

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 21, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 21, 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 prairie dog issues within the County and the means to eradicate them. Commission requested Armstrong get bids for adaptor for ATV to use for prairie dog control. Armstrong will advertise for open position in the Noxious Weed department.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the regular meeting held February 13, 2023, was corrected and approved. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson provided report of \$165.00 received in landfill tipping fees February 7th thru February 11th. Road concerns were discussed. Weekly work schedule was presented. Equipment and maintenance were discussed. Commission agreed to City of Bazine's request for landfill fees to be waived for city-wide clean-up day in April. Johnson presented bid from Milco Environmental Services, Inc. for landfill water monitoring services.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to approve contract with Milco Environmental Services, Inc. for groundwater monitoring at County Landfill.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, 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 10:18 a.m. (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Johnson and County Clerk Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:28 a.m.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, 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. (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Johnson, and County Clerk Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:39 a.m. No action taken.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe updated Commission on Code Red Alert system. The Tyco Alert system will be discontinued within next 2 weeks. The public will need to sign up for Code Red Alert System thru the website to receive alert notices in the future. LEPC meeting will be held on Wednesday February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Discussion was held on fire calls this past weekend.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer presented Commission with bids on a refrigerator for food items only. Fitzgerald Furniture - \$819.99, Lowes - \$949.00 plus shipping, Home Depot - \$698.00 plus shipping.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to approve bid from Fitzgerald Furniture for \$819.99. All bids are available for view in the Ness

County Clerk's Office. Payment will be made from IAP Grant (Immunization Action Program) funds.

Rothe and Schweitzer discussed the Radiation Preparedness tabletop exercise they both attended in Colby last week. Schweitzer discussed with Commission the need for the Health Department to have reliable transportation. Schweitzer was asked to get bids on vehicles.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable. Discussion was held concerning Ness City Airport contract.

Register of Deeds

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert spoke with Commission regarding payroll change per employee request.

Adds/Abate/Escapes

Adds and abatements were reviewed and approved.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for February 17, 2023, were reviewed and approved.

Daily Statement

Daily Statement for February 1st thru 15th were reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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