

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 4, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 4, 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.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Department Phil Armstrong and Chilton Miller met with Commission to discuss the County's legal obligation for no response to repeated attempts to contact property owners of untreated prairie dog colonies. Commission reviewed and signed the Noxious Weed 2024 Management Plan and the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report for 2024.

Treasurer

Ness County Treasurer Layne Wasinger spoke with Commission concerning replacing the battery backup supply for the new server. During power failure last week, it was determined that our current battery backup supply failed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to purchase APC Smart-UPS SRT 2200VA battery backup from GBT for \$1,755.97. As this was an emergency, no bids were requested.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson presented Commission of notification of project cancellation for 68 C-5200-01 by KDOT. Commission spoke with Jon Halbgewachs from Kirkham Michael per conference call, requesting explanation. Halbgewachs will investigate issue and get back to Commission. Landfill tipping fees for February 20th thru February 24th, amount of \$290.00 and 2,780 yards of sand was hauled. Road concerns were heard and addressed. Weekly work schedule was presented.

Custodian

Custodian Janelle Harrison met with Commission to discuss County courtyard. Topics covered were progress on bids for underground sprinkler system and stump grinding.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe discussed meeting with the Old Settlers Reunion Committee. Rothe is filling in as Airport Manager for a few days. The Airport is open, but currently the north end is shut down for repairs.

Minutes

Regular minutes of February 26, 2024, Commission Meeting were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. Membership dues of \$5,000.00 were received from KNRC (Kansas Natural Resource Coalition) for 2024. Overlease Spraying was contacted per conference call to discuss modifications to spray schedule for 2024.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to pay 2024 dues for KNRC.

Ness County EMS

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston spoke with Commission regarding EMS Ambulance and State regulations. Commission requested a group meeting for March 11th with both Hospital Boards and CEO's. Invites will be sent.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable. Commission consulted Attorney Gayer on legal issues.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for February 29, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission. February payroll was reviewed, approved, and signed.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements from February 16th thru 29th was reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:



Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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