

## *Minutes of July 12, 2021*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m., Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Brenner and Chairperson Kathrens were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Holton Recorder reporter Ai Holcomb joined the meeting. Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. Chairperson Kathrens asked Scott about the fees at the landfill. Scott explained that they multiply the length, width and height and then divide to determine the amount of cost per load. Chairperson Kathrens stated they had discussed increasing the dumping fees to cover expenses during their budget meetings in response to Scott's request for an additional \$9,200.00 for the landfill budget. Scott stated that he was okay with the pricing where it is currently. The BOCC approved Road and Bridge employees to work 4-10 hour shifts while completing projects like 142 Road. Commissioner Kelly asked about ditch cleaning and where they take the material. Chairperson Kathrens stated that Hamm has given the county permission to stockpile the dirt there. Commissioner Kelly stated he would like to entertain purchasing a Bobcat mini excavator. Chairperson Kathrens stated that they already have 3 hoes and 1 with a smaller ditching bucket. He does not feel the purchase is justifiable for the amount of use it will get. Commissioner Kelly stated he thinks it would be more efficient to load it up and take to projects. Scott stated that 142 Road should have the base rock completed this week. The bridge crew is helping with the 142 Road project. He reported that all locates have been completed other than one on 126 Road. The BOCC decided not to approve any ROW petitions from the phone company until they complete the locates. Commissioner Kelly asked Scott to provide the BOCC with their long-range planning goals for late summer and fall. Scott reported a discrepancy in the tonnage figures between his staff and the STAR program. He believes this is due to the amount still sitting in stockpiles at the yard. Scott reported that the positions have been filled at Road and Bridge, but he is still taking applications for a position at recycling. Scott informed the BOCC that he will be out spraying and inspecting noxious weeds. Chairperson Kathrens asked about the new chemical he experimented with on J Road. Scott stated that he did not think it was worth the extra cost and will return to using the Pasture Guard. Commissioner Kelly asked about the progress on the roofing and painting projects. Scott stated that the bid was still good and they were behind schedule because of materials shortages.

Youth Services Director Brooke Smith met with Commissioners for approval on her newly awarded reinvestment grant. She informed the BOCC that she was able to purchase a 2019 Chevy Malibu with low mileage from Doug Richert Chevrolet Buick in Holton and within her \$18,300.00 budget limit. She will be posting job openings soon. Commissioner Brenner asked for Brooke's input on how the county can reduce spending on defense fees for youth court cases. Brooke explained the programs already in use to keep kids from entering the court system. She gave an overview of the juvenile detention options available in the area and discussed the importance of identifying barriers and strengthening within the family unit. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the June 21, June 28, June 30, July 6 and July 8 minutes as written. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Tourism council members Suzette McCord Rogers and Ashlee York met to seek approval for grants. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve \$500.00 grants each for Jackson County Arts, Pride of Hoyt and Kansas Archaeological Society. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0.

Approved a courthouse lawn use request for the Jackson County Livestock Association for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Left chambers to view the 142 Road project, Parallel Farms 286 Road project and other county roads. Returned at 4:15 p.m.

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Register of Deeds	6870	Salina Blueprint	6-Tip Touch Binders and 6-Linen Ledger Paper	\$1502.57

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date
Road and Bridge	Stephen Wagner	\$16.67 per hour	\$	Resignation	/ / 7/02/2021

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2021 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