

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 15, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Mark Davis called the meeting to order with Commissioner Dave Albers, Travis Petersilie and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular meeting held April 8, 2024, were approved as corrected. Correspondence and Payment under protest application was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Adds/Abate/Escapes**

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Personal Property: Abate \$418.72. The following changes were made to the 2022 tax roll: Oil- Abate \$756.30.

**Custodian**

Commission discussed concrete replacement project with Custodian Tina Harrison. Map with details was reviewed for bid request to be written.

**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 March 18, 2024. Landfill tipping fees for April 1 thru April 5, amount of \$390.00. Johnson presented the weekly work schedule. Turnbuckles for Bazine bridge were shipped, road concerns were discussed. Bridge conditions and grants available were reviewed. Bids were received on tractor mowers from: BTI JD FC15R - \$24,500.00 with \$7,000.00 trade-in, Carrico Land Pride RCM5715 - \$33,000.00 with \$6,000.00 trade-in.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to purchase the JD FC15R mower with trade-in from BTI for \$24,500.00. A list of all bids is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

**Commission**

Commission discussed the monthly County allocation designated for ambulance services for Grisell Hospital and Ness County Hospital.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted to adjust monthly payments to 1/3 and 2/3 of approved amounts, to reflect the amount of call time used by each facility.

**Appraiser**

Ness County Appraiser Kelly DesLauriers spoke with Commission regarding panic button installation, department head meetings, and County drug testing policy.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer presented a resolution for funding of county-wide EMS services to be reviewed.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution # 2024-03, for the purpose of funding EMS services in Ness County. Gayer addressed Commissioner questions concerning County drug testing policy. Accounts Payable for April 12<sup>th</sup> was reviewed and approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

**A RESOLUTION LEVYING UP TO 5 MILLS ON ALL TANGIBLE PROPERTY  
WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING EMS  
SERVICES IN NESS COUNTY, KANSAS**

**NOW**, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas, met in regular session.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NESS COUNTY, KANSAS**, that the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS, K.S.A. § 65-6113**, et seq., and amendments thereto, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of the county to levy taxes on all of the taxable tangible property within Ness County to establish, operate and maintain emergency medical services or ambulance services within Ness County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas, has determined that in the best interest of Ness County to create and maintain funding through tax levy for EMS services provided in Ness County, Kansas or other services as deemed appropriate to support and fund EMS services; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NESS COUNTY, KANSAS:**

**Section 1:** The Board of Ness County Commissioners hereby levy such tax and order that such tax shall take effect on the 2025 tax role, to continue as prescribed by law subject to all applicable state laws.

**Section 2:** Should any section, sentence or clause of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this Resolution.

**Section 5:** This resolution shall take effect upon publication in the official county newspaper.

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED** to at the Ness County Courthouse in Ness City, Kansas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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**Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable for April 12, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**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 5 minutes beginning at 10:49 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:54 a.m. No action taken.

**ARPA Funds**

County Clerk Lori Hertel presented Commission with the April 30, 2024, Project and Expenditure Tracking Summary report for ARPA (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds). Commission reviewed, approved and signed report for submission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

  
Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:  
  
Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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