

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Board Chair Gail Klaassen called meeting to order at 2:00 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Gail Klaassen
- Commissioner Nicholas Galemore
- Commissioner Paul Westhoff

Others Present:

- County Clerk Heather Elsworth
- Commission Counselor Bret Heim

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Ryan Peurseem, Galesburg Christian Church

AGENDA

Commissioner Galemore requested to add discussion about the banking records the Commissioners received this week from the County Attorney.

Commissioner Klaassen would like to take the minutes out of the Consent Agenda and discuss those separately.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Estrada asked the motion from Feb 22, 2023 meeting for the Hope Unlimited capital campaign be amended to included the designated funds or the account to which this commitment needs to be paid from.

Commissioner Klaassen requested this be added to unfinished business.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is used to approve non-controversial or routine matters by a single motion and vote. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Accounts Payable in the amount of \$249,243.88
- Payroll Clearing in the amount of \$91,571.97
- Lori Nally, 911 Director Leave Request
- David Burnett Maintenance Director Leave Request

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

CASA, Hope Unlimited & Kansas Children's Service League –
Request for a Neosho County Child abuse and domestic violence awareness proclamation.

Commissioner Klaassen read the proclamation submitted for approval.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the proclamation. Commissioner Galemore 2nd.
Motion passed. 3-0

Gila LaRue, Chanute Historical and Genealogical societies –
Requesting funds for the Chanute Historical and Genealogical Research Center and Chanute Historical Museum. All are volunteer staff and funds currently are from membership dues. They lease 2 buildings from the Chanute city. Outside maintenance is their responsibility. They receive \$1200 annually from the city.

Commissioner Klaassen explained there is a hold on any request of funds until budget time expecting to be June before there are any considerations to requests. Discussion tabled.

Jared Walters and Johnnie Howe, MFA Oil – Fuel Bid taxes and Federal Exemptions –
Mr. Walters would like the consideration of a federal exemption signed by Commission. He bid the clear diesel and gasoline with the understanding that the county had a federal exemption.

Commission Counselor Bret Hiem suggested we need to do some research and table discussion.

Commission held discussion to authorize payment on invoices deducting the tax from amount paid, paying at bid rate.

Joe Butler, RWD No. 8 – request for ARPA funds to replace water meters.
RWD No. 8 currently serves Neosho County with water they purchase from St. Paul. They currently have 145 water meter units located in their district. The water service was put into service in 1968.

Commissioner Klaassen explains the Commission has put a hold on any request for funds until budget time expecting to be in June. Discussion tabled.

Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT –
Possible Road closure in the vicinity of 230th and 59 Hwy to replace structure at Canville Creek and US 169 white top Thayer South.

Commission is agreeable to close 230th Road for the US-59 Hwy KDOT structure replacement. KDOT will put up signage.

3:02 pm Commissioner Westhoff moves for a 10-minute recess. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Lori Nally/ 911 Director –

Ms. Nally presented a quote to repair the hydraulic desks at the 911 command center.

Commission is agreeable for Ms. Nally to pay the Xybix Systems Inc. quote to repair her elevated desks.

Ms. Nally requested a 10-minute executive session.

3:12 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding 911 for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, HR Director Heather Elsworth and 911 Director Lori Nally to resume in the Commission Room at 3:33 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

3:25 pm Back in session, no action taken.

Dekon Strickland/ Noxious Weed Director –

Mr. Strickland explained the categories of his Noxious Weed plans. Commission is agreeable for Mr. Strickland to move forward in constructing an eradication plan for the county's noxious weeds.

Mike Brown/ Road & Bridge Director – Department Updates

Mr. Brown attended a meeting to obtain an update on the 21st and Plummer project. The project is on schedule, except the traffic light is slightly back ordered for the intersection.

Mr. Brown will go out for bid on chip and seal product within 30 days.

The new trucks for R&B will be delivered in the next two weeks. Invoice needs paid.

Mr. Brown requested that Brett Heim draft an agreement to authorize Bill George to pick up concrete debris in the County. Mr. Heim will contact Mr. Brown or County Clerk Heather Elsworth for additional details for him to create the draft.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to authorize Mr. Brown to sign the agreement prepared by Mr. Heim to allow Bill George to remove the concrete debris from County property. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

COMMISSION DISCUSSION UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes 03/14/2023 –

Commissioner Klaassen questioned why the minutes from the 3/14/2023 meeting were 20 pages long. Commissioner Klaassen does not believe minutes should be transcribed. We have every word that was said during the time the County Attorney was here.

Commissioner Galemore stated he requested that be fully transcribed even though we have it on video. Commission Galemore shared his concerns about bank statements received. He believes the information provided was very vague and lacking in transparency. Issue Tabled.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve 03/14/2023 minutes as provided. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Discussion – Commissioner Klaassen stated this is very out of the ordinary. Motion passed. 3-0

NMRMC Board Trustee appointment –

Commissioner Galemore would like to set aside some time in the future to review the Board requirements for future boards.

Commissioner Galemore moved to appoint Dr. Matthew Leroy to the NMRMC Board of Trustees for a 4-year term. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to appoint Jonathon Johnson to the NMRMC Board of Trustees for a 4-year term. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Procurement Policy –

County Clerk Heather Elsworth will send out policy that was submitted by Commissioner Galemore to all department heads. Mrs. Elsworth will hold department head meeting to discuss and provide notes to commission. Discussion Tabled

District Court Budget –

Commissioner Klaassen moved to rescind her motion from the 03/14/2023 meeting in reference to transferring of \$42,000 into District Court. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved, as suggested by the County Clerk, to adjust the Budgetary lines to reflect a change of \$44,759 from the Contingency to District Court Contractual line item. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:46 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to recess into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding Wind Farm for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown to resume in the Commission Room at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:00 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Linus Thuston/ County Attorney –

Mr. Thuston advised there was a deposit done on March 23, 2023 as requested by Commission. Mr. Thuston is taking a more active role within his department beginning

with depositing more frequently basis that will be satisfactory to what the auditors request.

Commissioner Galemore would like an understanding on how the money flows into accounts.

Mr. Thuston stated he has two bank accounts: one is the money that goes in for the Drug Buy fund that is specifically written into diversion agreements and the Trust fund account. There are no other accounts that the County Attorney has. Checks are sent to County Treasurer office. His office sends a breakdown but the last couple of deposits did not have a breakdown.

Mr. Thuston advised the Trust account is used to write checks to the Diversion fund which is the fund the County Treasurer has access to. He explained the trouble started because of turnover/retirement and shortage of employees within his office. Mr. Thuston admits the deposits did not get done on a timely manner and he will rectify the situation with a goal to make weekly deposits. Cash received is receipted electronically, and hand written as received.

Commissioner Galemore contends he would still like to see a daily deposit.

Commissioner Klaassen feels he was elected to do a job and depositing everyday would not allow Mr. Thuston to do his job and would hamper his office staff.

Mr. Thuston stated there are far more than 3 transactions a day, some may be cash transactions. Fridays and Tuesdays are probably the busiest with transactions.

Commissioner Galemore and Commissioner Westhoff would like to see minimally 2 deposits per week.

Mr. Thuston will not make a promise to something he cannot guarantee. He maintains he will do his best for weekly deposit.

5:34 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to recess into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding litigation for 10 minutes to include the Commission and Commission Counselor Bret Heim, to resume in the Commission Room at 5:45 pm. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:45 pm Back in session. No action taken

COMMISSION DISCUSSION NEW BUSINESS

MSP Security Quote –

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept quote #47024 from Advantage Computer for MSP security out of Courthouse General fund which will be for the months of April, May, and June 2023 for 72 devices in the amount \$5,275.00. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed.

Commissioner Galemore moved to authorize Sydney Ball, County Treasurer the authority to request and receive bank statements and deposit details on all accounts with Community National Bank and Trust using the County's EIN number on those certain accounts; 11004329 and 11006054. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Liquor License for the American Legion, Erie -

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve a cereal malt beverage for American legion post 102. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

County Clerk, Heather Elsworth shared pricing on the GPS devices for County vehicles and front facing GPS cameras through Verizon. Commission is agreeable to continue acquiring information and obtaining a quote for purchase.

County Clerk, Heather Elsworth requested discussion on the County Counselor's invoice. The invoice is broken out by department. Mrs. Elsworth is requesting the Commission consider billing individual departments for their portion of the invoice. Commissioner Klaassen expressed concern about changing this process in the middle of the year. Discussion tabled.

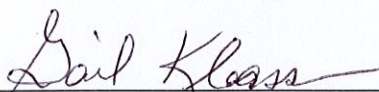
Commissioner Galemore moved to approve Resolution R-23-E adding the depositor signatures of County Treasurer Sydney Ball, Deputy Treasurer Lisa Slater and County Clerk Heather Elsworth to the Investment Pool. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to rescind his motion from the 2/22/2023 meeting on the Counties pledge to the Hope Unlimited capital campaign in the amount of \$120,900. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

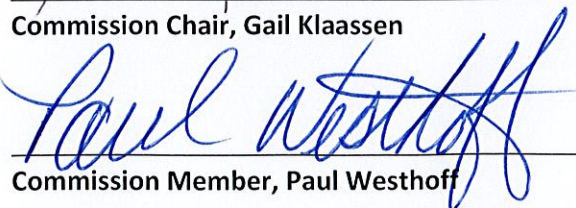
Commissioner Galemore moved to pledge a total of \$120,900 to Hope Unlimited for the purpose of constructing a new family shelter and visitation and exchange center, payable in equal annual installments over three years, beginning in 2023, contingent on Hope Unlimited securing the necessary funding to begin said project and commencing same.

ADJOURNMENT

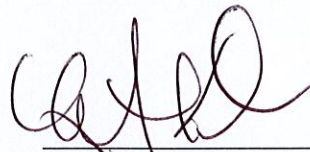
With no more business to discuss, Commissioner Westhoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.



Commission Chair, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



Commission Member, Nicholas Galemore



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth

