

January 19th, 2021

Neosho County Commission Meeting

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 19th, 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 Galemore called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Those present were Commission Chair Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner Klaassen, Commissioner Westhoff, County Counsel Seth Jones, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown, Undersheriff Jim Keath, and Greg Lower, Chanute Tribune.

Commissioner Galemore moved to have all invoices submitted with proper receipts, particularly in relationship to the credit cards. Commission Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the consent agenda, which included payroll clearing, accounts payable, and minutes 10/22/2020, 12/17/2020, 12/30/2020, 01/07/2021. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve minutes 01/12/2021. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE –

Stan Basler – proposed potential radar lighting for the wind farm project. Proposed a committee to study the implementation and financing for radar activated lights for the Neosho Ridge Wind farm Turbines. This proposed committee shall meet and then share with Neosho County Commission their recommendations for financing and implementation of said radar activated lights. Radar lighting would need to be FAA approved. Commissioner Galemore volunteered to be on the committee. Topic was tabled.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the payroll reimbursements for the SPARKS-CARES Relief funding in the amounts of \$15,000 from Sheriff Dept. and \$15,000 from Jail personal services, to be transferred to SPARKS-CARES Relief personal services to come out of the 2020 budget. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to transfer \$76,500 for PPE for the county, this amount is to be transferred from Courthouse General Commodities fund and will be reimbursed from FEMA for year 2021. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to utilize leftover funding in the amount of \$2378.79, to be used for the funeral fund. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to accept the proposed COVID-19 sick pay benefits policy as presented for 2021. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

11:33 am Commissioner Galemore moved for 5-minute recess. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

11:39 am Back in session

Jason Martinson stated that restoration of roads and reseed could possibly be extended until May and will be done within sections. He is setting up a meeting with Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown to finalize the restoration and seek approval for work done.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to use Kirkham Michael for the post construction report and Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown will need to coordinate to move forward. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore and Commissioner Westhoff asked County Clerk Heather Elsworth to look into companies and get quotes for a decibel sound study. To report the decibel levels in the footprint of the windfarm project, to ensure the sound levels are within the terms of the agreements.

12:05 pm Commissioner moved to enter into 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, Health Department Director Teresa Starr, and HR Director Jim Maher. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown presented a Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers contract. These contracts were tabled until a timeline can be presented to ensure no timeline discrepancies.

12:24pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into 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, Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown, and Jim Maher. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

12:34pm Back in session. No action taken

Commissioner Klaassen reported that as of 12/30 the balance of the Wind Farm PILOT fund was \$1,341,139.61.

Commissioner Galemore moved to have a work session with Road and Bridge Director Mike Brown on February 2nd, 2021 at 1:00pm for 1 hour prior to the regularly scheduled commission meeting. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore requested an inventory for Road and Bridge including mileage, pictures, hours, document of the equipment. A report of condition of equipment, maintenance/repairs report, and history on repair cost. Need this information for work session on February 2nd, 2021.

Maintenance Director David Burnett gave an update on heat and air. He stated progress is moving right along. Lighting is not bright enough in most offices. Commission instructed Maintenance Director Mr. Burnett that he could continue to work from 5:45am to 1:45 pm.

Unfinished business – Commission Committees

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the following committees to each commissioner.

See-Kan Resource Conservation and Development Board: Commissioner Klaassen

SEK Regional Planning Commission Local Revolving Loan Fund: Commissioner Westhoff

SEK Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board: Commissioner Westhoff

American Red Cross FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Board: Commissioner Galemore

Liaison between County Commission & Chanute City Commission: Commissioner Klaassen

SEK Regional Planning Commission General & Executive Board: Commissioner Galemore

SEK Regional Solid Waste Authority Alternate: Commissioner Klaassen

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC): Commissioner Galemore

Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): Commissioner Klaassen

SEK Regional Planning Commission Board Alternate: Commissioner Galemore

SEK Solid Waste Authority: Commissioner Klaassen

SEK Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board Alternate: Sheriff Greg Taylor

County Commission Liaison to NMRMC Hospital Board: Commissioner Galemore

CDBG Micro Loan Board: Commissioner Galemore

Commissioner Galemore moved to recognize Friday July 16th, 2021 as a county employee holiday to start at noon. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

1:10 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss employee personnel for 25 minutes, with a 5-minute recess, with the Commission and County Counsel Seth Jones. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

1:31 pm Back in session. No action taken

1:33 pm Commission Klaassen moved to enter into 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 Seth Jones, and HR Director Jim Maher. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

1:48 pm Back in session

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the standard mileage rates per IRS state rates, which is \$.56 a mile. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve to sign the Kansas Works Local Workforce Development Area V, Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. Commission Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

1:51pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into 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, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, and County Treasurer Sydney Ball. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

2:03pm Back in session. No action taken.

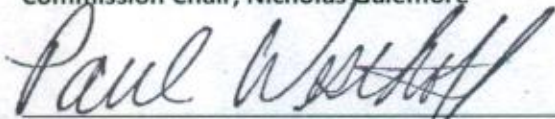
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2:15pm Back in session. No action taken

Commission Westhoff moved to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0



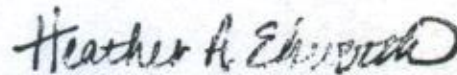
Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



County Clerk, Heather Elsworth