

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 18, 2023

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 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.

Custodian

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison updated Commission on progress of window issues. Manufacturing personnel inspected windows to determine resolution.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular meeting held December 11, 2023, were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael met with Commission. Johnson reported tipping fees of \$120.00 from December 5th thru December 9th. 960 yards of sand was hauled from December 11th thru December 15th. Johnson presented an estimate of costs for dirt work on a possible site for daycare building. Butler presented a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since October 30, 2023. Discussion held on repair progress, and new electric box is installed. A crossing permit was approved for DaMar Resources, Inc. for a bore & conduit installation.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel presented the yearly contract for GIS Map Maintenance from Kimble Mapping, Inc.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to approve the 2024 contract from Kimble Mapping, Inc.

Commission

Commission discussed letter of support written by Derek Reinhardt for the Commission to sign in support of Grant funding on construction of a daycare.

Motion: A motion made by Albers in support of signing the letter was made. Motion died for lack of a second.

Jerry Clarke

Jerry Clarke met with Commission to discuss plans for the courtyard. Clarke offered trees that could be transplanted from his yard.

Commission

Per phone conference Kelly DesLauriers- Ness County Appraiser, in person Brandi Reinert - Ness County Register of Deeds spoke with Commission following up on the importance of updating the County's pay scale.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable. A Resolution was presented to update the County's purchasing & procedures.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2023-08 for Ness County Purchasing & Procedures.

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COUNTY**

Complete Resolution #2023-08 published and available for viewing located in the Ness County Clerk office.

Accounts Payable

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

Commission

Commission discussed implementing a longevity reward for employees in 5-year increments.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to approve this benefit as presented by County Clerk Hertel, to be implemented in first payroll of 2024, to be figured by years of service as of January 1.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel presented a bid from SecureTech Systems, Inc for security equipment required for the Election room per State mandates. Grant approval has been approved by State of Kansas for this purpose. No other bids were submitted.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to accept bid of \$1,653.00 from SecureTech Systems, Inc.

Commission

Commission spoke with Aaron Koehn, CPA per phone conference to discuss budgeting authority for 2024.

Commission will hold a 6-County quarterly meeting January 17, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Attest:

Travis Petersilie, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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