

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 11, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 11, 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 Department Chilton Miller met with Commission to discuss fencing for all air conditioning units per Risk Assessment inspection by KCAMP.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson reported tipping fees of \$225.00 from November 28th thru December 2nd. Johnson reported turnbuckles have been ordered for Bazine Bridge. Discussion on L Road project of the requirement of a surveyor & a surveyor reviewer. Work schedule for the week was presented by Johnson, sign replacement & weed eating around bridges & culverts before snow hits.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel requested authorization to apply for Department Credit Cards.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to authorize County Clerk Lori Hertel to apply for and open credit card accounts for Ness County. 2 Yays-Petersilie & Davis 1 Nay-Albers. Motion carried.

County Clerk updated Commission on the Presidential Preference Primary election to be held March 19, 2024.

ARPA Funds

Commission reviewed ARPA Fund correspondence provided by Loyd Group on reimbursement of 2023 General Fund costs.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to issue payment from ARPA Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$344,080.17.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe updated Commission of the next LEPC meeting on February 7, 2024. April 3, 2024 will be a Storm Spotter presentation at the 4H building.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular meeting held December 4, 2023, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Commission

Commission reviewed Audit contract for Year End 2023 received by Adams Brown, CPA's.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to accept contract from Adams Brown, CPA's.

Commission discussed Employee Appreciation ideas for 2023.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to again provide 8 hours of additional vacation time per employee for appreciation to employees for 2023. Available to use after January 1, 2024.

Ness County Community Development Foundation

Community Development member Joby Henning met with Commission to discuss County contribution to help secure funding for the construction of a multi-use facility.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privilege exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:10 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Gayer and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commission discussed updating the County procurement policy with Gayer.

Register of Deeds

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert updated Commission on the completion of new server installation. Server life is estimated at 5 years.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements from November 16th thru November 30th was reviewed and approved.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for December 8, 2023, was reviewed and approved by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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