

## *Minutes of July 24, 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

The August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> so the Commissioners can attend a meeting. The night meeting will also be held this day.

The City Commissioners met with the County Commissioners to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization. Those present were Marilyn Watkins, Clara Ann Lovvorn, Teresa Riley and Dennis White. Jonathon Wimer was also in attendance. County Counselor Lee Hendricks explained the revised plan to the City Commissioners. Commissioner Kelly explained they are offering a higher percentage for within the City limits of all the cities in Jackson County to encourage growth. There will still be a plan for building in the County but the percentage will not be as high. Dennis White, Counselor for the City of Holton, requested that the Commissioner keep the current plan in play until they have a new one. He also requested that the wording be clearer in the new plan. Commissioner Pruett explained that the Commissioners are expanding the Revitalization plan to help the Cities. Clara asked why there were 2 new builds that were denied on Banner Road? Commissioner Pruett explained that they are on hold until the new plan is in place to include the lots. Dennis White says they don't have the power to deny the applicants. Dennis was hopeful that the County's plan would be a wow factor for people. He would like to see the Commissioners raise the percentages. He thinks if they got that immediate benefit more people may build in Jackson County. Marilyn would like to have 100% for the first-year rebate and possible 7 years instead of 5. Commissioner Kelly would like to see affordable homes built in the County within the Cities. The Commissioners thanked the City Commissioners for their input and will discuss all the new ideas.

Road and Bridge Administrative assistant Linda Jackson and Road and Bridge Superintendent met with the Commissioners to give the weekly report.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel, Commissioner Brenner seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Went into closed session at 9:45am, opened session at 9:49. No decisions were made.

Wade gave the Road update for July 24  
COMPLETED LAST WEEK, 17-21 JUL 23  
Rock on B 222-198  
Prep Patching machine, get oil.  
Worked on tube install H3

THIS WEEK 24-28 JULY 23  
Starting 110 K-N and S 142-166  
Finish H3 Tube  
Patching  
Rocking Delia Area

FUTURE PLANNING  
S 142-166 project/110 N-K project  
254 6' tube  
3<sup>rd</sup> week Aug bridge on 254  
Continue Mowing

Appraiser Kate Immenschuh presented the Commissioners with a report and map that shows the USA trust land that is off the Reservation for the purpose of giving to Hartwell Company for their research. 398 parcels are in some form of USA Trust.

The Commissioners discussed the possible solar regulations for Jackson County. Appraiser Kate Immenschuh was also present for the discussion.

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

Signed the following pay changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Road and Bridge	Lane Rodvelt	\$17.64	0	Discharged

Session opened up at 1:00pm

Lane Rodvelt met with the Commissioners to discuss his termination and presented them with a letter of his account of the events and his intentions.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly update. Kurt reported that there was an incident at Banner Lake this weekend, between a boat and a jet ski. No other details were available. They discussed using geo thermal heating and cooling in the new building. The online system is going great, it has made a lot of things easier and less time consuming.

The Commissioners asked Wade Cormier to come into the meeting. Commissioner Pruett made the motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. County Clerk Kristie Richter was also present. Entered closed session at 1:29 pm, opened session at 1:39 pm no decisions were made.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners signed the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation amended budget.

The Commissioners signed an application for leave for Pat Richter.

The Commissioners signed a right of way application for Nemaha County RWD #4 for an underground waterline and Wayne Heller for a new entrance for a home.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:20

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County, Kansas

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Mark Pruett, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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

Attest:

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Kristie D. Richter  
Jackson County Clerk

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

