

## *Minutes of September 27, 2021*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9 a.m., Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Brenner and Chairperson Kathrens were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Left chambers to view county roads, 142 east of Highway 75, 110 west of Highway 75, K Road and 150 Road. The Commissioners also viewed the newly painted buildings at Recycling and Noxious Weed and county fuel tanks. Returned to chambers at 11:45 a.m.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. The Commissioners asked him to look into regulations for digging wells. Kurt reported that while Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir wait for an update on the proposed community building, they would like to move forward with paving an ADA compliant trail at the lake. The Commissioners received a request from the VFW to put on a New Year's Eve firework show at the lake and approved the request.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb joined the meeting. Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber and Road and Bridge Superintendent Eric Fritz joined the meeting. The Commissioners complimented their department's work on 142 and K Roads. The oil for patching chip and seal was being hauled so they can start Tuesday on 110, 198, 246 and 254 Roads. They will also be patching the Whiting cutoff and behind the senior center. They will be installing a pipe north of 246 this week and planting grass seed on 142 if they get moisture. The Commissioners were told that the county and KDOT will be doing a project on Highway 116 and V Roads to widen the corner and install a tube. Scott informed Commissioners that the oil furnace needs about \$4,000.00 in repairs or could be replaced for \$9,750.00. He stated that they have used oil they need to get rid of. Commissioner Kelly asked if the tires had been moved out into the storage containers and Scott replied they had not yet done that. Currently one of the containers is where they are storing the grass seed. Commissioner Kelly stated that he was not in favor of taking action on the furnace until he sees progress on clearing out and proper utilization of the space. Chairperson Kathrens asked if the grader operators have hand shovels on their machines for use to which Eric replied that most do. Kathrens stated he never sees anyone out of their machine using one to clear a tube like he used to. Scott reported the painting completed at the recycling center and the roof replacement in progress. He stated that the new mule hide roof will be screwed into the existing gutters and asked if the Commissioners would like to have them replaced during the project. The Commissioners agreed to seek bids for replacement gutters and will consider it after they get estimates. Road and Bridge also received a request from Royal Valley for used pipe for their nature trail. Commissioner Kelly said he would look into the request. At 1:29 p.m. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel with Lee Hendricks, Scott Kieffaber and Eric Fritz present. Commissioner Brenner seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 1:40 p.m. No action taken. Commissioner Kelly stated he had received a phone call from a

resident requesting information about reducing the speed limit or closing the road he lives on near Delia. Road and Bridge will look into the request.

County Attorney Administrative Assistant Korey Sawyer joined the meeting to discuss some issues with the new bathroom in their office. Courthouse Custodian Chad Phillips also joined the meeting. A small leak was also reported from the ceiling. Commissioner Kelly asked Chad to call Senne Construction and have them attend the next meeting to discuss any office issues the County Attorney's office has.

Discussed the list of business to have County Counselor Lee Hendricks review.

At 2:10 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss possible litigation with Tara Peek, Kathy Mick and Lee Hendricks present. Commissioner Kelly seconded and motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 2:23 p.m. No action taken.

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

Board of County Commissioners  
Jackson County, Kansas

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Dan Brenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Attest:

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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk