

## *Minutes of July 31, 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.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed the letter that was sent from the IRS for the penalty amount that was charged to the County for a late filing fee by PayCom. Next discussion was about Waste Management contracts.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Road and Bridge Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners. Gary New gave the Commissioners the authority to clear out a tree that's in the right of way and on his property. He's afraid it will fall and become a nuisance for drivers and their visibility. Commissioner Brenner stated that the County normally doesn't go on people's property. Commissioner Kelly said that Road and Bridge will go and evaluate the tree and will take out what is in the County Right of Way.

Scott reported that the red water truck is now able to transport water to projects as needed.

Wade gave his weekly road update:

### COMPLETED LAST WEEK JUL 24-28 2023

Road Ditching 110 N-M and S 142-150, Haul Dirt, Some rock.

Patching, K 230-216, 254 I-N4 done, Labor Max worked well last week.

Rock, 206 A-B, 198 A-B some rock, 262 J-I fixing.

### THIS WEEK 31 Jul-4 Aug 23

110 K-N and S 142-166

Start 254 L4 tube

Patching 254, 94<sup>th</sup>, 110, E, 118

Rocking Delia area 178

### FUTURE PLANNING

S 142-166 project/110 N-K project. Continue

254 – 6" tube

3<sup>rd</sup> week Aug Bridge on 254<sup>th</sup>

Scott reported they have had a complaint on 94<sup>th</sup> road as they are wanting it repaved. Jackson County will not be repaving the road. If Shawnee County Township would like to take it over the Commissioners would not have a problem with it.

Scott said the feedback about the heated tank they are using for chip n seal maintenance is working well. The oil is staying hot. It's a lot more efficient and is using a ¼ tank of oil less a day since it can stay heated.

Commissioner Pruett said he received a complaint about V6 by Denison.

They discussed closing 270<sup>th</sup> and T Road. Wade will double check with the landowners to make sure they understand the County will not be maintaining it if it is closed.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for a non-elected personnel matter to include Scott Kiefabber and Wade Cormier, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion., Motion passed 3/0. Entered closed session at 9:55a.m. Also included were County Clerk Kristie Richter and County Counselor Lee Hendricks. Opened session at 10:09a.m. No decisions were made.

The Commissioners signed 2 Right of Way requests. One for Tara Mick for a new driveway on P Rd and one for Don Boling for a new entrance to a field on B Road.

The Commissioners went over the proposed Solar regulations with County Counselor Lee Hendricks. County Appraiser/Zoning officer Kate Immenschuh joined the meeting.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell reported that the trees at Banner are hanging over the fence and are touching the powerlines that go to the shed at the Holton Cemetery. He will contact someone and see about getting it taken care of.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to recess for lunch, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Recessed for lunch at 12:00p.m.

Opened the meeting at 1:15p.m.

Paige Ashely with KP&F, provided the Commissioners with a presentation of the benefits of KP&F. This is a retirement benefit for the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Clerk Mary Theis and Undersheriff Scott Morris were also present. If the County wants to participate the company would need to know by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Aaron Brinkerhoff with Washington National met with the Commissioners to give them some information on elective insurances.

Jeff Morrow, County Attorney, met with the Commissioners and asked that they sign off on his hours of work for his loan forgiveness.

The Commissioners signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Youth Services	Holly Roberts	21.49	22.03	Position change
Banner Lake	Alex Rollins	0.00	10.50	Seasonal
Corrections	Lucas Weekley	0	19.50	New hire

The Commissioners signed a letter appointing Tamara McGinnis to the Whiting Fire District #7 Board.

The Commissioners approved a \$100.00 memorial for Merrill and Margarite Hinkle to go to Holton American Legion Post 44. Their son Bruce has worked for the County for several years.

The Commissioners signed certificates for the Employee picnic for years of service.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber showed the Commissioners the 2024 proposed road stabilization plan. The Commissioners then discussed what roads they would like to see get done next year.

The Commissioners signed off on the bills and payroll for the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

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

