

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 29, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Mark Davis called the meeting to order with Commissioners Travis Petersilie, Dave Albers, and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 7 minutes beginning at 9:06 a.m. (Davis, Albers, and Petersilie in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:13 a.m. No action taken.

Minutes and Correspondence

Regular Meeting held January 22, 2024, was approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. Requests for After Prom Party donations were received by Western Plains High School Post-Prom committee and Ness City After Prom committee. Commission budgeted \$500.00 for each request to be donated.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson reported a tree was down on AA Road this morning, removal will be done today. Turnbuckles for Bazine bridge repair is on 6-week delay. Equipment repairs, rental tractor, weed maintenance and road condition complaints were discussed. Tipping fees were reported of \$150.00 for January 16th– 20th.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson, Mitchell and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:10 a.m. No action taken.

Ness County Old Settlers

Annetta Fellhoelter and Kim Borger are members of the Old Settlers Committee planning for the next Old Settlers Reunion to be held June 4 – 7, 2025. Future meetings with Emergency Preparedness, Law Enforcement, and Health Department will be scheduled at a later date.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe reported that Ness County's radio license has been renewed and received.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:35 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Rothe, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:45 a.m. No action taken. LEPC meeting is scheduled for February 7th, 6:00 p.m. at the Ness County Health Department. USD #303 school board contacted Rothe with concerns with county alert system Code Red. Red Cross Training for Shelter in Place situations is scheduled for February 21st at Oakley. KS133 Advance Training is rescheduled for October in Topeka.

Adds/Abate/Escapes

The following changes were made to the 2022 tax roll: Abate- Oil, \$69.00; Real Estate- \$3,138.86.

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Abate- Oil, \$161,958.20; Personal Property, \$4,588.56; Trucks, \$693.72 and Real Estate, \$4,493.40.

Commission

KCAMP Attorney Forrest Rhodes was consulted per phone conference on employee matters.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 11:17 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Mitchell, Hertel and Rhodes per phone in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:27 a.m. No action taken.

Ness County Health Department

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer presented bids for A Zoll AED Defibrillator for use in Shelter in Place location: American AED-\$1,843.00, McKesson-\$2,343.89, and AED Superstore-\$2,144.00.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve low bid from American AED of \$1,843.00 plus shipping costs. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for January 26th, Accounts Payable for January 31st, and Payroll for January 31st, 2024, was reviewed, approved and signed by Commission.

Commission

Ness County Road & Bridge/Landfill Supervisor was contacted per phone conference concerning employee matters.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, 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 12:00 p.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Hertel and Johnson by phone in executive session). Regular session resumed at 12:05 p.m. No action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Davis, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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