

Minutes of September 13, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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 Ali Holcomb joined the meeting.

Emergency Management Director Pat Korte joined the meeting to discuss the Air National Guard Bureau's proposed relocation of aircraft training routes. She stated that she is working on the environmental review but did not see any reason it would be an issue. The routes are needing updated due to the wind turbines now in place in Nemaha County. Pat informed Commissioners that she has been using her resources to order PPE and ventilators for local entities for use with Covid and the spike seen from the Delta variant.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell gave his weekly update. He stated that the nice weather has kept the campgrounds mostly full on the weekends. Kurt submitted two bids as follows:

- 2022 Kawasaki Mule SX 2WD (2) \$16,821.80 total, Topeka Powersports
- 2021 Kawasaki Mule SX 2WD (2) \$15,765.80 total, Jay Hatfield Motorsports of Wichita

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the Jay Hatfield bid for \$15,765.80 and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Kurt reported that the Holton cross country meet went flawlessly, and the staff received compliments on the course. Commissioner Brenner stated he had received concerns regarding the controlled burn done near the science center that day. Kurt explained that the burn was scheduled a month in advance with Kansas Wildlife and Parks and was completed two hours before the meet. He stated there were no issues with smoke or safety. Kurt also discussed his recent discussion with City of Holton regarding the sewer main coming from the lake to the treatment center. The main is 8,462 feet long and needs 6,000 gallons of water a day to flush the pipe properly and prevent sewer issues.

District Court Clerk Jennifer Strathman submitted some case filings statistics for Jackson County. She explained that the court does receive some reimbursements from cases requiring public defenders.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber reported that the roofing company was installing at the Road and Bridge building today. The paint crew was prepping the recycling center. Scott received pricing for grass seed from Jackson Farmers, Tarwater's and Tractor Supply. He purchased from TSC as their pricing was lowest. Scott reported that the landfill has received at least 230 loads of dirt from Prairie Band to use as cover material. Discussed road projects on S south of 142, 166 east of 75 highway and 142. Norfolk Construction is estimating November for the bridge work at 158 and A4. Scott reported that Terry's crew is removing trees on 110 Road between J and K and replacing a tube at U4 and 294 Roads. Commissioner Brenner gave a list of road concerns for M, 214, 222 and patching on 198 Road. The Commission expressed their desire to have 142 Road wrapped up and completed. At 1:22 p.m.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel/employee matter and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 1:37 p.m. No action taken. Scott and Landfill employee Ed Rostetter will be attending the annual conference in Mulvane October 5th through 7th.

Historical Society member Layne Hunley joined the meeting to provide a status report on the 100th anniversary celebration. She stated that the first of five articles were printed in the Holton Recorder. She also provided a sample of the banner that is being made by Marketing Concepts.

Tourism council member Suzette McCord Rogers joined the meeting to seek approval for three grants. The Commissioners approved the following grants funded through transient guest tax:

- Jackson County Historical Society \$500.00 for courthouse centennial
- Jackson County Historical Society \$500.00 for speaker at event, Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills
- Hotel Josephine/Oak Roots \$500.00 for brochures

Court Services Officer Ted VanDonge joined the meeting to discuss the community corrections contract with Shawnee County. Currently the felony ISP is provided through Shawnee County and reimbursed by KDOC. The four-county judicial district will need to decide if they want to renew with Shawnee County or look at other alternatives.

Undersheriff Darrel Chapman met with Commissioners to explain the newly adopted Corrections Pay Plan.

ROD Tammy Moulden gave the BOCC an update on the scheduling of binding books for her office. The representative is likely to come in December. Commissioner Kelly asked her seek bids for scanning the books and consider putting the books away rather than repairing. Tammy explained that new entries are documented in books and scanned. She does plan to image the vault before she leaves and will get an estimate to do so. She defended her choice to repair the old books so historians and genealogists can continue to put their hands on the old books and admire the handwriting.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the amended minutes from September 7th and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Approved a courthouse lawn use request for November 11th for the VFW Post #1367.

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	6871	Tractor Supply Co.	Grass seed	\$6,298.89

Signed the following payroll change notices:

Department	Name	From	To	Reason	Date / /
Sheriff	John Paz	\$18.92 per hour	\$	Resignation	9/10/2021
Attorney	Madelin Davis	\$15.00 per hour	\$57,500.00 annual salary	Promotion	9/8/2021
Sheriff	Rachael Grimm	\$	\$19.00 per hour	Hired PT	9/7/2021

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, September 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

Ed Kathrens, 1st District

Attest:

Dan Brenner, 2nd District

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

Keith Kelly, 3rd District