resident Larry Miles joined the meeting to discuss his pasture next to the Denison Quarry. He stated that he heard the quarry company was expanding and he wanted the Board to know that he has had issues with the company damaging his fence and said they are not good neighbors. The Board suggested he discuss his concerns with the Sheriff. County resident Mark Pruett joined the meeting to discuss his road classification. He explained that around ten years ago the State of Kansas upgraded the minimum maintenance road to use as a detour for a project they did. Mark stated that the county continued to maintain it as a gravel road until about three years ago when Road and Bridge put up signs marking it as a minimum maintenance road. The Board suggested following up with Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 to the Whiting Ball Club from the alcohol tax parks and recreation funding and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Approved bills and payroll.

Received a letter of intention for ARPA funds from the City of Circleville and City of Delia.

Approved the purchase of plat books from Farm and Home Publishing.

Court Services Officer Ted VanDonge joined the meeting to submit information about the Department of Corrections new pay scale.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. Kurt reported that his newest mower is having oil leak issues that are under warranty but is on a one month waiting period before it can be scheduled in the shop. His John Deere mower has still not been delivered as they are waiting on a backordered part. The two mowers that they have to use are getting upwards of 2500-3000 hours. He reported that KanEquip is bringing a JCB skid steer to demonstrate this week. He is also requesting bids from Kubota, Bobcat and Caterpillar dealers.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb, County Counselor Lee Hendricks and Mark Pruett joined the meeting.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber and Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz joined the meeting. They submitted fuel bids as follows:

- Haag Oil \$35,360.00
- Knotty Pine \$36,080.00

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag Oil bid for \$35,360.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Scott reported that the Denison Quarry has increased its rock price by .80 cents per ton. Dust control on 134 Road from W to Y is complete. They have ordered 4 bags of material to dust control 3 miles on T Road and the lake's roads. They have completed the road rocking on 278 Road. Scott reported that they are running low on 15 and 18 inch pipes so Terry is gathering bids. They plan to purchase 25 each to have in stock and will use .4% sales tax funds. U4 Road is very muddy so they are getting rock hauled to take care of it. The bridge on I Road is about a week out from beginning the concrete work. Scott reported that the GMC ¾ ton truck will be delivered later this week. They reported that the asphalt pricing is about \$73.00 per ton and they will need about \$10,000.00 worth. Chairperson Kathrens suggested use of the patching machine for minor issues. Commissioner Brenner inquired about the bridge on 198th Road and Eric reported the concern had been completed.

County Appraiser Kate Immenschuh joined the meeting and gave an overview of the recent zoning and appeals board issues. She submitted an amendment to the zoning regulations that modified A1. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 Amending the Zoning Regulations and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 Zoning Change from A1 to A2 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Brenner reported a zoning issue to Kate regarding the use of a camper as a dwelling. Sharon Spiker joined the meeting to request the Board declare May 27th as Poppy Day in Jackson County. The red poppies are worn as a symbol of remembrance to the servicemembers and hope for the sacrifices made for the country's freedom. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 Poppy Proclamation and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

At 1:48 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Lee Hendricks and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session extended and reopened at 2:30 p.m.

Department heads Treasurer Linda Gerhardt, Sheriff Tim Morse, Appraiser Kate Immenschuh, Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber, ROD Tammy Moulden, Youth Services Director Brooke Smith, County Clerk Kathy Mick and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman joined the meeting. Linda requested that the county seek a new postage machine and stated that her office is collecting taxes. Tammy asked if there were any ARPA funds remaining for a large online scan project for her office. The Board stated they would review her request once presented. Sheriff Morse discussed new employees in training and difficulties getting backordered parts needed for vehicle repairs. Kate stated her office was certifying values and wrapping up the tax year. Brooke will be entering into a lease agreement for a satellite office in Wamego for the 2nd Judicial District beginning July 1. Kathy reported that the auditor will be coming on June 3rd, the deadlines for filing for the election are June 1st for the county and June 10th for the State, she is waiting for utility values before she can certify values for the budget year. Scott also reported the difficulty in getting parts and equipment. Commissioner Brenner gave an update on the Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir community building project, county roads, the process for filling County Attorney Shawna Miller's position, courtroom remodel and the addition to the community corrections program on the fourth floor. Commissioner Brenner wanted to remind everyone to slow down on the county roads. He stated that the Road and Bridge department has had their traffic counter out on roads and Scott added that in a 24 hour period some of the roads were getting 250 vehicles and half were

speeding. Tammy and Linda suggested that the new trash trailers be marked as such since they look the same as the recycling ones and also moved to a less populated area of the lake for less odor to the campers.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks gave an update on the upcoming summary judgement court case and discussed a haul route resolution.

At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney client privilege with Lee Hendricks, Kathy Mick and Tara Peek present. Commissioner Brenner seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 3:30 p.m. No action taken.

Emergency Medical Services bids were submitted as follows:

- Techs, Inc. \$497,712.96 annual fee (one 24/7 truck and a second truck 64 hours per week)
- Global Medical Response \$350,000.00 annual fee (one 24/7 truck and a second truck 60 hours per week)
- Global Medical Response \$420,000.00 annual fee (one 24/7 truck and a second truck 84 hours per week)
- Global Medical Response \$605,000.00 annual fee (one 24/7 truck and a second truck 84 hours per week plus a Paramedic quick response SUV)
- Global Medical Response \$525,000.00 annual fee (two 24/7 trucks)

No action taken on the bids.

County Clerk Kathy Mick discussed the budget process and Commissioner Kelly discussed the pay plan study offered through HR Partners to seek options to restructure the county's plan.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve \$500.00 to the Hoyt Fire District for their fireworks display in July and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the May 2nd and May 9th minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

At 4:21 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 4:28 p.m. No action taken.

Approved an Emergency Vehicle Designation application for Jacob Wareham.

Approved Change Orders 2021-195 through 198 and 2021-186 and 2021-191.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Attorney	Kaitlyn Ramirez	\$15.79 per hour	\$	Resignation	05/10/2022
Attorney	Korey Sawyer	\$17.89 per hour	\$18.39 per hour	Promotion	05/10/2022
Attorney	Denise Sweet	\$17.89 per hour	\$18.39 per hour	Promotion	05/10/2022
Road and Bridge	Jason Meggison	\$16.64 per hour	\$17.17 per hour	Introductory period complete	05/10/2022
Road and Bridge	Tylor Nioce	\$16.64 per hour	\$17.17 per hour	Introductory period complete	05/10/2022

Youth Services	Brooke Smith	\$59,605.00 annual salary	\$90,676.00 annual salary		03/25/2022
Youth Services	Brooke Smith	\$90,676.00 annual salary	\$95,201.60 annual salary		06/25/2022
Youth Services	Desiree Bowser	\$18.31 per hour \$150 monthly stipend	\$25.48 per hour \$200 monthly stipend	Promotion	03/25/2022
Youth Services	Desiree Bowser	\$25.48 per hour	\$26.75 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Holly Roberts	\$16.75 per hour \$150 monthly stipend	\$19.05 per hour \$200 monthly stipend	Promotion	03/25/2022
Youth Services	Holly Roberts	\$19.05 per hour	\$20.00 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Taylor Everhart	\$18.31 per hour \$150 monthly stipend	\$25.48 per hour \$200 monthly stipend	Promotion	03/25/2022
Youth Services	Taylor Everhart	\$25.48 per hour	\$26.75 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Chelsie Hutchinson	\$13.79 per hour	\$16.06 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Sarah Lamberson	\$13.79 per hour	\$16.06 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Shelby Patch	\$13.52 per hour	\$16.06 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Dalton Beightel	\$13.79 per hour	\$16.06 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Kim Clark	\$13.79 per hour	\$17.21 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022
Youth Services	Lisa Blaha	\$13.79 per hour	\$17.21 per hour	Promotion	06/25/2022

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, May 23, 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