

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 15, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Mark Davis called the meeting to order with Commissioners Travis Petersilie, Dave Albers, and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 6 minutes beginning at 9:03 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:09 a.m. No action taken. Commission reviewed 2024 budget notes concerning pay increases.

Salaries

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to approve 3% pay increase as budgeted per schedule adopted by Commission. Increase to be implemented with January 31, 2024, payroll.

Elected Official Salaries are as follows: Commissioners-\$15,830.04, County Clerk-\$49,176.60, Treasurer-\$42,176.61, Attorney-\$49,176.60, Register of Deeds-\$43,907.64, Sheriff-\$60,885.36, and Election Officer-\$2,250.80.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson discussed road concerns, equipment issues and weather-related problems. Tipping fees were reported of \$185.00 for December 27th – 30th and \$110.00 for January 2nd – January 4th. Water leak at Courthouse was discussed.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 9:50 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Minutes and Correspondence

Regular Meeting held January 2, 2024, was approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. The contract with GBT for Managed Services Subscription will expire February 12, 2024.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to accept contract from GBT for Managed Services Subscriptions. A 36-month contract for \$134.85 per month.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe reported on Code Red alert system. Seems to be working well. Rothe has completed paperwork for year ending 2023. Conference was held for Wildfires per Zoom meeting on Saturday. Rothe updated Commission on several generators that did not start in the blizzard due to blowing snow. Noxious Weed building is in need of lights replaced or updated to LED. Rothe will get estimates.

Ness County EMS

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston spoke with Commission in regard to shortage of on-call volunteers, issues with loss of electricity, and contact with State Officials for meeting.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable. Gayer presented contract for Gayer Law PA to supply secretarial and para legal duties for the Office of the County Attorney of Ness County.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to accept contract from Gayer Law PA to provide secretarial and para legal duties for Jacob T Gayer, Ness County Attorney.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for January 12, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements from December 18th thru 30th was reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Davis, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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