

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Board Chair Gail Klaassen calls meeting to order at 2:00 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Gail Klaassen
- Commissioner Nicholas Galemore
- Commissioner Paul Westhoff

Others Present:

- County Clerk Heather Elsworth
- Commission Counselor Bret Heim
- 911 Director Lori Nally
- Appraiser Tohnjua Stipp
- Health Department Director Teresa Starr
- Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown

INVOCATION

The invocation is given by Stan Basler

AGENDA

Add Lori Nally, 911 Director to the Department Head Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan Basler, chair of Neosho ridge wind farm advisory committee provides an update.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is used to approve non-controversial or routine matters by a single motion and vote. The Consent Agenda consists of the following:

- Minutes from 05/02/2023

Commissioner Klaassen requests to hold discussion about the 05/02/2023 Minutes after the Department Heads.

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

KATHY BRENNON, Executive Director for South East Kansas Area Agency on Aging – Funding request and proclamation – Older American’s Month. Requests the commission to sign a proclamation for the month of May. Requests \$40,000 in 2024. They received \$25,000 in 2023. \$15,000 (60%) increase.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to approved the proclamation for Older Americans for the Month of May. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Jerry Talent wants to join the board for the South East Kansas Area Agency on Aging. Currently there are 2 board members for each county. The other Board member is Thad Clements.

Commissioner Galemore moves to appoint Jerry Talent to the Board of Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

TOM PARKER – Bridge/culvert on 150th Rd Chanute/Earlton – Mr. Parker shares his concerns/disappointment by the lack of completion to the culvert, worries the job will be done incorrectly.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

TOHNJUA STIPP/ APPRAISER – Presents a Disaster Relief Application for consideration. Abstract values will be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

Mrs. Stipp presents a Disaster Relief Application from Ethan and Haley Kepley for damage to their grain bins.

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve a Disaster Relief Application for Ethan and Haley Kepley at 7320 Hwy 39, Chanute KS 66720. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd Motion passes 3-0

Mrs. Stipp presents a Disaster Relief Application from Naff LLC.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to approve a Disaster Relief application for Sharp and Naff LLC at 29 West Main, Chanute KS. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

TERESA STARR/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR – Training Request in Salina.

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve training request for Paula Roberts from the Health Department to attend the 2023 Immunization Conference in Salina KS. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

LORI NALLY/ 911 DIRECTOR – Requests an executive session.

2:49 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding 911 for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, and 911 Director Lori Nally to resume in the Commission Room at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

3:00 pm Back in session. No action taken.

MIKE BROWN/ ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR – Department Updates.

Commission is agreeable to allow overtime for employees as needed for mowing county ditches.

Mr. Brown provides a quote for an air emissions test at the quarry.

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve the quote from ECS to administer a New Source Performance Standard air emission test provided by ECS, Joseph Nasserri for the quarry in the amount of \$3,300.00 Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moves to approve a vacation request for Mike Brown in the month of June. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

3:19 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding Road & Bridge for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, HR/Clerk Heather Elsworth and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown to resume in the Commission Room at 3:30 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

3:28 pm Back in Session. No action taken.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Changes to Minutes suggested.

Commissioner Klaassen rescinds her vote from 05/02/2023 minutes and rescinds her 2nd to the Heckert motion made by Commissioner Galemore.

Klaassen rescinds her rescind.

Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda and are pending requested changes.

Procurement Policy – discussion.

4:32 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding potential litigation for 5 minutes to include the Commission and Commission Counselor Bret Heim to resume in the Commission Room at 4:40 pm. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

4:42 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Budget Discussion & Work Session Schedule – discussion.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION NEW BUSINESS

County Indigent Representation Agreements – Commission Counselor Bret Heim provides a copy of an existing contract from Brian Duncan as an example. Mr. Heim explains all that is involved with Indigent Representation; processes and the complexity of costs.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to update the current Indigent Representation Services contracts for Mr. Griebat to an increase of \$1000 and Mr. Clover to an increase of \$500 for the next 2 months (May & June 2023). Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen would like to look at regulations regarding solar farms, possibly a moratorium like the one in place for wind farms.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 2 pm with a work session at 1 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to discuss, Commissioner Westhoff moves to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.



Commission Chair, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth