

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 22, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 22, 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.

**Grisell Hospital**

Grisell Hospital CEO Frank Safrit, CFO Jill Stade, and HR Director Bridget Tillitson met with Commission to present EMS financials for the last 4 years. Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston joined Commission meeting. Discussion was held concerning billing of EMS runs, ambulance garage lease or rental possibilities, and pay of volunteers. Undersheriff Patrick Zippitelli joined the meeting.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson met with Commission. Landfill tipping fees for April 9 thru April 13, amount of \$255.00 & 240 yards of dirt was hauled. Discussion on bridges, repair costs, priority of repairs, and options to look at. Johnson presented the weekly work schedule. Johnson was contacted by NextEra Windfarms concerning the haul route for improvements to turbines located in Ness County scheduled for 2025. NextEra has contacted Ness County's engineer, Kirkham Michael LLC, for survey prior to start of repairs.

**High Plains Mental Health Center**

Craig Poe, Kaley Conner, and Pam Pavlu, with High Plains Mental Health Center met with Commission to discuss grants, funding, and services. Poe presented the annual report to Commission. Poe explained how the requested funding amount is calculated, with High Plains requesting \$19,679.19 in appropriations from Ness County for the 2025 budget year. Currently the county provides more than what is requested. Staffing was discussed.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular meeting held April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Ness County EMS**

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston returned with information requested by Commission. Discussion on director description, billing options, and call-time pay.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable for April 19, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

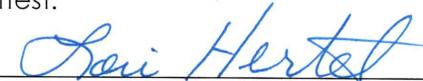
**Commission**

**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 1:10 p.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m. No action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

  
Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:

  
Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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