

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
February 26, 2024

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 26, 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.

**Golden Belt Telephone**

Kyle Bahr from Golden Belt Telephone met with Commission to discuss prepaid billing buckets for IT services that may lower costs to Ness County.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to purchase the 2-year Platinum pre-paid membership for \$13,500 (150 standard hours).

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael met with Commission. Butler presented the FAS & Off-System Biennial Bridge Inventory and Appraisal inspection. Commission reviewed findings and discussed future plans. Butler presented a recap of Kirkham Michael activities since January 22, 2024. Butler and Johnson reviewed prior history of Cedar Bluff Wind Farms contracts, issues, and solutions when first installed. Landfill tipping fees for February 13<sup>th</sup> thru February 17<sup>th</sup>, amount of \$110.00 and 1,460 yards of sand was hauled. Road conditions and weekly work schedule was presented.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, 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 5 minutes beginning at 10:33 a.m. (Davis, Albers, Petersilie, Johnson, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:38 a.m. No action taken.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe discussed fire danger that is forecasted as increasing in the next day or so. Rothe reported Severe Weather training is scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., located at the 4H building. LEPC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., located in the Health Department.

**Minutes**

Regular minutes of February 20, 2024, Commission Meeting were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable. Commission consulted with Attorney Gayer on legal issues.


**Accounts Payable**

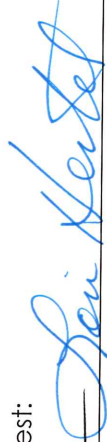
Accounts payable for February 23, 2024, was reviewed, approved and signed by Commission.

**Ness County Health Department**

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer and Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston spoke with Commission regarding County EMS Ambulance current structure, future structure and possible funding options. Discussion on Community Needs Assessment survey was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

  
Mark Davis, Chairman

Attest:   
Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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