

At this time, Allen is not in favor of doing anything more for uniforms. Ifland asked Pickel his opinion of the clothing allowance. Pickel stated he asked Blake Ifland to find out how many people would be interested in uniforms. K. Ifland stated Blake Ifland is going through many pairs of jeans unlike anyone else throughout the county due to his position as a mechanic.

Kelly Lyon joined the meeting. Lyon visited with the Commissioners about the current situation with the Wellness Center and the old hospital. Lyon stated he read the newspaper and it states that bids are being accepted for demolition. The Commissioners informed Lyon that at this time, they have not requested bids for demolition. The Commissioners also informed Lyon that the county is required have a structural engineer and architect to move forward with demolition. Lyon left the meeting.

Eastes discussed the following:

1. Eastes presented the Commissioners with the monthly statistics for August. EMS had a total of 61 calls.
2. Eastes reported the unit being repaired by BG&S Transmission will be back in service on Sept. 9, 2022.
3. Pickel asked Eastes about the new washing machine. Eastes stated it is operational and he has trained the employees on its operations.

Eastes left the meeting.

K. Ifland continued the discussion for uniforms or at least jeans for the mechanic position. Allen stated he understands the toll it takes on a wash machine. Maxwell stated she received a phone call from B. Ifland last week about the possibility of a payroll withholding for uniforms and the possibility of paying for the jeans himself, but having it billed through the county. Maxwell informed B. Ifland that currently the county doesn't have a policy allowing the payroll withholding and unless the county was participating in the cost share of uniforms, he could not have the jeans billed through the county.

Fritz rejoined the meeting.

Fritz stated Blake Ifland never brought up the uniform issue to him. K. Ifland stated he claimed that he had. Fritz stated he is not going to be accused of lying. Allen stated if a clothing allowance is going to be given, it should be given to all county employees. Pickel stated he visited with B. Ifland and asked B. Ifland to get a list of individuals interested. Allen stated at this time, he is on board for offering the clothing allowance for all county departments. Allen asked Fritz and Maxwell to visit with the departments and employees to find out the interest in uniforms and report back next week. Fritz left the meeting.

Commissioner Pickel signed the engagement letter with AdamsBrown, LLC.

Maxwell shared with the Commissioners the Post Closure Landfill Inspection from KDHE that she received via email. Dave Tucker received the same email. Project Manager, Joel Negrych observed the following deficiencies:

- The cap has subsided, and these areas have evidence of previously holding water
- Erosion features are evident on the cap
- Animal burrows are present
- Monitoring wells do not have protective bollards, nor are labeled
- The landfill was only partially mown

KDHE will allow until November 25, 2022, to repair said deficiencies.

Maxwell contact Margaret Doxey via telephone, to attend the Commissioner meeting.

Commissioners approved the 2022 Agricultural Land Questionnaires of the Smith County Appraiser.

Joan Nech joined the meeting.

Margaret Doxey joined the meeting.

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The County Commissioners met in a regular session on September 6, 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 September 6, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the August 29, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Chris Bailey joined the meeting.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting.

Bob Emch joined the meeting.

**A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Ifland to convene in executive session at 8:26 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Chris Bailey and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 8:40 a.m.**

Eastes, Fritz and Emch rejoined the meeting.

Tammy Gaston joined the meeting.

Emch and Gaston visited with the Commissioners about the liquor license requirements in Smith County, which requires 30% sales to be food. Emch and Gaston are interested in acquiring a liquor license for Deer Creek Hunt Club, his lodge on M Rd. Maxwell stated to change the 30% food requirement the question would need to be on the ballot and held on a general election ballot. Maxwell suggested Emch contact an attorney for publication requirements and ballot wording.

Eastes rejoined the meeting.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Ifland shared a thank you with Fritz regarding the expansion of the culvert at 140 Rd and P Rd.
2. Fritz stated they are currently working on 140 Rd between P Rd and AA Rd for the marathon.
3. Fritz stated he is waiting on a call from an applicant to discuss employment.
4. Fritz shared with the Commissioners the total received from PurpleWave Auction of \$59,450.00.
5. Fritz shared his invoice for \$20,615.80 from Ace Irrigation for the tube to replace the damaged bridge on 90 Rd between R Rd and S Rd.

Bob Wagner joined the meeting and asked the Commissioners and Fritz to widen J Rd between 50 Rd and 40 Rd. Fritz stated he will send Gary Baetz to this location. Wagner left the meeting.

6. Fritz discussed bridge #121 between DD Rd and EE Rd. Fritz stated Chris McGraw owns on both sides of the road. The bridge was closed in 2019, barricades were installed at this time. In 2021, the road department installed permanent barricades. Fritz will contact Jordan with Penco Engineering for an updated estimate for the repairs needed to make it passable for a pickup truck.
7. Fritz will continue blading in district #5.
8. Allen discussed the clothing allowance for the road department employees. In 2013, the Commissioners gave the road department a \$.50 increase for clothing allowance. Ifland discussed the mechanic position and the amount of grease and oil that ends up on their clothing.
9. Fritz reported the mulcher head is down currently.

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Melissa Westbrook joined the meeting.

Nech and Westbrook discussed the TEFFI SEED Grant available through the department of commerce. Nech stated her a Westbrook attended the webinar last week. Nech shared the total grant amount is \$50,000.00. The guidance is very detailed in what the monies are allowed to be spent on. Nech stated she has been talking to the communities in Smith County. Nech informed the Commissioners the applicant must cover the entire county and asked if the Commissioners would allow Maxwell to work with her and Westbrook to apply for the grant. Maxwell agreed to assist, and the Commissioners agreed to apply under the county's federal tax id number. Nech and Westbrook left the meeting.


**A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Allen at 11:19 a.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Margaret Doxey and Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:40 a.m.**

The Commissioners discussed with Doxey the changes that will take place at this time, Chris Bailey will be the supervisor for Communications. The Commissioners gave Doxey the opportunity to stay on as an employee. Doxey stated she has no problem with Bailey as her supervisor and will continue employment as a dispatcher.

Ifland asked Doxey about the recent radios purchased in the communications department. Doxey stated they are for backup purposes. Doxey left the meeting.

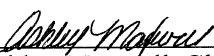
Chris Bailey rejoined the meeting. The Commissioners appointed Bailey as Communications Director. Bailey will be compensated \$300.00 per week for the additional duties.

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

  
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Dale E. Pickel, Chairman

  
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Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:

  
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Ashley Maxwell, Clerk

  
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Roger Allen, Member

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

