

## *Minutes of August 28th, 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.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Pat Richter asked the Commissioners about purchasing a used truck for the Custodial Department. He has been using his personal vehicle to haul mulch, supplies etc. for the Courthouse. It would also be used for delivering Election equipment and could be used for road viewing for the Commissioners. The Commissioners told him to go get bids and get back to them.

Linda Jackson was in for the Commission to set up guidelines for the Facebook page title Jackson County Ks Commissioners. This is just an informational page so there will be no comments, nothing will be posted without the approval of the Commissioners, if it is road related, they can go ahead and post or if it's an emergency post. The information from the Commissioners will be sent thru the Clerk's office to Linda.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent met with the Commissioners to give their weekly update. O road dust control is done, they put the rest on 246 for about a mile and half. Commissioner Pruett received a call from a taxpayer and was told that it was appreciated. A bridge on 254<sup>th</sup> road was built in 1913 and needs to be repaired. The estimated price is \$207,864.00. The bridge project is slated for 2024. HR partners approved the job classifications for road and bridge so they can proceed.

Wade gave his weekly road update:

COMPLETED LAST WEEK 21-25 AUG

Straight Creek Rocking Complete Done

Some Rock 118 E-I done, 278 P4-R Done

Patching Complete on 198

Tubes, 1 replaced, washed 3 on 110

S 142-150 Rocked Solid

110 M-L ditching

Three hot patches on 198

THIS WEEK 28 Aug 1 Sep 23

110 Ditching

Tear out Bridge on 254, Contractor Moving in this week.  
Patching W, 190, 254  
Hot patch on deep ruts, 254, 110, S roads

#### FUTURE PLANNING

S142-166 project on hold  
110 N-K projects. Continue  
1<sup>st</sup> of Sept Bridge on 254  
Patching

The Bettis meeting went well last Thursday, they talked about resurfacing and grinding the roads. Wade ask about Delia Road if it is reclaimed the cost would be around \$200,000.00 to put it back to gravel from 106<sup>th</sup> to E to G.

Commissioner Pruett met with Mike Hare and Leroy Shupe at Circleville, they were upset about the Grader creating ruts and the cost of the electricity it cost the city to have it plugged in during the winter time. They also asked about the gasoline in the barrels. If they were in EPA compliance. Scott and Wade said they are.

Scott reported that they have had 90 vouchers for the free dump day at the Recycling Center. The free dump day is for a truck load of \$15.00. This will start in September.

Commissioner Pruett asked for an Executive session for 10 minutes for attorney client/personnel, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This closed session included County Counselor Lee Henricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Entered closed session at 9:40am, opened session up at 9:50am. No decisions were made.

The Commissioners signed 2 requests to occupy right of way:  
Jackson RWD #3 Underground bore to service the meter.  
Tony Stegman New entry on G for new culver and drive.

Chairman Kelly opened the hearing for The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to open the meeting and Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Jonathon Wimer was in to comment at the meeting. Jonathon asked that the language be clearer for the RHID (Rural Housing Incentive District) and the Neighborhood Revitalization, that they would only be able to receive one. Lee explained that they are 2 different plans. The regular tax the property would pay, they can request under the Revitalization or the RHID project. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to close the hearing, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Lee will send letters with the interlocal agreement for signatures for the ones who are participating.

Appraiser/Zoning Administrator Kate Immenschuh met with the Commissioners to discuss Ben Thompson phone conversation from last week. It has been deemed as a living space, in order to not have it as that he would have to demolish the kitchen. He can apply for a special use permit that Kate feels would be approved.

The Blackwood property has sold, the nuisance notice will be left open until the new owners demolish it. The Commissioners agreed on 45 days from closing for them to be able to accomplish this. If more time is needed, they will contact Kate.

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Sheriff	Mary McAsey			Full time status

Signed the following designation of emergency vehicle:

Stephen Banaka and Robert Lynch

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Went into closed session at 10:50am, this session included County Counselor Lee Hendricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Session opened at 11:00 am. No decisions were made.

The Commissioners received a letter from Soldier City thanking them for the donation from the ARPA money and explained what they used it for.

The Commissioners received a thank you from the Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society Kansas for allowing the to use the breakroom and set up on the courthouse lawn for their root beer float fundraiser during Cruise Night.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to go into executive session for 25 minutes under contract negotiations, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Entered closed session at 11:40am, opened session at 12:05pm no decisions were made.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to recess for lunch at 12:10 pm, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion passed 3/0.

Opened meeting at 1:00pm

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly update.

The heat has kept some people away the lake hasn't been as busy. They are still at a standstill for the Friends of Banner Lake Building. He has had some cabinets donated for the building; he is looking for some where to store them. The Commissioners suggested he look into a storage building he could have at the lake while the construction is ongoing. Kurt will be hosting a retirement party for Bobby and Diane Levick on September 24<sup>th</sup>, he will let them know the time. They have been at the lake as Park Host for 22 years. Kurt said they have done an outstanding job.

The Commissioners signed the approved minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with corrections, Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, minutes at Road and Bridge. Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes at 1:30 for contract negotiations. Commissioner Brenner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Extended for another 30 minutes, same reasons, entered closed session at 2:30, extended for same reason for another 60 minutes, close session ended at 3:30pm. Opened session at 3:30pm.

The Commissioners called the department heads down to their chambers to inform them of the cola raise of \$1.00 an hour for 2024 plus an increase of 15% for full time Employees. They are trying to keep good employees and feel they need to be competitive with wages.

The County Commissioners approved the budget for 2024.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn at 4:05pm, Commissioner Pruett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

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

