

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday,
May 15, 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 spraying of Johnson grass, pickup repairs, and continued advertising for open position.

Ness County Amusement Company

Laurie Dinges from Ness County Amusement Company met with Commission to update them on a project to improve lighting on the equipment and the grounds.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of regular meeting held May 8, 2023, was approved as presented.
Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson met with Commission to open additional bids requested for purchase of a loader. Present was Brad Smith from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. and Larry Briand of Berry Tractor Co. No bids were approved at this time. Landfill tipping fees were reported collected for May 2nd thru the 6th of \$630.00. Future equipment replacement, maintenance of graders, and budgeting was discussed.

Arrowhead West Inc.

Nadine Lampe from Arrowhead West Inc. presented information along with a 2023 Annual Report, illustrating the number of adults & children served in Ness County. Lampe requested that Ness County Commission continue their yearly appropriations with a small increase for budget year 2024 to help with the rising need.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe and Commission discussed issues with new alert system Code Red. A phone conference is set for May 23rd to address issues. Homeland Security has money available for an audit on our Sheriff's Department's Cyber Security. Ness County is 5th on the list starting in January 2024.

Ness County Register of Deeds

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert met with Commission to report on issues with CIC (Computer Information Concepts) software for the last week. Anticipated timeline to be back up and running is this week.

Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

Don Rivera Development Director from Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center presented information on services provided and the importance of services to children impacted. Rivera gave statistics on how many cases WKCAC has helped in Ness County. Rivera requested that Ness County Commission continue their support through the yearly appropriations given in the past for the upcoming budget year.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for May 12, 2023, was reviewed and approved.

Payment Under Protest

Commission reviewed and approved 2 payment under protest applications as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act

County Clerk Lori Hertel presented an Expenditure Tracking Summary for Ness County ARPA funds provided by Loyd Group LLC. Commission reviewed and approved summary.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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