

Tuesday February 2nd, 2021

Neosho County Commission Meeting

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Road & Bridge Work Session on February 2nd, 2021 in the Commission room of the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie, KS.

Call to Order: Commissioner Galemore called meeting to order at 1 pm. Those present were Commission Board Chair Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner Gail Klaassen, Commissioner Paul Westhoff, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown.

Mike Brown submitted a Project List for 2021:

- Prepare Elk Road, south of 150th Road to 47 Hwy and Chase Road, south of 200th Road to 47 Hwy for an unofficial detour for the 169 Hwy project
- Pave the south shoulder on 160th Road (Shaw Road) East and West of the Canville Creek Bridge
- Widen turning radii at the intersection of 160th Road and Elk Road
- Fix dip in pavement on Elk Road, north of 180th Road, near box culvert
- Partner with Ash Grove Cement to rebuild plant entrance north of main entrance on Elk Road
- Fix collapsed culverts on 243rd Road, west of Harper Road, on Ottawa Road, north of 39 Hwy and on 170th Road, west of Victory Road
- Oversee asphalt repairs on 70th Road (Galesburg Road) Kingman Road, North of 70th Road and Jackson Road, south of 70th Road (repairs to be done by APEX)
- Move forward with the Grady Road bridge replacement project south of 39 Hwy
- Fix ditch washout issue, on the west side of Katy Road, south of 190th Road
- Continue filling ruts on paved roads
- Decide which roads to chip and seal this summer

Mike Brown submitted a Building and Equipment Needs list:

- Building a new office and mechanic shop (together) at the Poor Farm or add onto existing office
- Build a machine shed at the Poor Farm (large) 100' x 150'
- Build grader sheds at Thayer, Galesburg, and St Paul areas
- Build a salt shed south of landfill and at the Earlton grader shed
- Purchase 2 pneumatic tire rollers for chip and sealing
- Purchase 4 dump trucks; 2 with demolition beds with high lift tailgates
- Have oil truck sent to a service center for repairs and updates
- Purchase bucket truck with service bed for the quarry
- Purchase heavy duty car trailer
- Purchase 1 ton truck
- Purchase 1 ton sign truck with a utility bed and power post driver
- Purchase Asphalt grinder for skid steer
- Purchase bucket truck for shop and for tree trimming
- Purchase 2 front wheel assist tractors with cabs (130 horsepower +/-) with flex arm and 10' batwing mower

- Purchase a semi to pull belly dump trailer to replace red freightliner semi
- Sell old Sheriff pickups and replace with good used ones for Road and Bridge
- Purchase asphalt laydown machine/paver
- Purchase Midsized front-end loader with bucket, forks, and grapple
- Replace fuel truck
- Update crushing equipment at quarry, add a cone crusher and blending device
- Purchase trailer to haul culverts on (bale trailer)
- Purchase reclaimer/impact crusher for crushing large native rocks on roads
- Purchase large smooth roller – pneumatic rear tires
- Purchase ditch cleaning truck (gradall)

Commissioner Klaassen submitted a list of Equipment Reserve spending and financing:

Equipment Reserve – Yearly Spending for Road & Bridge

2017	\$281,815.95
2018	\$245,945.15
2019	\$285,666.71
2020	\$471,469.35

Equipment Reserve – 2020 Breakdown

2/13/2020	Lease Skid Loader	\$ 8,000.00
2/28/2020	Foley	\$ 9,215.00
3/13/2020	CAT Finance	\$ 30,140.74
3/13/2020	CAT Payment #95	\$ 28,984.21
3/13/2020	CAT Payment #93	\$ 29,021.54
5/22/2020	Exchange Bank	\$ 39,649.25
6/5/2020	CAT Finance	\$ 30,363.58
7/6/2020	CNB	\$ 23,653.82
8/19/2020	CAT 980H	\$ 115,961.37
9/11/2020	CAT Finance	\$ 30,588.06
9/15/2020	Off-set Disk P	\$ 2,145.00
10/22/2020	Refund Sales Tax	\$ (243.23)
10/23/2020	CAT Finance	\$ 27,535.16
10/27/2020	New Holland TS 100	\$ 12,650.00
12/4/2020	BofC Annual Payment	\$ 44,155.60
12/4/2020	Exchange Bank	\$ 39,649.25
2020 Total -		\$ 471,469.35

1:56 pm – Commissioner Westhoff moved to close the work session and take a 10-minute recess.
 Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Road & Bridge Work Session and Regular Session on February 2nd, 2021 in the Commission room of the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie, KS.

Call to Order: Commissioner Galemore called Regular Meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Those present were Commission Board Chair Nicholas Galemore, Commissioner Gail Klaassen, Commissioner Paul Westhoff, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, and Commission Counselor Seth Jones.

Changes to the agenda – Commissioner Klaassen moved conversation of light fixtures to later when Maintenance Director David Burnett presents his updates.

CARL HUSSICK WITH AMEREN TRANSMISSION SERVICES IN ST LOUIS MO – Mr. Hussick discussed plans to improve reliability. The Southwest Power Pool has identified the Wolf Creek to Black Berry project as the highest value project and the most cost-effective solution to solve the reliability problem. The project is approximately 90 – 110 miles and the route has not been decided but the beginning will be near Wolf Creek in Burlington KS to Black Berry substation outside of Pittsburg, KS with a couple of the route options going through Neosho County. The expected completion date is January 2026.

This project will require 150-foot easements from land owners that are within the transmission line. They could also use eminent domain but would prefer not to go this route.

Commissioner Klaassen asked if the county would be compensated. The county would not get a cash compensation but it would be compensated through tax benefits. There would be a 10-year abatement at the State level but substations would start paying taxes immediately.

JACOB BERTRAM WITH CIVIC PLUS LOCATED IN MANHATTAN KS – Civic Plus has almost 4500 local municipalities that they work with and they only work with cities, towns, and counties. They have almost 105 products deployed in the State of Kansas. They have a project manager on standby that has already done the inventory of the current website and would guide the county through the design process. They have a content team that would finish optimizing the content so that it's mobile responsive and ADA compliant. They would provide training on the new website and then launch the website which would take the place of the current website. Total all-in price is \$19,000 which includes building of the website, annual hosting & maintenance, and training.

Stan Basler – Mr. Basler asked to remove from the table the resolution he previously presented to the Commission to establish a Neosho Wind Farm Advisory Council. Mr. Basler would like to see a council formed instead.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to form an Advisory Board for concerns with the wind farm project to include one County Commissioner and the rest of committee members to be selected at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

3:27 pm Commissioner Westhoff moved to take a 5-minute recess. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

3:33 pm Back in session.

3:33 pm Commissioner Westhoff 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, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, HR Director Jim Maher, and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

3:54 pm Back in session. No action taken.

3:54 pm 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, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, and HR Director Jim Maher. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 2-0

4:04 pm Back in session. No action taken.

DEPARTMENT HEADS –

MIKE BROWN/ ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR – Mr. Brown presented updates and projects that are need approval to proceed.

Commissioner Galemore moved to enter into a design contract with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers for the reconstruction of the bridge on Grady Road, approximately ¼ mile south of K39 Hwy, bridge #12.25-3.75 as part of the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP). Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to enter into a Fracture Critical Member Inspection program for located bridges in the county. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Westhoff moved to authorize Mr. Whittaker to haul rock for \$7 a ton up to 1000 tons. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Mr. Brown advised he will need to make another blast at the quarry. He would like to rent or lease a dozer down at the quarry. Mr. Brown will reach out to Foley about costs and will provide Commission with details about renting and leasing.

4:25 pm 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 5 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:28 pm back in session no action taken

DAVID BURNETT/ MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR – Mr. Burnett presented HVAC & lighting updates.

4:39 pm Commissioner Galemore 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, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, Maintenance Director David Burnett and HR Director Jim Maher. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:49 pm back in session.

Commissioner Galemore moved to reimburse Mary Steinert for mileage to the other buildings she services for cleaning on behalf of the county; this will be retroactive to January 1, 2021. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

JIM MAHER/ HR DIRECTOR – Mr. Maher presented W2, unemployment fraud, Covid-19 sick pay, and Health Wellness program for Road & Bridge updates.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Accounts Payable, Payroll Clearing, and 01/19/21 minutes. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commission meeting moved from March 16th, 2021 to March 11th, 2021 which will adjust the Accounts Payable schedule for that period.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the Accounts Payable schedule as printed with the changes mentioned above. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the following financial institutions for the coming year with the exception of submittal to main branches in county.

- Bank of Commerce (Chanute, Erie, Stark, Thayer)
- Commercial Bank (Chanute and Erie)
- Community National Bank and Trust (Chanute)
- Emprise Bank (Chanute)
- Exchange Bank (St Paul)
- Farmers National Bank (St Paul)
- Home Savings Bank (Chanute)

Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve Chanute Tribune and Erie Record as the official county newspapers. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

BID RESOLUTION – Discussion tabled.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the lease agreement from Bank of Commerce for the HVAC project in the amount of \$1 million. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved appoint Patricia Dillow as Treasurer to the Tioga Township board. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

6:00 pm Commissioner Galemore 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, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, County Clerk Heather Elsworth and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

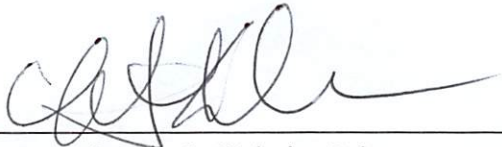
6:15 pm Back in session.

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6:25pm Back in session.

Commissioner Galemore moved to relocate Road and Bridge Accounts Payable to Clerk's Office.
Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 2-1 Commissioner Klaassen opposed.

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



Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



County Clerk, Heather Elsworth