

Minutes of September 18th, 2023

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Dan Brenner and Commissioner Mark Pruett were present. County Counselor Lee Hendricks was present. County Clerk Kristie Richter recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Leonard Allen.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the County Commissioners to give their weekly report. Scott reported there was vandalism at the same fuel tank again. The Sheriff has been called. Scott has a call into Kenworth about trucks, same fuel issue as before. The trucks will die even with fuel in the tank. Matt Fritz, Bridge Foreman reported that the 254 bridge will be completed this week and will back fill next week it should be open to the public in 2 weeks. Shane, the new blade operator, is working out well. They have had good comments on the mower and how fast it is and what a good job it does. Linda will put a reminder on the Facebook page about the budget hearing tonight. The printers should be in in a week or two. They have a loaner right now.

Superintendent Wade Cormier gave his weekly road report.

COMPLETED LAST WEEK 11-15 September

Training Shane Ware for Area 3

Mowing in area 9

1 load asphalt 198

1 tube replaced

110 project continues

Trees cut back on X4 Rd low water crossing

254 bridge is almost done

THIS WEEK 25-29 September

Frank Williams will start Sept 27

Asphalt on 254, K

Patching

Mowing area 9

110 Project Continue, rocking to start soon

Backfill Bridge may start this week

Chipseal starting E-94-158

FUTURE PLANNING

110 N-K project, Continue
Bridge on 254, continue
Patching
W 302-254
S 150-166

Scott reported the County has saved \$32,000.00 by having the oil tank for the chip and seal.

Commissioner Pruett asked them to look at a couple roads he had calls on. U Rd off of K16 Hwy. Also 246th Road by Lynn Rieschick needs to be looked at.

Gary New would like a sign identifying the location of his residence on his mail box. He is also concerned about a tree on his property that may split when the weather gets bad. The Commissioners told him to cut down the tree.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This is to include County Counselor Lee Hendricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Closed session at 9:53am open 10:03am extended for 5 minutes same reasons closed session 10:04am opened session at 10:08am

No decisions were made.

Dr. Joe Demint and Dr. Taylor Kenzie with Banner Creek Animal Hospital P.A. met with the Commissioners about some concerns they have with the contract. They are not licensed to take hybrid dogs; Jackson County Residence will no longer be able to take stray dogs to Banner only Jackson County Employees. They will not hold any dog longer than 30 days. Banner Creek is not a licensed animal shelter, they are a licensed vet premise. Lee will draw up a new contract for them to review.

Leonard Allen has contacted the Commissioners about an open records request with Hoyt Fire Department and the response he received. County Counselor Lee Hendricks will respond to the issue.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for matters of non-elected personnel till noon with Sheriff Morse and Investigator Tyler Caudle. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. This session to include County Counselor Lee Henricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Went into closed session at 11:35am, opened session at 12:00pm.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the September 11th minutes, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Recessed at 12:05

Opened meeting at 1:00pm

Scott Kiefabber met with the Commissioners to discuss personnel. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This also included County Counselor Lee Henricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Went into closed session at 1:04, opened session at 1:13pm

Amber Bottenberg with Cox Communications met with the Commissioners to discuss bringing broadband to Jackson County. Their policy is doing what's right, take care of employees who in turn take care of the customer. They are the 3rd largest in the USA, they are the largest in the USA and are privately owned. They are looking at the Delia area. They provide for under serviced areas. They would be servicing 16-20 homes in Jackson County. This would have to be in place by 2024. The County would receive a franchise fee from Cox quarterly. This is on video service only. She will send a letter later in the week for the Commissioners to sign.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of Sept 5th, Commissioner Kelly 2nd the motion. Commissioner Pruett abstained as he wasn't present. The motion passed 2/0

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Road and Bridge	Tanner King	\$17.64	\$18.17	Probation up

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to adjourn for the day, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Kristie D. Richter

Jackson County Clerk

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District