

Tuesday January 12th, 2021

Neosho County Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 12th, 2021, in the Commission room in the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie, KS, to conduct the regular business of Neosho County.

Call to Order: Commissioner Klaassen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Those present were Commission Chair Gail Klaassen, Commissioner Orr, Commissioner Westhoff, County Counsel Seth Jones, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown, Health Department Teresa Starr, Sheriff Greg Taylor, and Greg Lower, Chanute Tribune.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve a regulator in the amount of \$1275 and a spark control for \$1500, for the current HVAC system, paid from the Courthouse General Fund.

Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Teresa Starr, Health Department Director, gave an update on her department. Since the Commission passed a mask mandate last month, Teresa Starr presented possible signage for the county and asked the Commission's approval. It read, "Neosho County Board of Health and Neosho County Health Department mandates the wearing of masks in Neosho County. Thank you for your Cooperation." Commissioner Galemore requested to remove the wording "mandate" and replace it with "support" or "recommend". Teresa Starr reported that the Health Department has administered 50 COVID vaccines and is waiting to receive more from the state.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the proposed educational request, as presented by Bob McElroy, Appraiser, for out of county educational program for the Appraiser's office.

Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:44 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to go into an executive session to discuss job duties and performance of non-elected personnel and to protect the rights to privacy of the individual employee for 10 minutes with the Commission, County Counsel Seth Jones and Road & Bridge director Mike Brown. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:54 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the December 3rd, 2020 meeting minutes on the consent agenda. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 2-0. Commissioner Galemore abstained.

NEW BUSINESS –

Commissioner Galemore moved to accept Resolution R-21-A, to participate in and form a county self-insurance pool for workers compensation coverage; and whereas the Board has reviewed an agreement to cooperate with other counties to form such a self-insurance pool entitled Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC).

Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the bylaws and interlocal agreements for KWORCC (Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties) on behalf of Neosho County for Workman's Compensation.

Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the notice that advises Neosho County that KWORCC is a group funded pool. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moved to accept Resolution R-21-B, a resolution modifying previous resolution R-18E relating to the Neosho County Dispatch Center. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:54 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved for a 5-minute recess. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd.

Motion passed. 3-0

6:00 pm Back in session.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the change order request from PM Contractors in the amount of \$2558.59, for the asbestos removal. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept Resolution R-21-C, whereas, Neosho County has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31st, 2021 to be prepared in the conformity with the requirements of K.S.A 75-1120a(a). Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to appoint Bruce Jackson and Bruce Mullen as trustees to Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center Hospital Board. Appointments will retroact March 31 2020 and will end in March 31 2024. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moved to appoint Richard Hines to Sheltz Levee District as supervisor.

Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moved to approve the paid holidays as presented by the County Clerk Heather Elsworth for 2021. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to hold commissioner meeting to every other week on Tuesdays starting on Jan 19th at 2:00pm. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moved to appoint Commissioner Galemore as Commission Chair for 2021.

Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

7:15pm – Commissioner Klaassen moved to go into an executive session to discuss job duties and performance of non-elected personnel and to protect the rights to privacy of the individual employee for 15 minutes with a 5-minute recess, with the Commission, County Counsel Seth Jones, and County Clerk Heather Elsworth. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

7:30pm Back in session. No action taken

7:30 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to go into an executive session to discuss job duties and performance of non-elected personnel and to protect the rights to privacy of the individual employee for 15 minutes with the Commission, County Counsel, and County Clerk Heather Elsworth. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0


7:45pm Back in session. No action taken

7:54 Commissioner Klaassen moved to go into an executive session to discuss job duties and performance of non-elected personnel and to protect the rights to privacy of the individual employee with Commission, County Counsel Seth Jones, and County Clerk Heather Elsworth. For 15 min Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

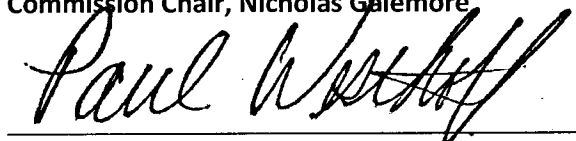
8:07 pm Back in session.

Commissioner Galemore moved to terminate contract with Herb Ford, as HVAC coordinator, due to the progress made on the HVAC system and the abilities of our in-house maintenance department. Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 2-0. Commissioner Westhoff abstained.


Commissioner Klaassen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0



Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



County Clerk, Heather Elsworth