

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 18, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 18, 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 Supervisor Phil Armstrong & Chilton Miller discussed reordering of chemical to spot treat high weed infestation. October 1st is start date to treat prairie dog issues. Armstrong will put ad in newspaper to advertise this service is available.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson presented the weekly work schedule. Bridge construction, grader repairs and landfill inspection were discussed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, 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 9:30 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:35 a.m. No action taken.

Road Petition Hearing

The Hearing to review the vacation of a County right of way was held at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to approve the vacation of County right of way as petitioned.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe informed Commission of postponement of disaster exercise scheduled for September 20, 2023. Next LEPC meeting scheduled for October 11, 2023. Rothe discussed progress on installation of Arnold siren, yearly service of generator, and suggestion on Noxious Weed yard upkeep.

Derek Reinhardt

Derek Reinhardt-USD#303, Aaron Kuehn-CEO of Ness County Hospital #2, Craig Goodman-Ness City Board member, Dennille Schweitzer and Kylee Kraus of Ness County Health Department met with Commission to discuss daycare issues affecting businesses County-wide and possible solutions if businesses/entities partnered together. Discussion involved Daycare coalition members, financial resources, building options, and possible involvement of county businesses.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer discussed replacing tents and window tint for Health Department.

Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert discussed Computer Information Concepts (CIC) migrating software to our in-house server. Reinert presented bids to replace and upgrade our current server. Tree Top Security - \$13,503.00, Golden Belt Telephone - \$12,156.26, and Leading Edge Technology - \$20,368.59.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to accept bid from Golden Belt Telephone for \$12,156.26. A complete copy of bid specs is available in the County Clerk's Office.

Commission

Discussion of Sheriff Department wages, benefits, and employee retention.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to adopt the revised Sheriff Department pay scale presented by County Clerk to be implemented October 2023 payroll, and on-call pay for full time officers to begin September 2023 payroll.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular meeting and Revenue Neutral Hearing/Budget Hearing held September 11, 2023, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for September 15th, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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