

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 22, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 22, 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 Albers, 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 9:00 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Minutes and Correspondence

Regular Meeting held January 15, 2024, was approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. Kathy Whitley, Franklin Township Treasurer, suggested Sandra Rupp as a candidate to fill the vacant position of Trustee for Franklin Township.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to appoint Sandra Rupp as Franklin Township Trustee.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael met with Commission. Butler presented a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since December 18, 2023. Johnson presented weekly work schedule. Discussion was held on weather related issues and breakdowns, road conditions, and equipment repairs. Tipping fees were reported of \$30.00 for January 9th– 13th.

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 10:00 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:10 a.m. No action taken.

Ness County Health Department

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer, Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston, Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell and Ness County Emergency Preparedness Travis Rothe spoke with Commission regarding the County's Shelter in Place plan for emergency situations. Discussion included location, AED equipment, available cots, generator, and 24/7 available personnel if needed. Schweitzer will look into available grants.

Ness County Bank Building Foundation, Inc.

Ray Witthuhn and Gary Gantz from the Ness County Bank Foundation spoke with Commission regarding donation for funding repairs, window replacements and general maintenance.

Adds/Abate/Escapes

The following changes were made to the 2022 tax roll: Abate- Oil, \$119,806.12.

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Abate- Personal Property, \$154.12.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve a monthly payment of \$2,500.00 for Ness County Hospital District #1 and Ness County Hospital District #2 for the Ness County EMS & Ambulance Departments.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Ness County Bank Building Foundation, Inc.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for January 19, 2024, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements from January 2nd thru 12th was reviewed and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Davis, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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