

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 25, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 25, 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 the Regular meeting held September 18, 2023, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Commission

Discussion was held concerning IT services for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to add the Sheriff's Department to the County IT contract with GBT.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson reported landfill tipping fees collected in the amount of \$375.00 from September 9th thru 16th. 880 yards of sand was hauled, and 200 yards of rock from September 18th thru the 22nd. Johnson discussed road concerns, equipment repairs, employee matters and work schedule. Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael presented a corrected Additional Services/Change in Project Scope authorization to be signed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to approve the additional cost to Project #2107825- OS Bridge 55 LWC.

Butler provided a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since August 28, 2023.

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 10:10 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Health Department

Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer discussed Work Force Grant opportunities she has scheduled in January and possible option for a grant writer for the County.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed accounts payable. Renewal contract for Landfill was discussed. Lack of contact with leaser's attorney has been an issue, with no way to contact him to make offer.

Aaron Kuehn

Aaron Kuehn-CEO of Ness County Hospital #2 and Jaycie Richardson met with Commission to discuss assistance with a Rural Hospital Innovation grant the hospital is interested in applying for.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for September 22nd, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission. Daily Statements from September 1, 2023 thru September 15th was reviewed and approved.

Custodian

Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission to discuss improvements to courtyard, tree removal, and clock on south side of courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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