

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 21, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 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 discussed repairs needed to equipment, current spray schedule, CDL training, and Noxious Weed training for new employee. Chilton Miller joined meeting to discuss CDL training options and costs that had available openings.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson presented the weekly work schedule. \$312.00 was collected in landfill tipping fees from August 5th thru the 12th. 800 yards of sand and 500 yards of rock were hauled August 14th thru August 18th. Road concerns, employment matters equipment repairs, and mowing was discussed. Gravel Road & Street Maintenance training is available August 29-30 in Johnson, Kansas. Johnson discussed plan to build slide-in sprayers for spraying around bridges.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, 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 5 minutes beginning at 9:50 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe discussed progress of installation of Arnold siren.

Ness County Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell updated Commission on Department matters.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer and EMS Director Kathy Clouston discussed USDA Community Facilities Grant Program that accepts applications on an ongoing basis. Grants are available for rural areas with populations up to 20,000. Priority is given to healthcare and public safety. Schweitzer has been accepted into the Local Public Health Leadership Series. This program is a series of 4 classes over 4 months, all paid for by the program itself.

Golden Belt Telephone

Kara Jecha, from Golden Belt Telephone updated Commission on the fiber project in Ness County. Their goal is to have fiber thru all of Ness County. Cities are complete, rural areas are currently being worked on.

Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert discussed Computer Information Concepts (CIC) migrating software to our in-house server. A server update is needed before this can be done. Reinert will get bids on replacing versus updating current server.

Custodian

Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission concerning valve replacements in basement & Courtroom ceiling. Call was made to Eric from Glassman to discuss possible dehumidifier options.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular meeting held August 14, 2023, were approved as corrected. Minutes of the Special Meeting held August 15, 2023, was approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for August 18, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission. Dailey Statements from August 1, 2023, thru August 15th was reviewed and approved.

Add/Abate/Escape

Adds and abatements were reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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