

Neosho County Commission Minutes

Regular Session

06/13/2023

Commission Room in the Neosho County Courthouse

100 S. Main

Erie, KS 66722

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

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

INVOCATION

The invocation is given by Commissioner, Paul Westhoff

AGENDA

No additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hal Jones, Chanute KS – Mr. Jones is requesting an extension on his Neighborhood Revitalization Program due to finishing work on inside house and brick exterior is unfinished.

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve Hal Jones Neighborhood Revitalization Program for his 4th extension in a term of 3 months, providing that Mr. Jones provides the appraiser with the necessary receipts. Address 4132 S. Katy Road, Chanute KS 66720. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

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:

- Accounts Payable in the amount of \$145,925.56
- Payroll Clearing from 6/06/2023 in the amount of \$79,396.37
- Payroll Clearing from 6/8/2023 in the amount of \$183,960.76
- Payroll Clearing from 6/9/2023 in the amount of \$182,966.83

Commissioner Klaassen moves to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

NONE

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

GREG TAYLOR, SHERIFF – Requests a 15-minute executive session request.

2:12 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss matters relating to security measures, regarding Sheriff's Department for 15 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, and Sheriff Taylor to resume in the Commission Room at 2:30 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

2:30 pm Back in session. No action taken.

DAVID BURNETT, MAINTENANCE – Mr. Burnett provides 2 quotes to repair the Erie Courthouse elevator, he is waiting on a 3rd quote to arrive. The Commission would like to see all 3 quotes for comparison before a decision is made.

The Appraiser's office has retired a Chevy Trailblazer, which is still operable. Mr. Burnett requests that the custodian use it to drive from one county facility to another, but the Trailblazer will be parked at county courthouse at end of day every day. After further discussion, Commission is agreeable to allow the custodian from the Maintenance Department to use the Trailblazer.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to transfer the 2008 silver Trailblazer from the Appraiser's Department to the Maintenance Department; VIN 1GNDT13S982255961. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Commission is agreeable to hire part-time summer help for the Maintenance Department. Commissioner Klaassen wants Mr. Burnett to co-ordinate with HR to make sure they stay under so many hours for seasonal.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to approve the following leave requests forms for David Burnett-

- 6/5/2023 - 2 hours comp time
- 6/8/2023 - 5 hours sick leave
- 6/12/2023 – 1 hour comp time
- 10 hours comp time to be used rest of June

Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

DEKON STRICKLAND, NOXIOUS WEED – Requests for the consideration to add Cut-Leaf Teasel to the Neosho County list of recognized County noxious weeds.

Commissioner Galemore moves to adopt the County Option Noxious Weed Declaration. The Neosho County Board of County Commissioners hereby requests of the Secretary of Agriculture, approval to declare Cut-Leaf Teasel as a Neosho County Noxious Weed and approve the official

methods for the control and eradication of common Teasel. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

TOHNJUA STIPP, APPRAISER – Adam Harris requests approval for a Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Program application for Adam Harris at 5704 US Hwy 59, Parsons KS 67357 for \$250,000. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

2:55 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding Appraiser's Department for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, HR Director Heather Elsworth, and Appraiser Tohnjua Stipp to resume in the Commission Room at 3:05 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

3:05 pm Back in session. No action taken.

MIKE BROWN, ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR –

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve the contract from KDOT; Project Agreement 067C-5209-01 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program Bridge Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Neosho County, Kansas. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moves to approve the contract from CFS Engineers; Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Services Replacement Bridge No. 67 C-5209-01 NE ¼ Sec. 4, T27S, R18E Neosho County, Kansas in the amount of \$29,750 as presented by Mr. Brown to be paid from Fund 102 – Special Bridge. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Commission is agreeable for Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown to sign agreement from CFS.

Commissioner Galemore moves to rescind the motion for Bill George to complete the debris removal from the County Storage Yard on Rooks Road. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moves to approve the contract with Jesse Daniels, Daniels Trucking LLC for debris removal including concrete, rebar, and other scrap materials at the County Storage Yard on Rooks Road. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

The Commission may have a quorum on June 15, 2023 at 10 am on the North Elk Rd Bridge but no official business will be conducted.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4:06 pm Commissioner Klaassen moves to recess into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding a variety of issues for 20 minutes to include the Commission, and Commission Counselor Bret Heim to resume in the Commission Room at 4:25 pm with a break to follow. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0

4:36 pm Back in session.

Commissioner Klaassen moves to pay invoices from Reynold Law Firm out of Fort Scott on outstanding invoices for David Clark in the role of Deputy County Attorney in the amount of \$15,063.79 to be paid from County Attorneys Diversion Contractual budget. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passes. 2-1 Galemore opposed.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION NEW BUSINESS

The Commission will meet again on Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

The Commission will have a budget work session with the County Department Heads on Thursday June 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

Erie Reunion ½ day is July 14, 2023. All offices in the Erie Courthouse will close at noon July 14, 2023.

Employee of the month for June 2023 is Courtney Driskel from the Maintenance Department.

ADJOURNMENT


With no more business to discuss, Commissioner Westhoff moves to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passes. 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.




Commission Chair, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



Commission Member, Nicholas Galemore



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth