

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 11, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 11, 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.

Minutes

Regular minutes of March 4, 2024, Commission Meeting were approved as presented. An estimate from Glassman Corporation was reviewed for repairs to damaged refrigerant lines on chiller that was found.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to authorize the repair. Clerk will submit damage to insurance.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson updated Commission of error from KDOT of notification of project cancellation. Project 68 C-5200-01 is still an active project. Landfill tipping fees for February 27th thru March 2, amount of \$235.00 and 1,380 yards of sand was hauled March 4 thru March 8th. Johnson reported servicing mowers and tractors prior to mowing season, hauling sand, and blading. Work schedule was reviewed, dirt fill will be addressed for airport & courtyard.

Appraiser

Ness County Appraiser Kelly Deslauriers updated Commission on Value notices mailed out March 1. Taxpayers have until March 31, 2024, to set-up a hearing to protest taxes. Deslauriers discussed temporary help while doing inspections this summer.

Adds/Abate/Escapes

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Add-Oil, \$1,654.68, Real Estate-\$9,349.58: Abate-Oil, \$3,251.78, Real Estate, \$11,838.62: Escape-Oil, \$5,109.44.

Ness County EMS

Commission discussed Ness County EMS Service and how to continue quality care with dwindling EMT and EMR volunteers. Those present: Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston, Aaron Kuehn-Hospital Dist.#2 CEO, John Nuttle-Board Chairman of Hospital Dist. #1, Cindy Berry-Board member Dist. #1, Board members Dist. #2- Travis Sutton, Nancy Witthuhn, Brent Whitley, and Cindy Hawkinson. Also present was Dennille Schweitzer-Ness County Health Department. By State statute, if a county does not have EMS service through another entity, the County is responsible for providing that service. An Advisory Board selected from both Hospital Boards was suggested to have input from both Hospitals as we restructure Ness County EMS.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer presented Commission with Ness County Public Service Scholarship fund 2024 award amount of \$4,099.66. Accounts Payable was reviewed and approved. Commission consulted Attorney Gayer on legal issues.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for March 8, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell presented Commission with a request for Shared Leave from an employee.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Attest:


Mark Davis, Chairman


Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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