

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on July 25, 2022, in the County Commissioner's room. Present were Commissioners Roger Allen, Dale Pickel and Kurt Ifland. Also present were Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and Mitch Fritz, Road Supervisor.

Commissioners approved the agenda for the July 25, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the July 18, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Fritz stated the road department would like to look into changing the signage install throughout the county. Fritz shared with the Commissioners a Skidril G23b 2 cycle engine breaker/post driver for \$3,880.00. This will allow the road department employees to utilize the 911 posts rather than the 4x4 hand driven posts. This breaker/driver comes with a breaker bar that will assist with driving through rock. Fritz will continue doing research on hydraulic vs. pneumatic drivers.
2. Ifland asked about the cylinder for the tree mulcher. Fritz stated he got an update last week that it is on back order, but he at least has a tracking number on the assembly line.
3. Fritz stated the Purple Wave Auction has opened for the items for sale at the road department.

Commissioners approved voucher #10056-#10106 for the following:

General	\$10,032.23
Road & Bridge	\$46,567.25
Noxious Weed	\$ 94.48
Health	\$ 2,508.29
Appraiser	\$ 82.60
EMS Grant/Memorial	\$ 300.00
Solid Waste	\$ 2,918.33
EMS	\$ 3,640.89
Special Bridge Fund	\$40,000.00
Health Care Sales Tax	\$24,775.89
Next Gen. E911	\$ 2,656.51
Sheriff VIN Fund	\$ 772.29
TOTAL	\$134,348.76

Fritz left the meeting.

Eastes discussed the following:

1. BG&S Transmission will be here this week to pick up the ambulance unit to take to Grand Island, NE for repairs.

Eastes left the meeting.

ElDean Holthus joined the meeting as a citizen of Smith County and as a member of the Gardner Wellness Center. Holthus visited with the Commissioners about the future of the Wellness Center. Holthus asked the Commissioners if there is a consideration to sell the Wellness Center. The Commissioners stated there is consideration to sell the Wellness Center. Holthus stated he would like the Commissioners to be able to explain that is in the best interest of the citizens of this county to close the Wellness Center when they make their decision.

Holthus left the meeting.

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Kristy Stewart joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Stewart stated there are a few COVID cases in Smith County.
2. Stewart stated she will be out of the office on Thursday, July 28 for appointments.
3. Stewart reported she has 3 applications for the registered nurse position so far.

Stewart left the meeting.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to appoint Robin Billings to the Northwest Fairview Cemetery District #7. Motion carried unanimously.

Maxwell shared the funding received from the State of Kansas for the Emergency Management Pass Through Grant of \$11,976.00.

Commissioners reviewed the mail. The Northwest Kansas County Commissioners and Highway Officials Association will have their fall meeting on September 14, 2022, in Hill City at the Graham County fairgrounds. Maxwell will also share the invitation with Mitch Fritz.

Maxwell visited with the Commissioners about paying for the maintenance agreement for the generator at the County Emergency Operation Center at Smith Center High School.

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Ifland to reimburse USD#237 for the generator maintenance of \$3600.00 per year for 3 years, beginning 2022. Motion carried unanimously.


Chris Jones joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Jones is rained out for today, but he has been spraying the highways to fulfill the KDOT contract.
2. Ifland asked about the sewage smell in the noxious weed building. Jones stated he will contact Tracy Kingsbury about the issue, but it usually appears when the air conditioner is running.

Jones left the meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the hours of the road and bridge department and secretarial position. Commissioner Pickel will visit with Tami Woods about the schedule, and she will have the option to work 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., which is the same as the rest of the road department or 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., which is the same as the courthouse schedule. This change will take place immediately.

As there was no further business, the official meeting was adjourned.




Dale E. Pickel, Chairman



Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Roger Allen, Member

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.