

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
May 20, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 20, 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 May 13, 2024, were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Bids**

Commissioners continued discussion on bids for concrete replacement of sidewalks and driveway of the Courthouse. Commission requested and reviewed clarifications on submitted bids.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to accept bid from Diamante Construction for \$72,202.00. A list of all quotes is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael presented a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since April 15, 2024. Johnson reported landfill fees for May 7 thru May 11 of \$230.00. Weekly work schedule was presented. Mower and rental tractor have been delivered.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe spoke of upcoming training for KS133 Advanced Exercise Evaluation of Training November 19-22, 2024. Homeland security has cut their funding by 10%. Next LEPC meeting is set for July 24, 2024, to review Incident Command.

**County Clerk**

County Clerk Lori Hertel updated Commission on upcoming Safety Training on emails/internet presented by Nex-Tech free of charge on June 27, 2024.

**Ness County Conservation District**

Kira Pfannenstiel, District Manager of Ness County Conservation District presented Commission with a budget request for year 2025. The State of Kansas will contribute 2 to 1 ratio if the annual amount allocated to Conservation Districts by the Board of County Commissioners is \$25,000 or more. Information on services and aid given by Ness County Conservation to landowners and the benefits that Ness County receives was discussed.

**Old Settlers Reunion**

Annetta Fellhoelter with The Old Settlers Reunion Committee met with Commission to touch base on use of the County courtyard in 2025. Discussion on yard work improvements and use of the courtyard. The Committee will keep in contact with Commission as their plans are formed.

**Ness County EMS**

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston met with Commission to discuss Advisory Board appointments, average runs per month for North and South EMS, payment of call time, and radio shortage. Clouston spoke of National EMS week May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> and commented that it has been 49 years of EMS service in Ness County.

**Attorney**

Accounts Payable questions by Commission were addressed by Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer, who then reviewed and approved Accounts Payable.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable for May 17, 2024, was reviewed and approved, with the exception of check # 66806- amount of \$238.00. This is to be held until verifying if amount is owed.

**City of Ness City**

Ness City Mayor Ann Kuhlman met with Commission and Ness County Attorney Gayer to discuss the Airport contract. Topics of discussion was billing, budgeting, and contract agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

  
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Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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