

Minutes of August 16, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9 a.m., Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Brenner and Chairperson Kathrens were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber reported interest in adding a stop sign to the intersection of 246 and D Roads for safety reasons. The Commissioners agreed and will ask the County Counselor to draft the resolution. Scott informed the BOCC that chemical pricing is going up so he made another order and will be over budget. Scott discussed the trash service at the lake grounds. He stated that they pay \$280.00 per 6 yard dumpster per month. They currently have 3 and average \$10,080.00 annually. He stated that they need 4 during the height of the season. Scott will look into purchasing a dump trailer to be used in place of the dumpsters to save costs. Scott asked to have more communication in regards to decisions made that he was unaware of. He stated that some of his employees learned about the plans to raise wages for certain positions in the newspaper and when they came to him he was not aware and could not confirm. It was agreed that they would do better relaying information. Scott inquired about creating a new position and pay for a current employee at Environmental Services. The Board agreed to discuss. At 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with Scott Kieffaber and Tara Peek present. Commissioner Brenner seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 9:47 a.m. No action taken. Received a request from Russ Riederer to vacate S2 Road ¼ mile north of K16 Highway. The BOCC asked the County Counselor to draft a resolution. Scott reported that he would be going to Riley County on Wednesday to review the GPS system used in their public works department.

Approved bills and payroll.

USI Employee Benefits Consultants Aaron Wells and Trent Nichols joined the meeting to present their approach to health insurance benefit savings for the county. Agent Keith Olberding, County Clerk Kathy Mick and Payroll/Deputy Clerk Sally Alley were also present. At 1 p.m. County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

Jackson County EMS owners Brent Teter and Jay Watkins joined the meeting to discuss the agreement for services in Jackson County. Other Jackson County EMS staff present were Jonathan Edwards, Hunter Price, Aren Sewell, Katie Huerter, Nancy Pennington, Christa Villalobos, Jacque Jacobsen and Con Olson. Brent explained that they cannot continue to staff any more than 64 hours per week for the second truck. He gave an overview of the history of their business and previous contracts. They stated that due to budget constraints they are seeking to amend the current agreement for the 2022 year. The 2022 year is the last year included in the current 3 year contract. The Commission asked for more information and they will return next week.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell reported he has been staying busy spraying weeds especially Sericea. It has been hot so not much mowing has been needed, allowing time for tending to the out of hand weed growth. He is in the process of updating all the light fixtures to LED for cost savings.

Treasurer Linda Gerhardt, Appraiser Kate Immenschuh, Attorney Shawna Miller, ROD Tammy Moulden, Undersheriff Darrel Chapman and County Clerk Kathy Mick were present for the monthly department head meeting. The BOCC gave an update on their efforts to retain consulting for employee benefits.

At 2:46 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss security with Lee Hendricks, Darrel Chapman and Shawna Miller. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 2:58 p.m. No action taken. Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell rejoined the meeting to discuss lake policies.

Judge Campbell joined the meeting to discuss the Pottawatomie County procedure for contracting with public defenders for monthly stipends. Currently Jackson County is paying fees per hour.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber rejoined the meeting to discuss ROW and utility line issues. It was reported that the exposed line on 166 Road has been buried now. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the held CenturyLink ROW petitions pending verification of the 166 Road line burial and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

At 3:38 p.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with Lee Hendricks and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 3:43 p.m. No action taken.

County Attorney Shawna Miller joined the meeting. The Board offered her an annual salary of \$90,000.00 and she accepted. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the salary increase for County Attorney to \$90,000.00 annually and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve agreement 2021-22 Mid States Materials Denison Quarry and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed changes he would suggest making to the agreement with Coal Creek Construction for their upcoming renovations on the third floor.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the August 9th minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sheriff	Todd Hurt	\$18.92 per hour	\$19.26 per hour	Length of Service Increase	8/10/2021
Attorney	Shawna Miller	\$80,953 annual salary	\$90,000 annual salary	Length of Service Increase	8/25/2021

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, August 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Keith Kelly, 3rd District

Attest:

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk