

## *Minutes of August 29, 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.

Dan Barrow discussed the Chip and Seal South of Denison and how it used to go to 3 ½ miles. Dan would like to see that Chip and Seal road on the repair list like the others. The Commissioners replied that they do maintain the road to 174th but the Chip and Seal past that point didn't hold up and they are not going to make it a Chip and Seal road again.

Dan Barrow also mentioned the cedars on the west side of the road 1/2 mile south of Denison. Ed informed Dan he has already reported them to Road and Bridge.

Kurtis Geisler of Gavel Roads informed the Commissioners of his online auction service that allows a seller to put a reserve bid on their equipment for a \$100 fee. Kurtis said the Website is easy to navigate and is based out of Wichita.

Kristina Romine, Chief Operations Officer for Multi County Health met with the Commissioners to introduce Lura Goff the new Jackson County Health Officer. Ed Kathrens asked Lura if she would be willing to serve on the NEK Environmental Services Board. Lura said she would.

Reviewed the Published Budget and prepared for the budget hearing on August 31st.

Reviewed Kate Immenschuh employment contract and decided to give her the same raise as the non-contractual department heads of \$1 per hour for next year.

Linda Gerhardt shared a letter she received and thought it was more for the Commissioners. The letter was from Virginia Penry concerning the weeds along the sides of the road and growing up the middle of the road. She stated that the roads are an accident waiting to happen.

Kurt Zibell has been doing preventative maintenance and mapping the water shut off valves so other workers would be able to take care of problems if he was gone.

Scott Kieffaber gave the Commissioners a list of roads the Wade and him have viewed and believe they should be vacated.

- 254 West of Soldier Hwy (E) to D4 Road
- 134 West of B road - goes into corn field. Bridge out years ago
- 118 and C South after Rail Road tracks. Goes to corn field
- 94 and F going West - Low water crossing
- 270 and Q4 going West
- 224 and X going South
- 334 and W4 going West

No decision was made at this time.

One Fuel Bid was received from Haag Oil Company for 2,000 gallons of Unleaded with no alcohol and 6,000 gallons diesel clear low sulfur for a total of \$32,940.00. Keith made the motion to accept the bid from Haag Oil Company for \$32,940.00. Dan seconded and Chairman Kathrens called for a vote. Motion carried 3/0.

Scott listed some road projects

- Dust control done on 254th road East of Old Hwy
- Rocking W road 238-246th Road
- Finished rocking 302 & P South of 9 Hwy
- Rocking T from 156 to 166
- Ditching work at 239 Q4
- Entrance tube installed at Roger Jameson's
- Hole in road 178 & B fixed with 40 ft of 4 ft pipe
- 158 between U & V cut tree off road Sunday morning

Bryson Bain worked some overtime on the weekend. Commissioners stated that Bryson needs to designate someone else to do overtime or he will lose his vacation time in the future. Scott was told to manage Bryson's time.

Road and Bridge will assist the City of Holton in cleaning out cattails in the ditch north of the pool.

The Commissioners discussed the possible use of a forestry mulcher that could be attached to the excavator. Scott was concerned about mulch washing into culverts. No decision was made.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of spraying weeds in the right of ways instead of mowing. Two mowers are not getting the roads mowed. No decision was made.

The Commissioners left the chambers and drove some county roads east of Highway 75.

Received an email from Brooke Smith concerning 2023 raises for her employees. She stated at this time the pay increases awarded at the end of FY22 were appropriate and on target for all employees and respectfully decline the COLA increase for Youth Services employees.

Keith Kelly will follow up on a phone call from Jessica Roberts on 98th and U.4 road. Ms. Roberts requested that the speed limit be reduced in this area. She said the houses in this area are too close to the road for vehicles to go 55 miles per hour.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sher	Bethany Streeter	17.85	17.85	Pt to FT	9/4/2022
Atty	Yvonne Theresa Sparrow-Smith	0	15.00	Hired	8-23-2022

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday September 6, 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