

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Board Chair Gail Klaassen called meeting to order at 8:30 am the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Gail Klaassen
- Commissioner Nicholas Galemore

Others Present:

- Heather Elsworth – County Clerk
- Tohnjua Stipp – Appraiser
- Mike Brown – Road & Bridge Director

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Gail Klaassen.

AGENDA

County Clerk Heather Elsworth requested the addition of an executive session regarding payroll. Commissioner Klaassen requested to remove David Burnett and add Sydney Ball.

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 \$803,910.13
- Payroll Clearing in the amount of \$192,405.13
- Minutes from 04/18/2023
- Leave Request for Emergency Management Director
- Leave Request for Maintenance Director

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

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

Krista Harding, Southwind Extension - Request to reconfigure the layout of the Extension building. There are a couple of large rooms and she is wanting to split the space.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve the addition of a new temporary wall to separate the offices for Southwind extension. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 2-0

Rodney Warren, Foley Equipment – Mr. Warren presented a new extended warranty for a 308E2 Excavator, Unit no. 355 for Road and Bridge. The current warranty expires on 05/04/2023. The excavator currently has about

2000 hours. The new warranty provides a powertrain and hydraulic coverage for 36 months/1500 hours, no travel covered for repairs at \$2987.50.

8:38 am Commissioner Paul Westhoff arrived at the meeting.

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve Option 3 warranty from Cat providing a powertrain and hydraulic coverage for 36 months/1500 hours, no travel covered for repairs at \$2987.50 for the mini excavator 380E2 Unit no. 355. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

HEATHER ELSWORTH/ COUNTY CLERK –

8:42 am Commissioner Klaassen moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding HR for 5 minutes to include the Commission, HR/Payroll Coordinator Cindy Graff, and County Clerk/HR Director Heather Elsworth to resume in the Commission Room at 8:50 am. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

8:49 am Commission Counselor Bret Heim arrived at the meeting.

8:50 am Back in session. No action taken.

SYDNEY BALL/ TREASURER –

Commissioner Galemore moved to rescind his motion from 01/31/2023, adding Sydney and Heather to the diversion and drug buy account. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to allow County Attorney Linus Thuston to add Sharon Aldrich and Kathy Ross to signature card at Community National Bank for diversion and drug buy account. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to have County Treasurer retain access and monthly accounting on diversion and drug buy accounts. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Mrs. Ball will provide account statements monthly with deposit details/transaction detail by email to all 3 Commissioners for the diversion and drug buy funds.

HEATHER ELSWORTH/ COUNTY CLERK –

Mrs. Elsworth presented a letter of commitment that needs the Commissions signature for a grant that was approved at previous meeting for Health Department Director Teresa Starr.

Ms. Starr, via conference call, requested signatures for the “All Hands-on Deck, Drug Endangered Children in Kansas” grant that was approved by the commission at a previous meeting. After some discussion, Ms. Starr will come to the meetng in person to discuss further. Matter was tabled until her arrival.

GPS software – Discussion tabled.

GREG TAYLOR/ SHERIFF –

Mr. Taylor explains the inmate transport services and the additional expenses this presents for his department.

MIKE BROWN/ ROAD & BRIDGE DIRECTOR –

Mr. Brown reported a box culvert on 150th Road is being installed. The new dump trucks have been delivered. The County has not purchased a brand-new set of trucks since 1994. The Noxious Weed Director will participate in the Farm Talk Show, having a booth to supply county noxious weed information. ESS reported that the paving crew target to begin work on May 8th to approve roads for chip & seal. The striping crew for 21st and Plummer will arrive on May 15th. The city plans to hand over the county roads in that area by May 26th.

Purple wave equipment auction has been pushed back to a later date.

Mr. Brown would like to have the option if necessary to substitute someone for himself at the KCHA Conference.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve training request for the spring KCHA conference in Manhattan, KS May 15-17, 2023 for 2 employees from Road & Bridge. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Mr. Brown presented a bid from Heckert Construction to do the work on the unofficial detours.

Commissioner Galemore moved to accept the proposal from Heckert Construction Co up to \$344,120 for providing and placing a hot mix asphalt pavement various Neosho County roads used as part of the unofficial detour during the construction of bridges on US 59 KDOT SM12.5A to be paid out of Road and Bridge budget at a price of \$122.90 per ton. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

TERESA STARR/ HEALTH DEPT DIRECTOR –

Ms. Starr provides clarification on the “All Hands-on Deck, Drug Endangered Children in Kansas” grant application which the Commission had already approved. Ms. Starr is seeking signatures on a commitment letter as part of the grant application process. The Commissions concern is the sustainability requirement of the grant. Commission declined to sign the commitment letter at this time.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Klaassen shares info from the Commissioners Conference.

11:42 am 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 11:55 am. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

11:55 am Back in session. No action taken

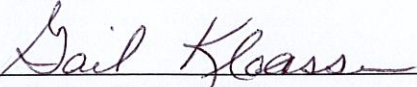
County Clerk Heather Elsworth announced Kerwin Reinhardt from the Road & Bridge Department as employee of the month for May 2023.

11:57 am Commissioner Westhoff moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding HR for 10 minutes to include the Commission, Commission Counselor Bret Heim, and County Clerk/HR Director Heather Elsworth to resume in the Commission Room at 12:07 pm. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

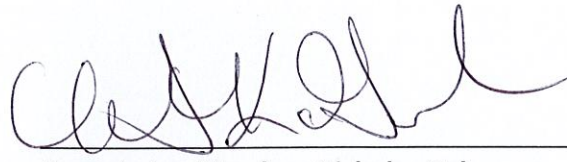
Back in session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT


With no more business to discuss, Commissioner Westhoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.



Commission Chair, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth

