

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 1, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Mark Davis called the meeting to order with Commissioner Dave Albers, and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Bids

Commissioners opened bids submitted for installation of Irrigation system within the Courthouse yard. Submitted bids were: JS Sprinkler Service-full property \$81,210 less parkways \$45,340; Western Irrigation-full property \$125,758.93 less parkways \$101,184.81; G&H WorX, LLC-\$29,847.77 less parkways only.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to award irrigation installation to H&H WorX, LLC for \$29, 847.77. A list of all bids is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Travis Petersilie joined meeting at 9:15

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson met with Commission. Landfill tipping fees for March 19 thru March 23, amount of \$635.00. Johnson submitted bid sheet for tractor replacement. No bids were submitted for used tractor per bid sheet. Discussion on tractor rental or purchase was discussed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to purchase the 2022 government rental John Deere 6145M tractor for \$139,500. Albers and Davis yay, Petersilie nay.

Sprayer units for spraying around bridges and signs are being completed this week. Three will be available for use this summer. Discussion on repairs needed, weekly work schedule, and grader tracking pros and cons.

Minutes

Minutes of Canvass meeting held March 25, 2024, and Regular meeting held March 25, 2024, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

City On A Hill

Erica Ortega of City On A Hill presented a request for Ness County Commission to include funding in 2025 budget, to help support their outpatient/inpatient programs for treatment of alcohol and drug addiction.

Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

Don Rivera Development Director from Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center presented information on services provided and the importance of services to children impacted. Rivera requested that Ness County Commission continue their support through the yearly appropriations given in the past for the upcoming budget year.

Ness County Health Department and Ness County EMS

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer, and Sheridan Schaben spoke with Commission on a County-wide Community Needs Assessment that is required by State. By combining with both hospitals and County, the cost can be paid for with Grant funds. Kathy Clouston from Ness County EMS, Frank Safrit-Grisell Hospital CEO and Bridget Tillison from Grisell Hospital joined Commission meeting to discuss billing details, ambulance garage upkeep, and questions regarding working together Countywide.

Accounts Payable

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

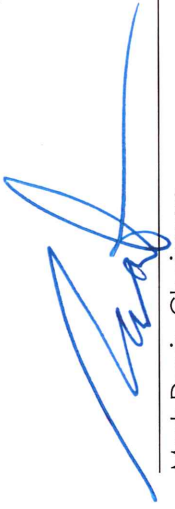
Commission

A conference call to Aaron Koehn, CPA was made to discuss budget authority for 2024, and questions on 2025 budget preparation.

Daily Statement

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.



Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:



Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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