

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Travis Petersilie called the meeting to order with Commissioners Mark Davis, Dave Albers and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Phil Armstrong met with Commission to discuss ongoing prairie dog issue within the County. Armstrong updated Commission of annual Weed Conference coming up February 28th thru March 2nd. Still waiting on more bids for heating/air conditioning replacement for his department.

Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson met with Commission. Final walk-thru for completed FAS #500 Bridge Project is scheduled for January 23, 1:00p.m. with Commission, Road & Bridge Assistant Brian Whipple, KDOT, and representative from Kirkham & Michael. Items listed on Purple Wave Auction are set to finalize bids on February 21st. Weekly work schedule was presented. Employee matters, and personnel positions were discussed. Supplies were discussed. Sedgwick County's stolen tractor was picked up last week.

Custodian

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission to present bids on mold & bacteria cleaning of entire courthouse. Commission asked for more clarification on bids before making a decision.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer met with Commission.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss an employee matter pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:29 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Schweitzer and County Clerk Lori Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:39 a.m.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept the agreed upon salary amount for Health Department Administrator to begin with January 2023 payroll.

Schweitzer updated Commission on upcoming education classes, future open house ideas, and discussion on facility uses.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe met with Commission. Rothe discussed the differences of an upgraded Tyco Alert system and Code Red system for County emergency alert notification. Next week a Homeland Security training is scheduled in Salina that he will be attending.

Commission

Commission reviewed Letter of Engagement, Contract of Understanding of services provided, and agreed-upon Letter of Ness County Municipal Solid Waste Landfill received from VonFeldt, Bauer, & Vonfeldt, Chtd.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept contracts as presented.

Commission reviewed policies on ARPA Record Retention, Eligible Project Policy, and Nondiscrimination Policy.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to adopt the policies as presented.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable was reviewed and approved.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed Accounts Payable. Airport contract with City of Ness City was discussed. Lane/Ness County line easement issue was discussed.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the regular meeting January 9, 2023, was read, corrected and approved. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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