

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 18, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 18, 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.

Bids

Commissioners opened bids for stump grinding of 31- 32 trees removed from Courthouse yard. Submitted bids were: J&J Tree Service-\$2,400, Wood Chucker's Tree Service-\$4,030, Jamie Hynes Tree Removal-\$2,480, and Jerry's Tree Service-\$1,375.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to award contract to Jerry's Tree Service for \$1,375.00.

Commissioners opened bid estimate for IT Services needed at the Sheriff's Office. One bid was presented from GBT-\$4,168.58.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to accept the only bid from GBT for \$4,168.58. A list of all bids is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held March 11, 2024, were approved as presented. 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. Butler presented a recap of Kirkham Michael activities since February 26, 2024. Landfill tipping fees for March 5 thru March 9, amount of \$350.00. 140 yards of dirt and 1,520 yards of sand was hauled March 11 thru March 15. Commission discussed with Butler cost-share application with Trego County for KDOT funds for OS 101 replacement. Johnson updated Commission on request from City of Bazine for help with clean-up day and tipping fees waived, May 8, 2024.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to waive tipping fees for City of Bazine on May 8th.

Commission approved crossing permit submitted by Dianne and Jared Delaney for a waterway to be installed. Fuel bids were presented as follows: Nusser Fuels-\$20,320.00, Midland Marketing-\$20,671.55, and AV Energy-\$21,032.50.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to accept Nusser Fuels bid for \$20,320.00. A list of all bids is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe presented minutes of LEPC Meeting held March 13, 2024. Rothe updated Commission on electrical issues in the Noxious Weed building.

Register of Deeds

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert spoke with Commission on purchasing guidelines for departments.

Ness County EMS

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston discussed questions present on the State EMS application. The deadline to submit report is the end of April. Clouston reported that the Ransom ambulance will be checked for outdates and restocked soon, pending the upcoming annual State inspection.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer provided information as well as Aaron Koehn, CPA per phone conference, on funding for County-wide Emergency Medical Services. Accounts Payable was reviewed and approved.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for March 15, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell informed Commission of receiving a letter of resignation from Sargent Jose Sandaval effective March 22, 2024.

Daily Statement

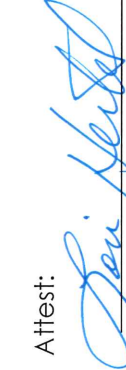
Daily Statements from March 1st thru 15th was reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.



Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:



Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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