

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Neosho County Commission Meeting

**The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Commission room of the Neosho County Courthouse in Erie, KS.**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Galemore called meeting to order at 2:00 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**

DAVID LONG/ Dispute over Mr. Long being able to access his property through Beachner property. He is landlocked with Beachner around him and cannot access his own property.

LOIS CARLSON AND PAT LOCKE/ Erie Community Museum – History of all the local schools, our local towns, etcetera.

CARLA RUSH/ Personal Property Supervisor -- Ms. Rush submitted a print out from County Treasurer Sydney Ball with descriptions of what she does for the county.

**SCHEDULED ATTENDEES**

STAN BASLER/ Windfarm Radar Lighting Advisory Committee – Mr. Basler has 6 applicants for his Windfarm Radar Lighting Advisory Board which will be renamed Neosho Ridge Windfarm Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Westhoff moved to approve the following candidates for the Neosho Ridge Windfarm Advisory Committee; Brian Bideau, Leroy Burke, Brian Coover, Julie Johnson, Trace Goodwin, Celia McBride. Commissioner Galemore 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

KENT WEBBER/ Monarch Cement – Mr. Webber presented a route for loaded cement trucks and a route for unloaded trucks. Unloaded (empty) trucks would go down Sante Fe and loaded trucks would go down Plummer. Mr. Webber also proposed reducing the speed limit on Plummer.

3:13 pm – Commissioner Westhoff moved for a 5-minute recess. Commissioner Klaassen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

JEFF NOAKES – Mr. Noakes would like to mow/bale the lot north of the Jail.

Commissioner Galemore moved to have an annual contract for mowing/baling north of the jail with Mr. Jeff Noakes. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT**

HEATHER ELSWORTH/ County Clerk & SYDNEY BALL/ County Treasurer – Update on Payroll. Mrs. Elsworth presented an update on Payroll. The County received a letter from the IRS advising the 1095-C's had not been reported for 2017 which has left the County with a \$156,000 in total for penalty. Mrs. Ball advised the 1095-C's have not been filed for 2019 or 2020 but were filed for 2018. We haven't received any notices yet for 2019 and 2020 is considered late. The State of Kansas is now current.

Commissioner Galemore moved to transfer sick time of 28.75 hours between 2 inter-departmental employees. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

3:35 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, County Treasurer Sydney Ball and County Clerk Heather Elsworth. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

3:51 pm – Back in session. No action taken.

DAVID BURNETT/ Maintenance Director – Mr. Burnett provided update on yearly boiler inspection. There was 1 deficiency which Mr. Burnett already had fixed and the State will remove the 1 deficiency.

HVAC update – Fan speeds are being adjusted on AC/heating units, they are doing a chiller startup this week, and additional lights are being installed.

Roof for Extension Office – Neosho County Board of Commissioners approved Mr. Burnett to go out for sealed bids on this project. Bids must include detailed specs and contractors must submit carry bonds, proof of insurance, and workman's comp coverage.

Mr. Burnett presented quotes for a new lawn mower.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the quote for a commercial 2021 Hustler Fastrak SDX mower with a 54" deck; Quote no. Q01920 in the amount of \$6748.85. This purchase will be paid From Equipment Reserve. Commissioner Galemore 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

MIKE BROWN/ Road & Bridge Director – Mr. Brown met with Eric Alders with IEA and pointed out several ditches that need cleaned. ESS requested usage of roads; some of these roads were already restricted. Reminder that the chip and seal bids will be opened at the next meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. April 27 through May 1<sup>st</sup> is Clean Up Week in Erie. The Quarry had an MSHAA inspector stop by today and they had 1 violation. Sam would like to attend a grant writing seminar April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> for \$425 in Kansas City at a Community College.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the training education request for Samantha Eckman on April 15 - April 16, 2021 for a Grant Writing USA Class at Kansas City Kansas Community College in Kansas City, Kansas; amount of training will cost \$425.00 Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

MELANIE KENT-CULP/ Emergency Management Director – Mrs. Kent-Culp presented SPARKS/CARES wrap-up which included a spreadsheet representing the receipting showing where the money was spent.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the leave request for 2 days in April as presented for Melanie Kent-Culp. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

BOB MCELROY/ County Appraiser – Mr. McElroy presented a 6-month Neighborhood Revitalization Program extension request.

Commissioner Westhoff moved to accept a 6-month NRP extension for Susan Galemore | 11050 220<sup>th</sup> Road | Chanute KS, as presented by Bob McElroy. Commissioner Klaassen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 2-0 Commissioner Galemore sustained.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve an NRP for Michael and Angela Beachner | 815 Washington St | St. Paul, KS 66771 for a new house and a new 50x100 building with 2-20x100 lean toos'. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

Ash Grove update - Ash Grove Cement Company agreed on a value. Mr. McElroy presented the commission with a confidential appraisal. County Appraiser Bob McElroy and Ash Grove Cement

Company stipulated to a value of \$50,247,730. This value is for 2019 -- 2023 with a new appraisal to be done in 2023 for the 2024 values. Neosho County has set aside the 2020 taxes of \$252,226.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the Disaster Relief Application as presented. Commissioner Klaassen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

4:57 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 15 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, and 911 Director Lori Nally. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

5:19 pm Back in session. No action taken.

5:19 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to attorney client privilege concerning EMS for 15 minutes with the Commission and Commission Counselor Seth Jones, and 911 Director Lori Nally. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

5:38 pm Back in session. No action taken.

**TERESA STARR/ Health Department Director – Health Department Updates**

5:40 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to attorney client privilege concerning the Health Department for 15 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, Health Department Director Teresa Starr, County Treasurer Sydney Ball, and County Clerk Heather Elsworth. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

5:52 pm Back in session. No action taken.

5:52 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to security measures of a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency concerning the Health Department for 15 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, and Health Department Director Teresa Starr. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

6:03 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Covid-19 update -- Neosho County currently has 10 positive cases, 1821 have been vaccinated, and 38 are quarantined. 31% of the county has been vaccinated.

The Health Department received a check in the amount of \$4,862.54 from insurance for the flood in February 2021. Ms. Starr has requested additional money from insurance to cover additional costs related to the flood.

Ms. Starr would like to offer Stacy Wright a full-time position to help with parenting classes. The Neosho County Board of Commissioners agreed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with Accounts Payable totaling \$839,437.71. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to accept the minutes as presented for 03/02/21 and 03/11/21. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Noxious Weeds – Regulations have changed and counties can no longer contract out for this position. The position must be filled by a county employee. Discussion tabled to conduct further research.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS**

6:51 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 County Appraiser Bob McElroy. Commissioner Westhoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

7:06 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to change offices or trade offices from Personal Property Department and HR/Payroll Department. Commissioner Galemore 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0

The office moves will take place the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners requested the Commission Room be put back into pre-mask mandate configuration with seating for the public and to purchase a new podium dedicated for the Commission Room.

Tax sale will be held May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10am in the Neosho County Courthouse lobby.

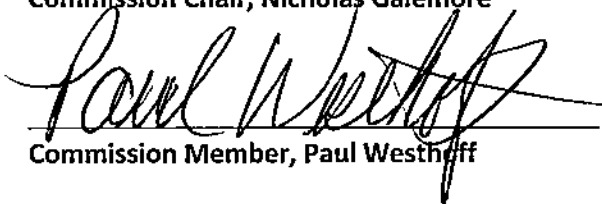
7:21 pm Commissioner Westhoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Klaassen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 3-0



Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth