

## *Minutes of July 10, 2023*

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Mark A. Pruett and Dan Brenner were present. County Counselor Lee Hendricks was also present. County Clerk Kristie Richter recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly update. Scott submitted 2 fuel bids. Knotty Pine Oil for \$22,200.00 and Haag Oil for \$21,712.50. Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the low bid from Haag Oil. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Scott gave a report on calls taken and the completion rate of those calls. 321 have come in and 107 are open calls to do with tubes that they are working on. Commissioner Kelly talked with the landowner about picking up the brush left in the right of way and he assured him he would take care of it. Scott reported that they have a demo scheduled at 10:00am for the road groomer. The John Deere Trac loaders should be here by the end of the week. The Cat motor grader that was in stock will not be here until the first of August. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to purchase a disc reclaimer for Road and Bridge. Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Wade gave his weekly road report;

Dust control is done, they had 2 complaints on U4

Greg with Scotwood asked when it would be sprayed and it was sprayed in June. No rock was added just scarified and watered it. Commissioner Kelly received a phone call about this and talked with the landowner.

254-K is done

Prep work for next week:

H3 276

Cleaning tubes

Prepping for patching, Wade would like to get that started this week.

118 and 110 will be started on as soon as possible.

T4 will be completed next week, they are trying to get it done this week but Wade doesn't think that will happen.

Scott requested an executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This session included County Counselor Lee Hendricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Went into closed session at 9:41. Opened session at 9:46am. No decisions were made.

Lee would like an executive session for 2 minutes for attorney/client privileges. Commissioner Brenner made the motion, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Went into closed session at 10:36am, opened session at 10:38am. No decisions were made.

Lee reported that he has been in contact with Waste Management about the charges the County is paying. Commissioner Kelly believes that Waste Management is taking advantage of a County Government by putting the increase in small print on an invoice and not sending a formal letter to the County to let them know about the price increase.

Judge Norbert Marek and District Court Clerk Jennifer Strathman met with the Commissioners to discuss the budget for this year and the overage on the legal fees. Judge Marek would like to be able to keep the capital outlay for courtroom improvements. The judge says he is getting bids for the small courtroom for upgrades. Jennifer would prefer the Commissioners take the overages out of the general fund. They discussed doing contracts with the court appointed attorneys and keeping track of the time that is spent on each case. Lee asked the judge about conflict attorneys and how they are paid. Pottawatomie County pays them hourly and the others are on contract. Judge Marek talked about diversion and how they are paid. Right now, the defendant has to come up with all the money at once and aren't allowed to make payments, he believes that there would be more diversions if they were allowed to make payments. The judge talked about continuances and how they could be handled and why they are happening. Most continuances are due to a defendant not showing up or not having the money at the time to pay the diversion. The funds that are reimbursed to the county go back to the county general fund but are split between several funds, which gives the county approximately \$2.00 per case in court costs and the attorney fees that are reimbursed.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks asked for an executive session for 15 minutes for attorney/client contract negotiations. Commissioner Brenner made the motion, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Went into closed session at 12:04pm opened session at 12:19pm no decisions were made.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to recess for lunch, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Recessed at 12:28pm

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 1:15pm

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Sheriff	Journie Woosley		0	Resigned
Sheriff	Travis DeBarge	25.38	26.38	Promotion

Received a Thank you card from former employee Sally Alley.

Received a request from Jackson Heights Cobra Backers for membership. The Commissioners declined to do a membership.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber came back and gave a report on the demonstration of the Road Groomer that was done this morning.

Scott discussed raising the operators at Recycle and Landfill increase in pay to match other operators. Commissioner Kelly discussed changing the wording on the pay scale for operators and making it operators 1-3.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to sign the Mural agreement with Garrett Larson for \$12000.00 to be done by October 2023, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This is for the Delia Mural.

Commissioners signed the letter to nominate Crystian Torres for the position on the 2<sup>nd</sup> judicial board for the education representative.

Signed a letter of continued engagement for County Counselor Lee Hendricks.

Signed abatement 2022-182.

Chairman Kelly signed the agreement with Banner Creek Animal Hospital. The original will be mailed to them for their signature.

Suzette McCord Rogers met with the Commissioners to discuss the contract for the mural at Delia. The art walk is going to be September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in downtown Holton.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for the day. Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>,13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber met with the Commissioner to go thru his proposed pay scale for his department for 2024.

Position	Starting Pay	Possible Increase	Top Pay	Positions
Environmental Services Specialist	\$20.14	.75	\$20.89	Don Dillner
Environmental Services Superintendent	\$21.00	2.00	\$23.00	Darlene Selley
Environmental Services Operator 1	\$17.64	.75	\$18.39	Noxious Weed Landfill
Environmental Services Operator 2	\$18.89	.75	\$19.64	Road and Bridge Landfill
Environmental Services Operator 3	\$18.75	2.00	\$20.75	Road and Bridge Landfill
Equipment Operator 1	\$18.75	2.00	\$20.75	Road and Bridge Some Truck Drivers Grader Operator
Equipment Operator 2	\$21.00	2.00	\$23.00	Road and Bridge Some Truck Drivers Grader Operator
Equipment Operator 3	\$20.14	.75	\$20.89	Road and Bridge Grader Operator
Equipment Operator 4	\$21.39	1.00	\$22.39	Road and Bridge Management Grader Operator

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the transfer of grant monies for the year end for Juvenile intake. Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve \$2500.00 out of parks and rec for the City of Netawaka City Park. Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Scott request executive session for 10 minutes. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Free dump day at the Landfill.

Aug 25-31 you can get a voucher thru Recycling Center to be used in the month of September, Jackson County residence only. Call, pick up in person or email the Jackson County Recycling Center. 1 load valued at \$15.00. [jacoweed@jacoks.com](mailto:jacoweed@jacoks.com) or call 785-364-3459.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:01pm

Board of County Commissioners  
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Mark Pruett, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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

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Attest:

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Kristie D. Richter  
Jackson County Clerk