

Tuesday March 2nd, 2021

Neosho County Commission Meeting

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Tuesday March 2nd, 2021 in the Commission room of the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie, KS.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Estrada – Mrs. Estrada spoke about the Windfarm pilot money and the proper tracking of funds.

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE'S

Wayne Gudmonson/ KDOT – Mr. Gudmonson discussed the upcoming US 169 Highway Project which is a 13.0-mile project starting approximately March 15th, 2021.

The project will be completed in 2 phases:

- *PHASE 1 – US 169 from K-39 to K-47 will be closed. The detour is EAST on K-39 to US-59 then SOUTH to K-47 and back to US 169
This will remain in place for approximately 125 days (mid-summer)*
- *PHASE 2 – US 169 NORTH of K-39 will be closed. The detour will be WEST on K-39 then NORTH on US-75 and back EAST on US-54.
This will remain in place for approximately 180 days (mid-November 2022)*

2:51 pm – Commissioner Galemore moved for a 10-minute recess. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Jason Martinson/ APEX – Mr. Martinson provided an update on Jackson Road.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Teresa Starr/ Health Dept. Director – The Health Department flooded twice. They are up and running just at a slower pace. Ms. Starr has been working on grants and will be presenting that information to the Commissioners on March 11th, 2021.

The State approved the Health Department to get a new phone system. Teresa asks the commission for their permission. Discussion tabled until further research can be done on the compatibility with existing phone system.

Ms. Starr requested vacation time from March 15th, 2021 – March 24th, 2021.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve vacation time for Teresa Starr/ Health Dept. Director on March 15th, 2021 – March 24th, 2021 Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

David Burnett/ Maintenance Director – Mr. Burnett presented updates on the HVAC project. Mr. Burnett presented a lighting proposal which includes suggested changes of an additional 20 lights for the

courthouse. Alan Lankford would like to do a walk thru on March 11th with the Commission to view the lights.

Mr. Burnett requested some thought from the Commission on a plan to replace the roof on the Extension building. Estimated cost for a rubber roof is \$8,000 - \$9,000.

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners approved Mr. Burnett to go out for bids on either a rubber roof or raising the pitch and a metal roof, matching the other buildings; and to go out for bids on mowers.

Melanie Kent-Culp/ Emergency Management Director – Mrs. Kent-Culp advised they received a FEMA approval of \$90,000 for PPE reimbursement. Mrs. Kent-Culp advised 31st Judicial Court in Chanute submitted a SPARK fund request in the amount of \$31,000 for invoices dating back to July 2020. All SPARK/CARES funds have already been distributed and the program is now closed.

4:21 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, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, and Emergency Management Director Melanie Kent-Culp. Commissioner Galemore 2nd.
Motion passed. 3-0

4:29 pm Back in session. No action taken.

4:30 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 15 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, Emergency Management Director Melanie Kent-Culp, and HR Director Jim Maher. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd.
Motion passed. 3-0

4:45 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Mike Brown/ Road & Bridge Director – Mr. Brown presented quotes for magnesium chloride for dust abatement which could provide several applications for Elk Road (4 miles), Chase Road (9 miles), and Douglas Road (3 miles); 16 miles total. The cost for one application delivered and applied would be \$123,975.00

Commissioner Galemore moved to accept the bid from Scotwood Industries LLC | 12980 Metcalf Ave Suite 240 | Overland Park, KS 66213 for dust abatement in the amount of \$123,975.00. To be paid out of Road & Bridge Miscellaneous fund line and reimbursed from KDOT back into that same fund line. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commission Counselor Seth Jones submitted an updated contract for approval with ECI for blasting the quarry

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the blasting explosive agreement with ECI. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to purchase 2,500 tons of rock at \$5.95 per ton from Midwest Mineral, at the discretion of the Road & Bridge Director, to use as an emergency if something should happen at the quarry. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve vacation for Mike Brown in March, 2021. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:15 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 Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:25 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Lori Nally/ 911 Director – Ms. Nally presented an update on her tax audit which has been completed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Westhoff moved to approve 8 hours of vacation for 911 Director Lori Nally on March 15th, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

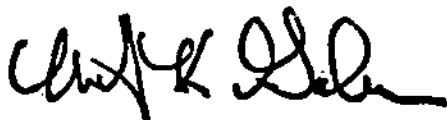
Commissioner Westhoff moved to approve the 02/02/21 minutes. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,056,845.91. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

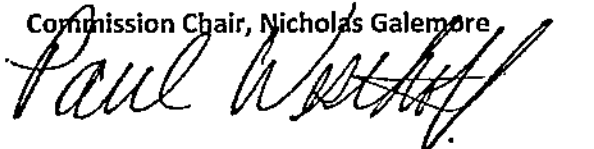
Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve Payroll Clearing in the amount of \$77,621.37. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commission Counselor Seth Jones presented a bid resolution for review.

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



Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth