

## *Minutes of August 22, 2022*

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

Keith reported on his monthly meeting with Road and Bridge. He met with Scott Kieffaber, Wade Cormier, Terry Mick, Bryson Bain and Linda Jackson and discussed the following:

- Vacation leave cut off date to be back to maximum allowed. Will see about getting it extended until the end of 2022. But in the future time need to be managed better to get days used or employees will lose vacation days.
- On-call person should be called "Contact Person". This Contact Person can delegate the work out to another employee and does not have to respond themselves. Road & Bridge will develop a list of employees that are willing to be called out. It was also discussed that possibly these employees could receive overtime for these hours.
- Keith discussed the ditching bucket with Terry and it was determined that it would work best if the bucket could be tilted to help shape the ditch. Scott will check on the price of this feature.
- Linda suggested having the ability to give an employee an incentive; If a supervisor saw something good an employee did, a little above and beyond what is expected, give them a \$50 gift certificate to show you noticed what they did and liked it.

Gale Liggatt met with the Commissioners to Thank Road and Bridge for fixing his road and cleaning the ditches.

Ed reported the Luke Cochran wants to purchase 250 Tons of rock if the County will also put 250 Tons of rock on X Road. Keith suggested dust control on the road to save rock.

The Commissioners left the Chambers to view the Wholesale Water Plant. Denny Ashcraft gave the Commissioners and Clerk a detailed tour of the plants, showing the changes in the filtration system over the years, how the chemical process has changed, the process of letting the water particles settle in the cones and the filtration process and the filter cleaning process. This is a 24 hour a day process to keep the people supplied with safe drinking water.

Kurt Zibell contacted NRCS again concerning the lagoons, Jamie Johnson will try to contact the state again.

Recessed for lunch.

Scott Kieffaber and Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to discuss the following;

The 2 trucks will not come equipped with snowplows. It will cost an additional \$18,000 for a snowplow and hookups. Keith made the motion to purchase snowplow for \$18,236 from American Equipment. Dan seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote, motion carried 3/0.

Keith made a motion to have Kansas Power Train rebuild 2 Mack Dump trucks for \$99,521.42 . Dan seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote, motion carried 3/0.

Keith made a motion to purchase a 60" Ditching Bucket with hydraulic tilt from Carroll Equipment for \$9,519. Dan seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote, motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners signed off on bills that Kristie entered after the Commissioners had signed off on the bill on the 15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$153,195.50.

Chairman Kathrens signed the Holton Country Club Inc. Class A Club License for the period of September 12, 2022 to September 11, 2024. The license cost the Holton Country Club \$500.00 for two years.

Keith made the motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes with Lee, Scott and Wade. Dan seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote, motion carried 3/0. The meeting closed at 1:55 and opened at 2:25. No decisions were made.

Lee updated the Commissioners on the properties that have suits filed against them by the County Attorney to clean up their property.

The Commissioners signed Juvenile Intakes Grant Budget adjustments.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Kate Immenschuh was call upon to explain how a person can build a house on one acre of land. Kate explained that if there was a house on one acre of land and they tore the house down and within 60 days they built a house back it would be grandfathered in.

Keith called Linda Dohrman with the City of Delia and discussed the City's needs to fix the roof on the Community Building. The Commission offered the City up to \$25,000 in Parks and Recreations funds to repair the roof if Dohrman submits the estimate to the Commissioners. The County will submit the check when the project is complete.

Dan wrote a memo to department head extending the deadline cutting vacation time back to the maximum to December 31, 2022. This is only for this year.

Dan approved the minutes of August 15, 2022 minutes as corrected. Keith seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote, motion carried 3/0.

Received a public notice from the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning reissuing an existing State permit for Randy Tanking's Dairy for 980 head of cattle more than 700 pounds. Persons wishing to comment on or object to the permits must submit their comments in writing to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment if they wish to have the comments or objections considered in the decision-making process. All written comments received on or before September 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be considered regarding this public notice.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Kate Immenschuh discussed an email received from a concerned citizen about solar farms in Jackson County. NextEra Energy has been contacting landowners and signing contracts.

Approved Change Orders 3-22138 & 3-14092

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sher	Heath Delany	23.85	0	Resignation	8/26/2022

Sher	Phil McManigal	21.10	24.85	Promotion to Lt	8/4/2022
Sher	Justin Dobler	20.42	23.55	Patrol Sgt	8/15/2022
Road	Steve Campbell	17.64		Hired	8/15/2022

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road	6798	Carrol Equipment	60" Ditching Bucket w/ hydraulic tilt	\$9,519
Road	6800	American Equipment Co	12' Snow Plow for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mack Dump truck	\$18,236.00
Road	6799	Kansas Power Train	2 Mack Dump Trucks Rebuild	\$99,521.42

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be August 29, 2022 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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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk

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

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

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