

Minutes of October 23rd, 2023

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

The Commissioners signed the approve minutes of October 10th, 2023.

Ed Rostetter stopped in and thanked the Commissioners for their help with the cleanup. They told him they had several compliments on him and appreciated his hard work.

The Commissioners approved the payroll of October 20th, 2023.

Commissioner Kelly signed the K.S.A. 12-2024 Agreement with Cox Communications for a franchise fee of 5%.

Commissioner Kelly signed the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation grant.

Public works director Scott Kieffaber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier met with the Commissioners to give their weekly updates. Scott met with Greg from Scotwood industries to talk about dust control. He told him for just the liquid and application for 40 miles of road it is going to cost approximately \$291,456.00. Scott thinks the County could do the residential dust control themselves. Scott received a bid for a carport for Road and Bridge to store the new track loader in. It was approximately \$7000.00. Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept the bid from

Haag oil for \$34,275.00 for diesel, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Wade gave his weekly road report.

COMPLETED LAST WEEK 23-27 OCCTOBER

Mowing in Area 7

2 tubes replaced

110 projects continue, rocking 1.5 miles

S road rocked 1more mile 150-158

Patching in whiting and cut off area

THIS WEEK 23-27 OCT

Patching complete, will clean equipment and start with cold patch weather permitting

Finish mowing area 7, move to area 3

110 project continues rocking

2 tubes

Winterizing and check equipment in prep of snow

Future planning

110 N-K projects, continues

W 302-254

S 158-166

They are not closing the bridge on Z rd. as was reported last week, they will be replacing planks and working with Atchison county to repair it.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to give \$250.00 to Rossville for their after-prom party, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Christopher Jones came in to visit with the Commissioners about drainage he is having on his property. He lives on 105 South Eastern Street in Delia. They are getting drainage from 2.5 miles north on their property. By looking on the map it was determined that they are in the city limits.

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

The meeting opened at 1:00pm

Public Works Director Scott Kiefabber and Road Superintendent Wade Cormier were in to discuss next year's road plan.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve the purchase order for a 45-foot lowboy trailer from Vander Haag's Inc for \$64,050.00. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners approved a check for Road and Bridge to Cover Concepts for a tarp in the amount of \$1424.00 for the salt shed.

The Commissioners met with the Department Heads. Those present were Linda Gerhardt, Kate Immenschuh, Tammy Moulden, Pat Korte, Pat Richter, Brooke Smith, Scott Kiefabber, Tim Morse, Scott Morris, Amy Entrikin, Jeff Morrow and Errin Robertson. The Commissioners approved taking away 1 discretionary day and giving the 24th of December off instead after asking the Department Heads what they thought about the idea. The Commissioners would like the

department heads to have a day to sit down and explain their budget to the public. It would be a one on one discussion with an individual to explain what the budget would be used for. The Sheriff reported he received a grant for the 800 MH radio system. It will give coverage county wide and will provide better safety for the Deputies. Pat Korte is working on updating the emergency plan. Brooke still has an open position, she has brought on a part timer in Pottawatomie County. Kate is working on analysis. Homes are still selling for asking price or more. Scott reported he received grant money for the bridge on 254th road. Keith said that Road and Bridge did a great job on the projects they were given to do this year. Tammy said they are still waiting for imaging to be complete. Errin reported that Jackson County Cases have gone up. Pat Richter reported that the lights are up on the courthouse. He had an arborist come in and look at the trees in the courtyard. He is going to trim some back and see if that helps the health of the trees. The Courthouse will have a new water fountain on the 1st floor that will be ADA compliant. Linda is gearing up to run taxes soon.

Commissioners informed the Sheriff that they will take \$72,500.00 out of Arpa for funding for the 800 mh radios

A group came in to discuss a property on 218th and O. Trevor said he received a comment from a person that told him that there was a preacher that was purchasing the property. He was going to open a homestead with multiple cabins. Kate told them he was doing a Quonset, a storm shelter and wanted to put in RV spots so he and his children can camp there while working on the building. If you go commercial it's a rezoning issue and all the surrounding residence within 1000 would have a right to voice their opinions. If the individual was to build cabins and more on the property it would have to go thru the zoning board.

Karen Wilson, Director of NEK Area on aging, met with the Commissioners to discuss funding for 2 new vans for the Elderly Services. One would replace an older van. The match per van is \$6800.00. This will be paid out of the County Miscellaneous fund.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to approve the minutes of October 23rd, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners sent a letter of support for the NEK AAA for operational funding.

Sheriff Tim and Undersheriff Scott met with the Commissioners to discuss the funding needed for the new 800mh radios. In order for all entities to be able to use the system they are asking the Commissioners for funding assistance of \$145,000.00.

Commissioner Pruett made the motion to approve \$145,000.00 instead of the \$72,500.00 from the Arpa fund to upgrade the radio system to an 800mh so all public safety agencies are able to use it. Commissioner Brenner 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to accept the revised Holiday schedule for 2024, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioner Brenner made the motion to adjourn at 4:19pm, Commissioner Pruett 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The Commissioners received a thank you from Sheriff Tim Morse for the money for the 800 mhz radio system.

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