

Minutes of October 10, 2023

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

The Commissioners reported that they attended a meeting with KDOT. The Commissioners have been advocating for a 4 lane north on 75 Hwy due to the congestion and fatalities. They found out at this meeting that it is on the 5-year plan. They will continue to attend meetings and voice their concerns.

Public works director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly update. The fuel tank was vandalized again over the 3-day weekend. The total cost on the bridge on 254th came in at \$236,508.00. Scott will submit it to the State for funding. Scott submitted bids for tubes and bands. The funding for this will come from the Commissioners outlay fund. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept the bid from Contech for \$52,602.51. The bands take less time to install and fit better. The other bid was from Welborn for \$52358.60. Scott brought information in to show that all the signage on the fuel tanks are corrected. Scott said 297 vouchers for the landfill free dump day were given out, 162 were used.

Wade gave his weekly road update:

Leveled out 110 to K

Rock K 106-118

K Rd should be done today

S 150-158 east side done will move to west side

Will move to 158-166th

Installed 4 new tubes

The Road Groomer was used on 246th, 166th and 198th Rd it is working really well. They will use it on U4 road next, then move on to W.

Road and Bridge has received 3 calls from Schools about the roads, USD 335 and USD 336. The two calls from Holton are done and they are working on the one from Jackson Heights today.

Rock on S and 234th Rd

Commissioner Pruett received a thank you from Larry Amon about 310th road.

Brown Atchison did a wonderful job on 214th Road. The County really appreciated the job they did.

The Whiting mayor is looking for a spot for the grader to be parked.

Commissioner Pruett talked with Circleville about the grader, they need the grader parked off the tree line as that is private property.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to go into executive session for security/non-elected personnel for the road and bridge for 5 minutes, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. This session included the County Clerk Kristie Richter. Went into closed session at 9:55am. Opened session at 9:58am. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Pruett asked about 254th road and a concern that Tony Rieschick had about dirt in the ditch. Scott will go look at the road and ditch and make sure it has been completed.

Pat Richter, Building Maintenance Supervisor, met with the Commissioners to discuss the trees in the court yard. He had an arborist come in and look at the trees in the courtyard he had concerns about. She went around and looked at each tree, several of the trees are damaged. She told him to drill into the tree and see how hollow they are and if they would need to be cut down. The Commissioners told him to get bids to have the ones trimmed and the other cut down.

Commissioners discussed Brooke Smiths request to extend her time. The decision was made that there would be no extension of time for any of the employees. The deadline is still October 24th.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of October 2nd, 2023 with changes, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the minutes of October 2nd, 2023 work session with changes, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners signed the following payroll changes:

Department	Employee	From	To	Reason
Sheriff	Joseph Edwards	0	19.50	New Hire
Sheriff	Isac Alinor	0	19.50	New Hire

The Commissioners signed a petition to occupy right of way for Chris and Tami Pool to replace a residential driveway from X Rd to a new single-family residence.

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

Opened Session at 1:00pm

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

The Commissioners received a Thank you card from Rob and Diane Levick for the retirement party.

The Commissioners had lunch with the Appraisers office and Emergency Management. Every 2 weeks the Commissioners will have lunch with a Department to get better acquainted with them.

The Commissioners signed the 6th payroll.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the purchase order for National sign in the amount of \$12,799.00, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Kurt Zibell, Banner lake director, met with the Commissioners to give his weekly update. Kurt submitted a contract for Ray McCollum. He would be the park host year-round. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the Camp host for 2023-2024, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0. Kurt submitted the bids for hay land at the lake. Commissioner Pruett made a motion to accept the highest bid for tracts 1 thru 5 at Banner Lake for hay ground, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion, the motion passed 3/0.

County Appraiser/Zoning officer Kate Immenschuh met with the Commissioners to discuss the home on 254th road that burnt. The insurance has not paid out yet, there are some outstanding issues. Kate discussed the issue of several properties in the county having a “shed” that actually is a second living area and what can be done to regulate the issue. She would like to see the regulations changed so that there is 1 allowed on the property but it would have to be attached to the main dwelling. The setbacks have to be followed and there can only be 1 utility so as its not set up as a second dwelling. The Commissioners agreed that she could look into what would go into the new regulations. Kate will put something together and be back next week for the Commissioners to review.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed BG Consultants. He wrote them and asked for them to resubmit the contract with revisions.

Lee responded to Tom Hoffman and Leonard Allen’s open records request.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the Cities and Schools, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-14 The adoption of an updated neighborhood revitalization plan, Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Alex and Jason Belveal, Andy Delaney and Dick Lake met with the Commissioners to discuss the Court Appointed Attorney Contracts. Mr. Delaney stated there has been 2 rate increases from the State that has probably been a big impact on the budget. Commissioner Kelly stated that there are several continuances and it seems like that makes the county pay more. The defendants are getting billed for the attorney fees and if they aren't paying they are sent to a collection's agency. Commissioner Kelly asked what percentage of them go back to casinos? Approximately 75% of the charges relate back to the Casinos. The Commissioners will talk with the Judges and then talk with the attorneys again. The Commissioners asked the attorney what they thought the pay should be, if they were close with the \$4500.00 a month? If you make the contract about traffic and criminal and make the litigants pay for their attorney fees and for child support cases.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn for the day, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Mark Pruett, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

Attest:

Kristie D. Richter
Jackson County Clerk

