

## *Minutes of August 15, 2022*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on at 9 a.m., Chairperson Ed Kathrens, Commissioner Keith Kelly and Commissioner Dan Brenner were present. County Clerk Kathy Mick recorded the minutes.

Pat Korte, Emergency Management Director requested that the Commissioners sign off on the Mitigation Plan. Pat stated that the plan is saved online. The Mitigation Plan enables jurisdictions to facilitate reducing the risk due to disaster to people and property. It provides an opportunity for additional funding through various grants including FEMA and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). BRIC is a competitive grant available for hazard mitigation planning a project to reduce risk before a disaster strikes. For the planning grant, the state covers the 25% cost share for all jurisdictions included in the application scope of work. Cities could receive assistant in purchasing sirens.

Received a reminder from NEK Environmental Services that the Commissioners need to replace Amy Matthias on the Board.

The Commissioners decided not to attend the NEK Officials Meeting that will be held in Marshal County on September 23.

Dan Brenner will be the voting delegate at KAC for KCAMP.

Keith Kelly will be the voting delegate at KAC for KWORCC.

Scott discussed Vacation Time and the October 24th cutoff date when Vacation time get cut back to the maximum amount allowed to carry over. An employee at Road and Bridge has several weeks to use and comp time hours he has to use first. At this time the Commissioners made no decision on allowing an extension for this employee.

Scott discussed again the rebuild of two rock trucks and the prices Hoyt's Truck Center estimate is \$116,717.60 and Kansas Powertrain & Equipment LLC is \$99,521.42. No estimate of repair time was given. No decision was made.

Scott also received pricing on a ditching bucket for \$4,400 and shipping cost between \$900-\$1,200. No decision was made at this time. The Commissioner want to check the budget balances.

The Bridge Crew is hauling oversized Wischmeier's rock to the north yard.

Ed had Road & Bridge look at a bridge on 206 road between B & C roads. Bridge Foreman Terry Mick reported that the bridge has damage to an abutment but is structurally sound.

Brandon's crew is working on the NextEra damaged road 254. After the final grading the dust control will be applied. The water truck has been repaired and will be used on this project. NextEra reimbursed the County for road damage and it will be used for Asphalt, Dust Control and Rock.

The Commissioners agreed that the Minimum Maintenance Roads need to be maintained in the Spring & Fall for the farmers.

Discussed On-Call time for Road and Bridge employees. No Road & Bridge employee receives on-call time so they are not required to be restricted from doing anything so it needs to be worded that they are

the contact person for the week. This procedure will be discussed further to determine what the contact person is required to do.

Scott & Terry will be meeting with Michael Maris with Elite Engineering concerning the 90/10% Bridge program.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting

At 1:30 the Commissioners began a hearing set for Floyd Deacon Jr. to appear on his appeal of a one-year ban from Banner Creek Reservoir. Mr. Floyd Deacon appeared along with Brenda Henry. It was Mr. Deacon's claim that he did not act in the manner for which he has been accused and believed the ban should be rescinded. Chairman Kathrens asked if the appellant was the party who rented the spot at the lake on the night of the complaint. The Banner Creek Reservoir Director stated that it was. Chairman Kathrens stated that based on the information provided by the Banner Creek Reservoir Director on Mr. Deacon's prior conduct at the lake, as well as the specifics of the complaint received by the Director, he believed the ban should be upheld. It was unanimously voted to uphold the ban. Brenda Henry asked if she was banned from the lake for a year as well. The Commission informed her that she is not. The hearing ended at 1:38 p.m.

Brenda Holiday Stanton, Desirae Compton, Joe Denny, Soldier City representatives met to discuss their need for ARPA funds to repair the Soldier Water tower. The Water Tower needs a new vent cap and it needs to be sand blasted and epoxy coated. The City of Soldier will be diverted to Rural Water while the repairs are being made. The Commissioners approved the expenditure.

Kurt Zibell has discussed the new building bid with the Friends of Banner Creek Committee. They want the building by the Chapel on a cement slab. Kurt agrees with them if the lagoons are approved and he doesn't need another sewer pump.

The Commissioners informed Kurt the ESP - Energy Consultant will be assessing the electricity usage at the lake and possibly recommending solar power as an option.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks requested that the Commissioners go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for Attorney Client privileges. Keith made the motion, Dan seconded and motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 2:25 and will open at 2:35.

Dan made the motion to accept the minutes of August 1, 2022 as written. Keith seconded and motion carried 3/0.

Keith made the motion to accept the minutes of August 8, 2022 as written. Dan seconded and motion carried 3/0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be August 22, at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County, Kansas

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

Attest:

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

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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk

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

