

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
November 13, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 13, 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 Sprayer Chilton Miller met with Commission to discuss prairie dog procedures and review spray types and application of spray for year 2024. Ron verified that Road & Bridge crews spray around signs and bridges.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe updated Commission that Ness County's FCC License for radio frequency has expired. Rothe will begin the process of re-applying for it.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson reported tipping fees of \$150.00 from October 31<sup>st</sup> thru November 4<sup>th</sup>. 1050 yards of dirt were hauled November 6<sup>th</sup> thru November 9<sup>th</sup>. Johnson reported final pictures of Landfill cleanup was sent to KDHE. KCAMP inspection repairs will be started on next. Contact was made with Soil Conservation regarding OS 37 project to correct drainage issue. Johnson updated Commission that Ness County Health Department provided Employee requested vaccines to Road & Bridge Department on site this morning.

**Register of Deeds**

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert and Drew Pfannenstiel from Golden Belt Telephone discussed server backup by GBT, replacing CIC's backup services. Savings would be \$3,663.21 per year.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to accept GBT for backup services on server. Process is to begin immediately.

A proposal for a firewall to be installed at Road & Bridge was presented by Pfannenstiel. Discussion tabled.

**Ness County Hospital**

Ness County Hospital CEO Aaron Kuehn, Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston, and Hospital Board members: Joel Fitzgerald, Nancy Witthuhn, Brent Whitley, Travis Sutton, Ness County Health Administrator Dennille Schweitzer, and Ness County Health Department RN Kylee Kraus met with Commission to discuss Ambulance services. County-wide struggles are a concern for Hospitals. Discussion was on contacting the State for guidance and arrange for group meeting with both Hospitals, Board Members, and the State.

**Derick Reinhardt**

USD #303 Superintendent Derick Reinhardt, Board Members Joby Henning, Aaron Kuehn, Dennille Schweitzer, and Kylee Kraus met with Commission to discuss a plan presented by Reinhardt for the development of a Daycare facility. Reinhardt has re-opened the Ness County Community Development Foundation and registered for a 501c status to begin applying for Grants to address the growing need for accessible and high-quality daycare services.

**Ness County Health Department**

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer updated Commission of Kylee Kraus, RN has received her CLC Certification (Certified Lactation Councilor). This will allow the Health Department to expand their services. Schweitzer is still looking for someone to do Grant writing for the County.

**Commission**

Undersheriff Patrick Zippitelli spoke with Commission. Congratulations was offered to Zippitelli for his nomination and acceptance of a 2023 Kansas Sheriff's Association Deputy Sheriff of the year award.

**Daily Statement**

Daily Statements from October 16<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> was reviewed and approved.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable for November 9, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of Regular meeting held November 6, 2023, were approved as corrected.  
Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Attest:

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Travis Petersilie, Chairman

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Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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