

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
January 23, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 23, 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.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of the regular meeting January 16, 2023, was read, corrected and approved. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to donate \$500.00 to Ness City After Prom Committee.

The location of the 6-County meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. has been changed to the Courthouse Commission Chambers.

**Road and Bridge**

Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Colby Butler from Kirkham & Michael met with Commission. Butler updated Commission on projects in progress. Final walk-thru on FAS #500 is scheduled for today at 1:00 pm with Commission. \$3,985.00 was received in landfill tipping fees January 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>. Snow removal was done for the Airport this weekend. Millings and dirt piled up at Airport is for the County's use to finish road. KDHE has sent a list of Companies that do landfill water sampling. Johnson is working on getting an estimate from new company. Equipment hours and purchasing culverts were discussed.

**Custodian**

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission to present updated bids on mold & bacteria cleaning of entire courthouse. Estimates as follows: Magna-Dry - \$5204.00, Freshco - \$7,563.12, and GreenTech Restoration - \$3,804.00.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept the bid from Magna-Dry for \$5,204.00 utilizing ARPA funding for payment. All bids are available for view in the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Harrison updated Commission on the floor drain in basement not draining. It was recommended by Healzer's to replace canister under floor and replace with pea trap. Commission requested bids to consider.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe met with Commission. Rothe discussed quotes for an upgraded Tyco Alert system and Code Red for County emergency alert notification. Quotes as follows: Code Red, 3-year contract - \$2,026.38 per year, and IRIS, 1 year contract - \$4,567.75 per year.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to accept the bid from Code Red on 3-year contract for \$2,026.38 per year. All bids are available for view in the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Rothe discussed the current burn ban.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to officially lift the burn ban.

**Health Department**

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer presented a quote from State Glass Company to install front doors in the breezeway. No other quotes were submitted.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept quote from State Glass Company for \$9,060.00. Purchase will be paid for by IAP Grant (Immunization Action Program). All quotes are available for view in the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Schweitzer discussed security installation issues.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved accounts payable.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for Attorney Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:15 a.m. (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Attorney Gayer and County Clerk Lori Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:20 a.m.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, 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 5 minutes beginning at 11:21 a.m. (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Attorney Gayer and County Clerk Lori Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:26 a.m.

**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 5 minutes beginning at 11:27 a.m. (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Attorney Gayer, Sheriff Mitchell by phone and County Clerk Lori Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:32 a.m.

**Daily Statement**

Daily Statement for January 1<sup>st</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable were reviewed and approved.

**Commission**

At 1:00 p.m. Commission recessed to do a final walk-thru of FAS#500 Bridge Project. Present was Road and Bridge Assistant Supervisor Brian Whipple, Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael, KDOT, and L & M Contractors, Commissioners Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Clerk Hertel. Meeting resumed at 1:31 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Attest:

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Travis Petersilie, Chairman

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Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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