

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 7, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 7, 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 Regular meeting held July 31, 2023, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Commission discussed grader repairs, equipment issues, and personnel. Johnson presented weekly schedule and rented compactor timeline. \$240.00 was received in landfill tipping fees July 25, 2023, thru 29th. 1000 yards of dirt and 280 yards of sand was hauled from July 31st thru August 4th. A crossing permit was approved for Matt Kraus to install waterline on County right-of-way. Commission was updated on Courthouse waterline repair. Backhoe work was done by Road & Bridge crew.

Council on Aging

Sherri Walker, Darrell Ary, Robert Herrman, and Julie Nuttle spoke with Commission on the 2024 appropriations from the County for Council on Aging.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe presented Commission with bids for desktop computer & monitor: Best Buy - \$1,449.99, GBT - \$1,174.60, and Amazon - \$1,639.99.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to accept bid from GBT for \$1,174.60. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Rothe updated Commission on LEPC Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2023 @ 5:30. Location Ness County Fairgrounds. A mock tornado disaster is planned. Rothe discussed Homeland Security meeting in Hoxie next week, and an Orion meeting in Russell August 9th.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer discussed Workforce Development Grant to expand our county's response to mental health crisis. Schweitzer plans to offer Mindful based programs to help bridge the mental health gap, as well as Behavioral Health 360, a computer program available to the County residents to help prevent mental issues. Schweitzer discussed tent replacement, insect issues, and disaster trailer usage.

Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel met with Commission.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 15 minutes beginning at 11:40 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commission

The 2024 Holiday schedule was reviewed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to approve the Holiday schedule for 2024.

Custodian

Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission concerning maintenance of outside railings.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for August 4th, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission. Dailey Statements from July 17th to July 31st was reviewed and approved.

Add/Abate/Escape

Adds and abatements were reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

July 31, 2023