

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
July 29, 2024

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on July 29, 2024, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Dale Pickel and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, and Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the regular meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 7/22/2024 regular meeting minutes and 7/25/2024 special meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to approve the 7/29/2024 agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved payroll #16 for \$135,686.74.

The commissioners approved voucher #13282-#13284 for the following accounts:

Payroll Clearing	\$809.09
TOTAL	\$809.09

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed 230 Rd and Hwy 281. At this intersection on the East side of the roadway the materials run into the highway.
2. Ifland discussed 230 Rd between L Rd and M Rd. This tube issue needs to be addressed.
3. Gwennap asked about the Rob Rietz project. Story stated they went and looked at the issue and have a plan to temporarily fix the problem.
4. Ifland asked about the progress on the rock list. Story shared the plan for the week and the plans to get back to the rock list.
5. Story stated they had a semi blow an air tank last Friday afternoon. The crew is working on fixing it this morning.

Gary Nonamaker joined the meeting.

6. Gwennap stated he drove on U Rd between 10 Rd and 30 Rd, it is in great shape and is ready for gravel.
7. Gwennap stated rock is needed on O Rd from 160 Rd to 130 Rd and 130 Rd between O Rd and N Rd. Ifland also stated while they are in the area look at M Rd between 140 Rd and 130 Rd.

Cameron Religo joined the meeting.

8. Gwennap asked how the service records are kept at the road department. Story stated there are not any service logs, but there are service documents in the equipment. Story stated there aren't any simple maintenance records, as that is the job of the operator.

Nonamaker visited with the commissioners about some trees that are extremely large and overhanging the roadway at 265 Rd between B Rd and C Rd. The commissioners approved Nonamaker contacting Buzz Rice to have the trees trimmed to allow equipment through the area.

Nonamaker left the meeting.

9. Story shared with the commissioners that he preformed an interview with Religo. Story stated Religo has some knowledge of tools. Religo has does not have any experience in heavy equipment, but he is willing to learn. Story stated he would like to start Religo in the mower and move to other equipment after mowing season. The commissioners asked Religo his goals and experiences. The commissioners gave Travis Story authority to use his discretion and hire Religo

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if he is comfortable.

Religo left the meeting.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting.

10. Story discussed the 2010 Kenworth. Story stated the last 2 oil samples show high iron which indicates piston wear. Story also shared quotes for engine replacement from American Rig & Auto for \$39,780.05 for an aftermarket long block engine, \$51,353.53 for a Cummins ISX long block engine and \$64,899.02 for a Cummins ISX Complete Assembly. The commissioners asked Story to reach out to I-70 truck repair for a quote and Fleet Pride for a quote.
11. Story also shared a quote for a 2025 Kenworth T880 from MHC for \$172,258.00 and a quote for a 2025 Kenworth T880 from French Ellison Truck Center for \$180,600.00.
12. Story visited with the commissioners about who to contact for an estimate on the roof replacement at the shop. The commissioners encouraged Story to contact Billy Davis Construction and Shellito Roofing for estimates.
13. Story visited with the commissioners about the pickups they have found to replace the hail damaged vehicles. Story has 3 pickups spoken for and they are in 3 different states. Currently the wait time for delivery is approximately 1 month. The commissioners asked Story to contact some private companies for cost and delivery timeframes.

Story left the meeting.

Allen discussed the following:

1. Allen stated they have been cleaning up between the buildings and adding rock to the area.
2. Allen stated he also checked on the scraper and the air conditioner repair. The scraper is torn apart, and all the parts have been ordered to fix the air conditioner.
3. The commissioners encouraged Allen to remain on top of service maintenance of equipment. Allen stated he had a conversation last week with Jarrod Behrends and asked him to become the record custodian at the landfill.

Allen left the meeting.

Edith McClain, Denise Marcum, Bonnie Slavik and Terry Bohm with the CVB board joined the meeting. McClain shared with the commissioners the budget of the CVB board. The CVB board also explained the diminishing revenue is mainly due to the status changes of the local hotels. There are a few Airbnb locations in Smith County that are registered and are contributing to the revenue of the Guest Tax. The CVB board recommends to the commissioners to continue the billboard lease with Paul Rapa for the 2024-2025 year. McClain asked if the Chamber Dues have been paid. Maxwell shared they will have to check with the clerk's office as she does not have access to the software in the meeting.

McClain, Marcum, Slavik and Bohm left the meeting.

Brittany Overmiller and Alaina Hughes joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Overmiller stated the Medicare revalidation was approved.
2. Hughes shared Julie Cole passed the CNA course last week. Overmiller stated she will be taking Home Health Aid training.
3. Hughes stated they certified 11 people following the Youth Mental Health First Aid training last week.
4. Hughes stated the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition will be visiting Smith County soon.
5. Overmiller stated the National Night Out will be held on August 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 10:34 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Brittany Overmiller, Alaina Hughes and Ashley Maxwell. No

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action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

Hughes and Overmiller left the meeting.

The commissioners discussed the agreement with Jewell County. The agreement is for Jewell County to assist with dispatching services and Smith County will reimburse Jewell County \$20.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the contract with Jewell County. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Pennington, Melissa Colby, Alaina Hughes and Keith Wangerin representing the Strategic Planning Committee along with Maxwell joined the meeting.

Maxwell shared with the commissioners the committee will begin working on partnerships with the cities within the County.

Travis Conaway joined the meeting.

Currently, there has been some partnering with the City of Smith Center. The commissioners stated an equipment mutual aid agreement would be a good place to start. Currently the health department does flu clinics in Lebanon, Smith Center, Kensington and Gaylord. Pennington suggested the possibility of doing blood pressure checks at the same time the flu clinics are held.

Travis Story joined the meeting.

Maxwell also shared with the commissioners that the committee would also be interested in Employee Evaluation training taught by Wichita State University. The cost for the training is \$4500.00 plus mileage and hotel fees. This training would allow 25-30 people to attend. The commissioners are in favor of moving forward with the training.

Wangerin, Pennington, Story, Colby, Hughes, and Conaway left the meeting.

Adam Ifland, Risa Overmiller and Sandra Wick joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Overmiller discussed the janitorial services at the National Guard Armory. Overmiller stated her and Sandra Wick met with Chaz Crawford and Sergeant Breon. An agreement was reached between both parties.

Ifland, Overmiller and Wick left the meeting.

At 12:09 p.m. a motion was made by Pickel and seconded by Gwennap to recess until 1:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:15 p.m. the commissioners and Maxwell viewed the following roads:

M Rd between Hwy 36 & 190 Rd
190 Rd between M Rd and C Rd
C Rd between 190 Rd and 280 Rd
280 Rd between C Rd and D Rd
L Rd between Hwy 9 & 190 Rd

At 3:00 p.m. the commissioners and Maxwell returned to the courthouse.

Pickel left the meeting.

Ifland and Gwennap discussed the dispatching schedule and communicated with Jewell County a start

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date for them to assist Smith County.

Pickel rejoined the meeting.

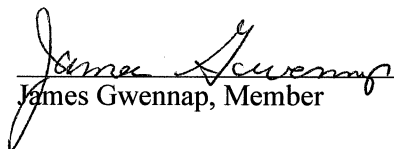
At 4:13 p.m. the commissioners and Maxwell met at the Communications Center with Allen Lanus, Kent Levin and Kodie Bixler. The commissioners expressed their appreciation for their work and dedication to Smith County.

The commissioners also informed the dispatchers of the agreement with Jewell County. Lanus suggested having those individuals come train the next two days (7/30/2024 & 7/31/2024). The schedule would then be filled by those individuals. The commissioners explained that at this time, Jewell County would cover the day shift and the board would continue to advertise the open positions. The commissioners also asked the dispatchers if there were any concerns with the individuals from Jewell County that those concerns be brought to the board. Also, if there are any other concerns, contact the board as well.

At 4:48 p.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.



Kurt Ifland, Chairman




James Gwennap, Member



Dale E. Pickel, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk

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

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