

Tuesday May 11th, 2021

Neosho County Commission Meeting

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on Tuesday May 11th, 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, Commission Counselor Seth Jones, Bruce Jackson, Phil Jarred, Dennis Franks, and David Brake.

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners discussed the Ambulance Sales Tax and Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center.

1:47 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to adjourn the special meeting. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed 3-0

The Neosho County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Tuesday May 11th, 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.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the agreement for services with Tri-Valley Developmental Services for the year 2021 in the amount of \$60,000. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Galemore moved to approve Advantage, once the commission receives assurances from Advantage about security, to give access to VPN user to Dicus and PM Contractors to give access to the HVAC Integrated Controls on the Maintenance computer. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

RANDY JONES & DAVID EATON with Liberty Utilities – Mr. Jones provided an update on the Windfarm project. IEA is still onsite to finish civil work and close out finishing roads to be completed within 30 days. Information and concerns will now go through Mr. Jones and Mr. Eaton.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve the 1st amendment to the contribution agreement as presented with the Neosho Ridge Wind and Empire District. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

BOB MCELROY/ County Appraiser. Mr. McElroy presented a Neighborhood Revitalization Program application for Charles and Carol Harris. Decision was tabled until the proper permits are obtained due to new build in a flood plain.

2:30 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 County Appraiser Bob McElroy. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

2:36 pm Back in session. No action taken.

LORI NALLY/ 911 Director – Ms. Nally presented a department update and a request to purchase 3 IP224's to replace existing IP223's.

Commissioner Klaassen moved to authorize Lori Nally to purchase 4 - IP224's. Funds for this purchase will be taken from Equipment reserve. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

MIKE BROWN/ Road & Bridge Director – Mr. Brown presented his recommendation for the chip and seal bids.

Commissioner Galemore moved to accept Wright Asphalt bid for chip and seal for \$1.81 CRS-TR and an \$80.00 Demurrage fee. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

SCHEDULED ATTENDEE(S)

MATT GODINEZ with Land Bank. Mr. Godinez presented information about Land Bank which would like to bid on select properties at the upcoming Neosho County Tax Sale. The Neosho County Board of Commissioners respectfully asked Land Bank to abstain from bidding until the Tax Sale is complete. An offer can then be made on any properties that did not sell.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS CONTINUED

MIKE BROWN/ Road & Bridge Director -- Mr. Brown provided an example of a Noxious Weed voucher Mr. Brown also reported, through his research, that even though we do not have a County Noxious Weed director, we may continue to hand out vouchers for our chemical cost share program.

3:41 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, and Road & Bridge Director Mike Brown. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

3:51 pm Back in session. No action taken

3:53 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to attorney client privilege to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel for 10 minutes with the Commission, Commission Counselor Seth Jones and Sheriff Greg Taylor. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

4:05 pm Back in session. No action taken.

Commissioner Galemore moved to enter into a mowing agreement between the Neosho County Board of Commissioners and Jeffrey Noakes commencing May 11th, 2021 and terminating on May 10th, 2022. Commissioner Klaassen 2nd. Motion passed. .3-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$167,072.17 with the change on invoice from Kirkham Michael to be paid out of Pilot fund instead of Courthouse General. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve Payroll Clearing in the amount of \$213,426.99. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen moved to approve minutes from 04/13/21 and 04/27/21 as presented. Commissioner Galemore 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

Commissioner Klaassen would like to attend the KCCA annual conference in Liberal, KS which is June 8-10, 2021. The Neosho County Board of Commissioners agreed to move the June 8th, 2021 Commission Meeting to June 7th, 2021 at 2pm.

LINUS THUSTON/ Neosho County Attorney – Mr. Thuston inquired as to why the County elected to make it so that the County Attorney’s Office could not use the City of Chanute to do queries in NCIC (National Crime Information Center), Triple-I (Interstate Identification Index), KCJIS (Kansas Criminal Justice Information System), and other criminal justice records on behalf of their agency. Mr. Thuston is lost as to how a request to run NCIC, Triple-I, and criminal history ONLY was denied. Mr. Thuston is only requesting access to the same systems that other entities with multiple dispatch have.

Mr. Thuston advised that there will be an increase in mileage reimbursements due to an increase in jury trials now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing.


5:08 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, County Clerk Heather Elsworth, and County Treasurer Sydney Ball. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:24pm Back in session. No action taken.

5:25 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. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0

5:40 pm Back in session. No action taken.

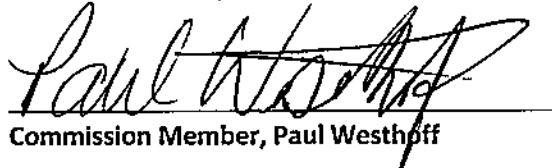
5:56 pm Commissioner Klaassen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Westhoff 2nd. Motion passed. 3-0



Commission Chair, Nicholas Galemore



Commission Member, Gail Klaassen



Commission Member, Paul Westhoff



ATTEST: County Clerk, Heather Elsworth