

Minutes of September 25th, 2023

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

Public Works director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly report.

The Road and Bridge department received \$165,260.00 from sales of equipment, Scott would like to replace the low boy tractor with this money.

When meeting with insurance agents Scott would like for them to set up a time to meet with the employees.

Scott reported that they met with Bettis on the 106th project. To rent the machine to grind the material, it has an 8 ft drum and can do 20 ft per minute. For the operator, fuel and machine approximately \$500.00 hr. If both sides are done it would cost about \$5000.00 per mile, plus \$50,000 for the rock. The Commissioners would like Bettis to come core it and see what is under it and go from there. Then they can make a better plan for repairs. Bettis also has a concrete truck that will come to the site and pour if you don't know what amount you need.

Scott said it would cost approximately \$42,000.00 to install 15 KW solar Ray. Matt Wheeler stated it would cost \$39,500.00 to install plus Byron Riley's electrical fee. Scott said it would pay for itself in 7 years. The Commissioners want to look into the credit they would get from a rebate before deciding.

Job classifications are out there for Road and Bridge, they are putting a committee together to go thru them and see what needs to be added or changed.

Safety, Safety, Safety was the topic at the Road and Bridge meeting.

Commissioner Brenner requested a 5-minute Executive Session for non-elected personnel, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion, the motion passed 3/0. This meeting also included County Clerk Kristie Richter. Went into closed session at 9.45am, opened session at 9:50am. No decisions were made.

Wade gave his weekly road report:

LAST WEEK 18-22 September

Mowing in area 9 complete

1 tube replaced

110th project continued, dirt work done started rocking

254th bridge working on back fill

Chip seal done on 110 West of Hoyt, 94th, 118

THIS WEEK 25-29 September
Frank Williams Sept 27
Patching
Hot patch, 254
Mowing Area 6-7
110 project, Continue rocking
Chip sea 214th P-P4, 198th and W

FUTURE PLANNING

110 N-K project, Continue
Bridge on 254, continue
W 302-254
S 150-166
214 M-N removing trees

The Commissioners signed a Project Programming Request for the Bureau of local projects for replacement bridge on 246th Rd.

The Commissioners signed a request and petition to occupy county right of way for Giant Communications to bury a fiber optic cable.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting at 10:00am

County Appraiser/Zoning Officer Kate Immenschuh met with the Commissioners to discuss the housefire on 254th Road. Kate will contact the fire marshal and see if the insurance company will discuss it with her. The County will retain 15% of the insurance monies until it is either taken down or rebuilt. If the owner has already received funds then the insurance agency will be held liable for the 15%. Lee will draft a letter to the fire departments and the Sheriffs Department informing them of the need to report insurance names to the Emergency Management Department. Kate also reported she has an individual that wants to put up a bill board size 10X30. It is located off of 75 Hwy on 214th Rd by Dollar General in Hoyt.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed the Subpoenas the County has received from a Nemaha County court case.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege until 11:30am. Commissioner Pruet 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This session included County Counselor Lee Hendricks and County Clerk Kristie Richter. Motion to extend made by

Commissioner Pruett, 2nd by Commissioner Brenner. Approved 3/0. Same conditions. Extended till noon.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Recessed at 12:00pm

Opened the meeting at 1:00pm

Commissioner Pruett reported that he was at the Recycling Center helping out Saturday. He said Ed Rostetter has a great system and is doing a great job.

Commissioner Pruett went to the State House last week and spoke on getting the Ad Volorum tax given back to the Counties. If the counties are able to have the money given back it would help lower taxes. Commissioner Pruett spoke at the Senate and Speaker of the House Prosperity tour. He questioned them on rather or not they were in the legislature in 2003 when they took the ad Volorum tax from the county and city? Both said no, they were told it didn't work. He corrected them on the implementation year of the ad Volorum tax that is was not in 1960 it was 1930's. Speaker Hawkins stated that with the tax package they had 20 mills to play with to lower property taxes. When asked if they were lowering our taxes by 20 mills he backtracked and said no it would be in the 4-mill range. Commissioner Pruett then told him that Jackson County could have lowered our taxes by 4 mills if the county could of have had the money returned to them.

Banner Lake Reservoir Director Kurt Zibell met with the Commissioners to give his weekly report. Kurt reported that he is working on the boat ramps. The lake is down 50 inches. He reported that Bobby and Diane had a good turnout for their retirement party. The main entrance was named "Levick Lane" in honor of them and their service to Banner Lake Reservoir. Kurt is working on a contract with Ray McCullum for a year-round camp host position. Sewer Bid request will be in the Holton Recorder this week.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve \$2500.00 for Jackson Heights Post Prom, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion, the motion passed 3/0. This is to be paid out of the Alcohol Fund.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18th, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of September 18th RNR hearing with corrections, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners approved the 22nd payroll.

The Commissioners signed the 2024 Budget.

The Delia Fire chief is trying to get new radio equipment across the board. He has a meeting set up with Harris Radio and would like for the Commissioners to attend. They are trying to get a grant for the equipment. The meeting will be October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm at the PBPN Fire department.

Deputy County Clerk Errin Bourdon has taken over doing the Facebook page for the County Commissioners. The Commissioners had her come down to go over what was to be put on the page for the week.

Signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Attorney	Gabrielle Frawley	0	\$15.00	New intern
Road and Bridge	Frank Williams	0	\$17.64	Equipment Operator
Commissioner	Linda Jackson	.30	0	Transfer of facebook Adm
Commissioner	Errin Bourdon	0	.30	Adm facebook

Commissioner Pruettt made the motion to adjourn for the day, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Attest:

Kristie D. Richter
Jackson County Clerk

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruettt, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

