

Minutes of November 1, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9 a.m., Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Brenner were present. Chairperson Kathrens joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek recorded the minutes.

Victims Services Director Lisa Hyten submitted a revision for the CESF grant to purchase laptops for Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Brenner made a motion to approve the October 15th, 18th and 25th minutes as written and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 2/0. Holton Recorder reporter Ali Holcomb joined the meeting.

Banner Lake Director Kurt Zibell reported that he has been mowing and maintaining trails. They hosted around 10 campers over the weekend. He stated that he and Susan have started working on the CFAP grant renewal process. He will be winterizing all the bathhouses and restrooms. He is continuing to look into onyx costs for restrooms where moisture and mold are problematic.

Adjourned for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks joined the meeting.

Public Works Director Scott Kieffaber joined the meeting. He reported that crews are trimming trees and laying rock on K and H Roads. They will be working on 134 Road and have Q Road on the list as well. Chairperson Kathrens asked where the rock budget is at currently. Commissioner Kelly stated he wanted to schedule a time to meet and develop a plan for the number of miles to lay rock for 2022. Commissioner Kelly added that they had decided to go ahead with the 5 foot tube on M and 245 Roads as suggested by the engineering firm. Chairperson Kathrens stated that he strongly objected to that tube size and suggested they use a 3 foot tube as there is planned conservation work to be done above the area. The Board agreed to seek CFS Engineer Kenny Blair's opinion on the size needed before proceeding. At 1:23 p.m. Commissioner Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel with County Counselor Lee Hendricks, Scott Kieffaber and Tara Peek present and Commissioner Kelly seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Session reopened at 1:26 p.m. No action taken.

Energy Solutions Professionals Business Development Manager Brad Rahe and President Jeff Flathman joined the meeting to discuss their services. They described themselves as an energy services company that identifies energy savings to reduce utility costs. They stated they had no vendor ties and were an independently owned, small company who review schools, cities, counties and hospitals' buildings or facilities. The performance audit typically results in a 20-30% energy savings and includes an indoor air quality evaluation. If they find any viable opportunities to reduce utility costs, they will then propose an agreement for 6 cents per square foot as payment for their services. Commissioner Kelly asked if they were familiar with ARPA funding and if their energy services are eligible to which they replied they do qualify, especially for the indoor air quality improvements. The Commissioners gave their approval to move on to the next phase, collecting data from electric, gas and water bills.

County Counselor Lee Hendricks and Commissioner Brenner discussed their meeting with EMS owners.

Lee also discussed the meeting with the judicial district regarding community corrections. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 holiday schedule and Commissioner Brenner seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

The Board discussed having camera traffic radar installed in the county.

Courthouse Custodian Chad Phillips joined the meeting. He discussed potential office space and storage needs of the courthouse.

Treasurer Linda Gerhardt and County Clerk Kathy Mick joined the meeting. Linda reported that all tax statements have been mailed.

Signed the following Purchase Orders:

Department	PO #	To	For	Amount
Road and Bridge	6784	Foley Equipment	120 cutting edges	\$12,649.20

Approved Change Orders 2021-01 through 15.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be Monday, November 8, 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

