

## *Minutes of October 12, 2021*

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 9 a.m., Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Brenner and Chairperson Kathrens were present. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes. County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber submitted one fuel bid from Haag Oil. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the Haag Oil bid for \$23,564.00 and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Chairperson Kathrens suggested that some blade operators could have worked on the Monday holiday as the road conditions were favorable after the rain. Scott explained how the work week is Sunday through Saturday and working a holiday would be overtime. Scott informed Commissioners that Darlene has passed her certification in 9A and now needs to complete 6 and Genera for Noxious Weed. Scott reported he had passed his ROW certification for Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed department had passed their inspection. He stated that the crews have 2 or 3 days left to finish patching chip and seal.

Emergency Management Director Pat Korte joined the meeting to discuss the Air National Guard Bureau environmental assessment for flight path training. Pat stated she would respond on behalf of the county with no concerns in the changes to their flight path.

Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb, Beth Nelson, Deb Dillner and Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell joined the meeting. They announced that Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir have been awarded the LWCF grant requested to build a community center building at the lake. To date they have raised \$112,750.00 and the county has pledged \$25,000.00 for including a storm shelter in their design. While they awaited the outcome from their grant request they were restricted from fundraising. They will now resume raising funds for the grant as it is a \$160,000.00 match grant for a \$320,000.00 total budget. They plan to submit an addendum request due to the delayed process caused by Covid that directly effects the materials estimates they originally submitted and the need for a general contractor. They have also had to deduct administrative fees owed to the bank while the funds sat idle. They also plan to move ahead with their plans to improve the ADA trails at the lake. Kurt reported that the lake has still had decent numbers of campers. He is prepping the brush cutter to be sold and seeking bids for an industrial grade replacement. He is looking into materials options for restroom projects as the concrete blocks allow water leakage.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Tourism council members Suzette McCord Rogers and Ashlee York joined the meeting. They presented a mural project that would begin with 3 murals to be completed by a contracted mural artist. They discussed how Clay Center's rotary club was featured by the Kansas Sampler for their mural project and completed 15 in one year. The murals brought media attention to the community and the extra guests boosted their sales tax revenues and brought in two new businesses. They explained that murals are trending right now and there are routes that people can follow using QR codes. The tourism board

approved \$10,000.00 to be used from the bed tax to start a mural project in Jackson County. The Commissioners approved the use of the funds for the murals and also an advertising grant for Mayetta Pioneer Days for \$146.40. The tourism council submitted a list of members for 2022.

Elderly Services Director Amanda Spalding submitted a Kansas Fire and Safety inspection report for the wet pipe sprinkler system for her building. She also reported that the dining room has reopened.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	6873	County Binders, Inc.	Road Record book repairs	\$2,725.60

Signed the following Occupy County Right of Way petitions:

Company	To	Sec/Twp/Rng	Address	Date
RWD #3	Bore and set new meter	9/7S/14E	25261 Q4 Road	10/05/2021

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, October 18, 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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Dan Brenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Kathy Mick  
Jackson County Clerk

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Keith Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

