

# Minutes of June 13, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., Chairperson Kathrens, Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. County Clerk Kathy Mick recorded the minutes.

Deputy County Clerk Sally Alley met with the Commissioner to determine if employees that have obtain enough points in the health system program, that their premiums have been reduced \$40, should receive the \$40, if the County is currently paying all of their premiums. The Commissioners decision was no.

Roger Jameson met with the Commissioners concerning his driveway tube that collapsed during the rain two weeks ago. The Commissioners viewed the site and had already decided to install a tube on the County's right of way and Jameson would be responsible for the tube off of the County right of way. Jameson stated that the County had allowing right of way water to flow through his tube for 60-70 years and now the County will not fix it. Commission Kelly stated that the County will correct the mistake by putting in a tube in the right-of-way and fixing the ditch. Jameson asked if the County would install extensions to the entrance tube if he purchased the extension. The Commissions agreed to allowing the extension.

Roger Jameson again questioned the County's use of Dominion Voting Equipment and the machines being connected to the internet. County Clerk Kathy Mick informed Roger that Jackson County's Voting Scanners are not capable of being attached to the internet and never have been. The I-pads that voters are checked in on are connected to the internet, but they have nothing to do with counting the ballots. Kathy suggested that Roger come to the Public Tests before and after the election to see how the machines work and are tested to prove they are working properly. Roger requested to be a board worker. Kathy suggested that he contact his Party Chairperson and become a Poll Watcher.

Tim Blevins updated the Commissioners on the camera system and internet lines being placed in the office space on 4<sup>th</sup> floor that is being remodeled for the Adult Community Correction Officers.

Chad Gerhardt and Lindsey met with the Commissioners. Chad discussed the higher cost of rock at the Denison Quarry because the stripping of the land is a lot deeper to reach the rock. Two weeks ago, they requested a special use permit and Mid States would like an answer from the Commissioners. At the Planning and Zoning meeting there was concerns about the haul route and dust control. Keith reported that County Counselor Lee Hendrick is working on a Road Use Policy that gives the Sheriff the authority to enforce the Road use agreement that all rock trucks use 142<sup>nd</sup> Road if they are going to Highway 75. Chad stated that once that policy is adopted he can post it at the Quarry and use their invoicing data base emails to notify haulers also. Chad provided a Quote 1116-2022 showing that Mid-States Materials is giving the County a 50-cent cost brake per ton with the rate of \$15.95 at the Denison Quarry. In addition to that if the County purchase 50,000 tons in 2022 from any Mid State's Quarry they will give the County a 65 cent per ton rebate check per every ton the county purchase. In addition to that Mid-States in the original contract will pay the County 15 cents per ton, for every ton sold to anyone out of the Denison Quarry annually in August. The Commissioners requested an hour to discuss this proposal. Chad and Lindsey left the Commissioner Chambers.

The Commissioners reviewed the figures 50 cents of the regular price, 65 cent per ton rebate check if the purchase over 50,000 tones and the 15 cent per ton on rock sold out of new quarry and decided if the same deal go for the new quarry they will approve the special use permit.

Keith state that he was willing to accept the special use permit for Mid-States Materials property 043-189-03-0-00-00-001.00 with the addition of Quote 1116-2022 if it applies to both properties at Denison and for future years. The other Commissioners agreed.

Chamber Director Ashley York and Board Member Jake Spaulding discussed their desire to bring back “Second Saturday Events” in Jackson County. Their plan would be to have businesses stay open until 7:00 p.m. and to have some type of entertainment. They would also serve samples of alcohol between 4:00-7:00 p.m. This would give people an opportunity to explore downtown. They would also be willing to rotate to other cities in the county. Jake estimated the events, including advertising would cost \$2,000 per month. Keith Kelly was willing to pay for 6 months at a cost of \$12,000. Ed Kathrens didn’t agree with that high of funding. Dan Brenner suggested splitting the cost with the Chamber and give them \$1,000 per month. Keith Kelly made the motion to pay the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce \$6,000 for entertainment to bring back ‘Second Saturdays’ and make it in \$1,000 per month payment out of the Alcohol Tax-Parks & Recreation Fund. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Teresa McAnerney Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitator brought two of her clients with her to help explain what she can do for businesses, especially for businesses just starting up. Business owner Carolyn McKee said that when she was starting out they had ‘Brown Bag Luncheons’ and it would be 25-30 business owners setting around bouncing ideas off of one another. Teresa also had a lady the helped businesses to set up Facebook pages. Carolyn said the whole thing is about connections. Business owner Matt Wilson said Teresa helped him get his business started, with accounting services and attorney services. I would tell her what I need and she would set it up and we would get together. Teresa stated that Matt has implemented so many of the ideas that he was provided with the connections that even she was amazed. Teresa works will all the cities in the county and she covers 5 counties. The Commissioners stated that they were happy that she brought Carolyn and Matt in to talk about the things that she does and stated that she needs to learn to toot her own horn. Teresa explained that that was hard to do since all of her client information is confidential and she can’t talk about it.

Kirk Zibell, Banner Creek Reservoir Director reported that he has hauled scrap iron to the Landfill and it will be sold later. Kirk is going to take the new mower back to John Deere for it to be adjusted because it is using too much fuel. Presented bids for a high flow, skid loader with tracks. Cat bid \$77,259; Bobcat \$69,138 No high flow; and Murphy Tractor \$66,725 for John Deere. The Commissioners accepted the bid from Murphy Tractor for the 325G John Deere and decided not to trade in the current skid loader but to sell it at a later date. The new skid loader will be available in September. Signed PO 6400.

Recessed for lunch.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber discussed the possibility of bidding on recycling trailers. The Commissioners agreed he could bid up to \$3,000 on 2 trailers.

The Commissioners signed Purchase Order 6795 to Murphy Tractor purchasing 2 John Deere 672GP Motor Grader for \$690,000 less the trade-in of 2 John Deere 770G Motor Graders \$100,000 for a total cost of \$590,000 to be paid out of ARPA funding.

The Commissioners signed Purchase Order 6796 to Foley Equipment for a Compact Track loader for \$80,938 less the trade in of a 2017 T770 Bobcat for \$35,000 for a total of \$43,938 to be paid out of ARPA funding.

The bridge at I-260 that North Fork built has to set for 25 days now before being backfilled. Terry Mick and Matt Fritz have been watering down the concrete daily to keep it from curing too quickly and cracking.

The company Clean Arbors picked up HHW materials so we will be receiving a bill for that.

Scott reported that the County has hauled all of the pre-paid rock now from Mid-State's. There is currently \$450,000 left in the Road and Bridge rock budget.

Scott requested an executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Dan made the motion, Keith seconded and the motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 1:20, extended an additional 10 minutes and opened at 1:43. No decision was made.

Scott reported that it is time for the annual meeting of the Landfill Board and the rates at the Landfill may need to be increase by \$1.

Scott informed the Commissioner that North Fork told him that to be bonded would increase the County's cost \$25 per \$1,000 cost of the bid. Keith responded that if it a requirement for any project over \$100,000 it is not an option.

Tourism Board President Suzette Rogers discussed the Glass Orb project and that it has been received well by the public. Ten out of thirty-four orbs have been found. Some people are just taking their picture with the orb and hiding it again. Not everyone is reporting when they find an orb. Suzette is going to Denison and Whiting City meetings tonight to update them on Tourism projects.

The Tourism Committee wants to publish a Directory for Jackson County. The cost of the Directory is \$10,000 but \$7,000 is paid for by ads. The Commissioners approved the \$3,000 expense out of Tourism.

Mid-States Quote 1116-2022 was reviewed by County Counselor Lee Hendricks and the Commissioners requested that it be a condition of the special use permit that the quote prices apply to both properties in future years.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Kate Immenschuh informed the Commissioners that she will receive a check from Bremen's Farmers Insurance for Richard Mark's house who was paid his full insurance premium in error. There is a County Resolution that an Insurance Company is to withhold 15% of an insurance claim on a house that has been burnt or destroyed to make sure the building is not just abandoned and not torn down. Bremen's Insurance will cover the error but their Attorney wants a hard estimate. The Commissioners estimated tearing down the burnt house at \$15,000. The County will give them 90 days to get the building down and cleaned up. If it is down within 90 days Bremen gets the check back, if not the County will clean it up and will subtract the cost and pay Bremen's anything left.

Kate informed the Commissioner there will be a Special Event Craft Fair on July 16 off of Hwy 16 near Denison.

The Commissioners adopted Resolution 2022-12 changing the Zoning District from R-R to B-1, Neighborhood Commercial District on Lot 6, Block A of Heritage Park Subdivision in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 14-9-15.

The Commissioners adopted Resolution 2022-13 vacating the Haver Honey Homes Subdivision in the W/2 SE/4 29-9-16.

Received an invitation from Marshall County to attend the Northeast County Officials Meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Received a 'Notice of Decision' from the BIA on 160 acres in section 22-8-14 for the land to be placed into trust. This parcel is on the Reservation.

Received a letter from the Kansas Insurance Department concerning the Whiting Township Fire Department's Firefighter Relief Association CY2021 Financial Statement that was not received before April 1. The Association is suspended from the program and will not receive any distribution payments until this report is filed. Commissioner Kathrens will contact the Fire Department to get this fixed.

Discussed the Clifford Moore Estate property that is just outside the City limits of Holton that two of his boys are living on because the house they were living in burnt down. He is requesting an extension until October 1 to find a different place to live and move the vehicle. The Commissioners granted the request.

Keith informed the County Clerk that Scott Kieffaber would be hiring a part time person, at the highest rate of pay for a truck driver and the person would be working one day per week.

Mid States Material Representative Chad Gerhardt called to see if there was a decision on the special use permit. County Counselor Lee Hendricks informed Chad he would be working on an expansion agreement to include the proposal Chad had presented earlier today and it will be ready next Monday.

The Commissioners approved the bill and payroll for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County, Kansas

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Ed Kathrens, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Dan Brenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Keith Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Attest:

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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk