

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 5, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 5, 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.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Department Chilton Miller met with Commission to discuss contract with KDOT for spraying Highway ditches and billing for prairie dog eradication. Commission reviewed an invoice dispute and discussed extra lawn mower housed at Noxious Weed building.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson presented grader hours on equipment. Discussion on older equipment in need of replacing, road conditions, & citizen complaints were addressed. An agreement was signed with KDOT for Off System 37 Bridge project. The weekly work schedule was presented. Employment application was reviewed. Tipping fees were reported of \$30.00 for January 23rd – 27th. 390 yards of rock was hauled.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 10:22 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:27 a.m. No action taken.

Johnson reported issue with purchased fuel that was tested. Commission agreed delivery of fuel will no longer be accepted without a Refinery Bill of Lading.

Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged

Commissioner Petersilie left meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Ness County Health Department

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer and Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston spoke with Commission regarding EMS Ambulance coverage for all of Ness County. Schweitzer presented bids for a blood pressure machine with stand: CardiacDirect - \$3,250.00 w/no stand available, McKesson-\$3,436.53 w/stand \$4,071.37, ExamTablesDirect - \$3,327.80 w/no stand available, and KenMed Surgical - \$2,750.00 w/no Stand available.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to approve bid from McKesson, \$4,071.37 for monitor and stand. Purchase will be funded by IAP Grant (Immunization Action Plan). All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Amber Metheny

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session for nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 15 minutes beginning at 11:40 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Metheny and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:55 a.m. No action taken.

Adds/Abate/Escapes

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Abate- Oil, \$789.74; Personal Property, \$23.12.

Commission

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer was asked to speak with Commission.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, 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 11:58 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Schweitzer, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 12:08 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Petersilie joined the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable.
Commission consulted with Attorney Gayer on Landfill lease and pending negotiations.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for January 31st and Accounts Payable for February 2nd, 2024, was reviewed, approved and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Attest:

Mark Davis, Chairman

Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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