

Minutes of August 21st, 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 Commissioners called Ben Thompson about a valuation issue he has with the County. Appraiser Kate Immenschuh was present for this call along with County Counselor Lee Henricks. It was decided with all parties that the Appraisers Office will go out and inspect and take pictures of the site and will contact Ben about the results.

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly report. Scott submitted a fuel bid. Commission Pruett made the motion to accept the only bid from Haag Oil in the amount of \$27,000.00. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The equipment they are selling will be on Auction Time starting September 20. The items for sale will be a motor grader, 4 semis, pneumatic asphalt roller, broom and mower.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for 5 min to include lee for personal matters, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Went into closed session at 09:46, Extended for another 5 minutes at 9:51 for same reason, Extended another 5 minutes at 9:58 same time and reason. Opened session at 10:02. No decisions were made.

Scott submitted Mid States Materials, LLC new rock pricing. 1 ¼ road rock 17.50, 3" Base 18.30, 6" Ditch Liner/Class 1 \$30.50, 1 1/4 Road Rock 18.25 and 1 ¼ Road Rock \$14.10. There is a designation on the bill that shows what quarry the rock comes from. The pricing between the quarry is based on the amount of overburden that has to be removed.

Wade gave his weekly road report:

COMPLETED LAST WEEK 25-18 AUG 23

Straight Creek Rocking Complete Monday

Patching Complete 94 R-S, 110 S-U4, S 94-110, 254 done to old hwy

Some rock, 262 J-I, I 262-270, I6 262-254, 118 N-L4

Tubes, 2 replaced, washed 1

S 142-150, 110 M-L4, Ditching

THIS WEEK 14-18 AUG 23

110 L-M, S 142-150, ditching, Rock on S

Fix and some rock 118 E-I, 214 E-F

Patching 198-75hwy, 16 hwy, W 198-174

Hot patch on deep ruts, 254, 118,198,110. S Roads

FUTURE PLANNING

S 142-166 project/110 N-K project continue

1st of Sept bridge on 254

Patching

The Commissioners agreed to pay Linda Jackson to operate the Jackson County Facebook page. All departments must submit their post to the Commissioners first before it is posted to the page. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to pay Linda Jackson an extra \$600.00 a year to do the Commissioners Facebook page, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners discussed private cemeteries in Jackson County. Those in attendance were the Commissioners, Zoning Director Kate Immenschuh and County Counselor Lee Hendricks. Lee will do some research and get back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the private cemetery located at 355 182nd Rd Emmett, KS Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Kate will file the information in the Register of Deeds office so that it is on record for future reference.

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

The meeting opened at 1:00pm

Mary Shultz was in to visit with the Commissioners about the possible solar project in Jackson County.

The Commissioners signed the minutes of August 8 meeting and August 8th Work Session.

The Commissioners met with the Department Heads. Those present were Pat Korte, Sheriff Tim Morse, Undersheriff Scott Morris, Scott Kiefabber, Linda Gerhardt, Pat Richter, Tammy Moulden, Kate Immenschuh, Erin Robertson, Amy Entrikin, Ted VanDonge and Amanda Spalding. Washington National representative was here to address the department heads on the insurance they sell. Amanda reported that they picked up 25 meals a day at Denison and they have a driver to deliver. Pat Korte is working on grants currently, radios and with Fire Departments. Linda, Delinquent taxes are going out this month, business as usual. Sheriff Tim reported they are doing

the Giant transition and have had several issues with the current phone service. Scott reported they will have 2 new semis on the road this week, he still needs 3 employees to be fully staffed. Ted was here to introduce the new Clerk of the Court, Amy Entrikin. Kate will be starting on analysis soon. Erin KDOC site visit went well some small complaints. Tammy business as normal, lots of corrections due to Tax sale. Amy is from Nemaha County and has been a clerk for 7.5 years in Nemaha County. Pat R. reported we have electricity in the Court yard now on the West side in the Sunflower bed. Friday someone will be here to look at the Christmas lights. Kristie reported on the RNR, and taxes going out in October. The Commissioners asked the Department Heads about longevity pay. Right now, the employees get incentive pay in October for years of service, the Commissioners would like to know what they think about doing away with the incentive and installing a new longevity pay. They would like them to talk to their employees and see what the consensus is.

Dan Barrow and Charlie Barrow spoke with the Commissioners about the Denison Quarry. Chad Gerhardt met with them this morning. They would like to see the regulations get stricter. There is drainage that goes into their watershed and they had to repair their fence since they were so close. Charlie would like to see the Commissioners make sure that there are good setbacks on property lines. They are requesting help with the run off if needed, but Chad said he would look into it. Commissioner Kelly asked that they leave their contact information and they will set up a time with Chad and them to meet at the property.

Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Scott Morris met with the Commissioners to discuss their budget and raises for next year.

The Commissioners approved the minutes of August 14, 2023 with Corrections. Commissioner Pruett made the motion, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners signed a lease agreement with Toshiba for the Register of Deeds.

Signed change orders 2022 193-196

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Sheriff	Carly Craig	0.00	\$19.00	New Hire
Attorney	Jennifer Monhollon	16.29	0.00	Resignation
Road and Bridge	Clint Lierz	17.64	0.00	Discharged
Road and Bridge	Colt Melling	0.00	17.64	New Hire
Recycling Center	Troy Garner	0.00	17.64	New Hire

County General	Linda Jackson	To add to the current pay	600.00 a year	Facebook Manager
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Commissioner Pruett made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Attest:

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Kristie D. Richter
Jackson County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District