

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 9, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 9, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. in the Ness County Courtroom. Chairman Travis Petersilie called the meeting to order with Commissioners Mark Davis, Dave Albers and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Oath of Office

County Clerk Lori Hertel administered the Oath of Office to R. Scott Barrows, District Magistrate Judge 24th District Position #7. Magistrate Judge Scott Barrows administered the Oath of Office to David L. Albers, Ness County Commissioner District #1. Meeting was then continued in the Commissioners Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson met with Commission. FAS #500 Bridge Project is cleaned up and ready to plant grass. Johnson has listed 2 tractors, oil burner and mapping machine with Purple Wave. Commission was informed that Johnson installed keypad for new lock on Health Department back entrance, but a new door is needed. The weekly work schedule was presented. Equipment was discussed. A construction permit was issued to Fritzler Trucking to lay a saltwater line across County right-of-way.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Brandon Mitchell and Undersheriff Zippitelli meet with Commission to discuss policy and protocol concerning camera usage.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting was read and approved. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Commission

Commission discussed citizen's concerns. Usage of basement rooms were discussed. Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert was contacted for size of area needed for her use. Airport contract was reviewed. Health Department Administrator salary verse hourly rate was discussed.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer presented bids on toilet install and reverse osmosis unit. Bids as follows: Bruntz Plumbing- \$800.00, Healzer Plumbing & Air- \$957.44.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to accept low bid from Bruntz Plumbing.

Schweitzer will get back door and frame replaced and add lighting to back entrance.

Aaron Koehn, CPA

Aaron Koehn, CPA met with Commission to discuss raises and sustainability, premium pay, and budget restrictions.

Salaries

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to give a 4% across the board increase in the hourly rate of employees, non-contracted salaried department heads and elected officials.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve Premium Pay adjustments as presented to be paid Utilizing ARPA funds.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve Premium Pay adjustments per schedule presented by Sheriff Mitchell for his Department utilizing ARPA funds.

Daily Statement

Daily Statement for December 15th thru 31st were reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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