

Neosho County Commission Minutes
Outside Entities Budget Work Session 1
Tuesday June 13, 2023
Commission Room in the Neosho County Courthouse
100 S. Main
Erie, KS 66722

WORK SESSION

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met for a Work Session at 10:00 am to discuss Outside Entity Budget Proposals.

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Board Chair Gail Klaassen opens the session at 10:00 am.

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

- County Clerk Heather Elsworth

10:00 am – SEK MENTAL HEALTH - Nathan Fawson, Chief Executive Officer and Joe Springer Chief Financial Officer, presented a copy of budget. Provides the following services – Outpatient Therapy, School Based Therapy, Substance Use/Addictions, Crisis Intervention, Psychiatric/Medication Management, Community Support and Groups. Treatments include Depression, Anxiety, Anger, Marital Conflict, Mood Disorders, Trauma Care, Substance Use, Impulse Control, Personality, OCD, Psychotic Disorder, PTSD, and More. Requests \$161,554 for 2024. They received \$109,000 in 2023. \$52,554 (48%) increase.

10:25 am – NEOSHO COUNTY FAIRBOARD – Kathy Brazle, Treasurer requests per statute \$12,600 for 2024. These funds provide premiums to the 4H Exhibitors, Judges, Ribbons, and awards. They received \$12,600 in 2023. No change.

10:35 am – CORONER, Rick Brock – Requests \$35,000 for 2024. They received \$35,000 in 2023. No change.

10:45 am – OSAGE MISSION MUSEUM - Jolene Born, Treasurer – Provides the following services – Services, Artifacts (records, display, clean, and preserve) Educational Tours and Talks, School Kids Programs (Bingo, Coloring Books, and Search/Find activities when visiting museum), Rental of the Building, and Community Service. Requests \$20,000 for 2024. They received \$10,000 in 2023. \$10,000 (100%) increase.

11:00 am – SEK CAP (Southeast Kansas Community Action Program) Scott Christiansen, Transportation Director – Services provide rides to anyone within the counties of Crawford and Neosho. They operate several demand responsive services in those areas. The requested donation is \$2.00; however, no one is refused service for lack of payment. They provide rides to

all ages for any need of transportation; health care appointments, groceries, etc. Requests matching funds that cover 30% of operating costs in the amount of \$16,364 for 2024. They received \$16,364 in 2023. No change.

11:10 am – NEOSHO COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Joyce Kramer, District Manager and Joe Harris, Chairman. The Conservation District has the following programs: financial assistance, such as Cost-Share, Water Resources, and Non-Point Source administered by Conservation District projects as Pasture and Rangeland Management, Erosion Sediment Control, Soil Health, Riparian Area Protection, Nutrient Management, Wetland Development/Restoration. Requests \$25,000 for 2024. They received \$25,000 in 2023. No change.

11:15 am – ERIE HISTORICAL MUSEUM – Pat Lock, president. The museum objectives of the organization are to preserve the history of Erie and surrounding communities. The Museum has grown and needs expansion to provide services to the community. Requests \$3,500 for 2024. They received \$6,500 in 2023. \$3,000 (46%) decrease.

11:20 am – NEOSHO COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING (NCAAA) – Charles Warren, president. The services provided are a place for elderly residents to congregate and have activities for their betterment. They provide centers in Chanute, Erie, Thayer, and St. Paul for residents to have meetings, activities, exercise, and other recreation. They are funded completely by Neosho County. Requests \$51,500 for 2024. They received \$51,500 in 2023. No change.

11:25 am – MARTIN & OSA JOHNSON SAFARI MUSEUM – Conrad Froehlich, museum director. The funding from Neosho County helps serve area families and visitors from across the U.S. generating tourism income for county businesses. Importantly it allows the museum's award-winning exhibits and programs to be open for all throughout the year. Requests \$20,000 for 2024. They received \$10,000 in 2023. \$10,000 (100%) increase.

11:33 am – TRI-VALLEY – Bill Fiscus, Chief Executive Officer – Mission is to offer a wide range of service choices and provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to achieve the quality of community life they seek. TRI-Valley contracts with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Supports and services are also licensed by KDADS. They serve Neosho, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Wilson, Chautauqua, and Greenwood. Requests \$70,000 for 2024. They received \$65,000 in 2023. \$5,000 (8%) increase.

11:40 am – NEOSHO COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY – Ken Kraxberger, sextant. This is a County Cemetery and is paid from County General – typically costs county \$10,000 to maintain. Request pending quote to repair cemetery sign. They received \$12,100 in 2023.

11:50 am – SEK JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER – Michael Walden, executive director. The facility is dedicated to the redirection of misplaced youth, who pass through those doors and leave in search of a brighter service. They provide onsite medical care, library services, religious services, recreational activities, visitation, phone services, evening group sessions with a social worker, and educational services (with a regular school year and 8-week summer school program) They are currently working with Community Health Centers of Southeast Kansas to provide psychotropic oversight and psychotropic medications for youth already prescribed those

medications. We have also partnered with Crawford County Mental Health Services for individual mental health needs. Requests \$89,124 for 2024. They received \$101,246 for 2023.

12:00 pm – SEK RPC (Regional Planning Commission)- Matthew Godinez. They provide certification in the various CDBG grant/loan programs. Staff can help develop projects, including sidewalks, non-profit childcare and early education facilities, youth job training programs, water, and sewer improvements, and more. Grant writing services are offered to member counties at no charge by SEKRPC. Requests dues in the amount of \$4,876.80 for 2024. They received \$4,877 in 2023. No change.

12:10 pm – CRDA (Chanute Regional Development Authority) – Matthew Godinez, executive director. They are exhausting every effort to stay ahead of continuous change in the Economic Development landscape and what is required of Economic Development Organizations in 2023 and beyond. These include but are not limited to Productive Use of Resources, Advancing Private Enterprise, Creating High Quality Jobs, and Broadening the Tax Base. Requests \$20,000 for 2024. They received \$20,000 in 2023. No change.


Commission Board Chair Gail Klaassen closes the session at 12:23 pm.




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ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth