

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 5, 2023

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Trish Giordano, and Alex Tyson

Others present: Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk and Betsy Edwards, County Counselor

Chairman Ascher called the County Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The commission held their review and update:

- Commissioner Giordano stated she attended a Hospital Board of Trustees meeting and at the next PBC meeting, the Trustees will be invited to discuss what the best route to go is for the future of the hospital.
- Commissioner Giordano attended a Pawnee Mental Health meeting. Pawnee needs more room, and they were looking at an old fraternity house in Manhattan, but did not get it, so they are still looking for more space.
- Commissioner Giordano attended the first Friday E-Call with Kansas State University on childcare. They were discussing new things that could help the current providers such as combining payroll and buying supplies together.
- Commissioner Giordano was a judge for Float Your Boat, there were only 3 boats participating.
- Commissioner Giordano also attended the downtown market.
- Commissioner Tyson attended the Fort Riley Memorial Day service.
- Commissioner Tyson attended the Main Street Market, lots of people and vendors.
- Commissioner Tyson attended the first Brigade baseball game which was well attended.
- Chairman Ascher attended the reception the night before the ribbon cutting for NBAF.
- Chairman Ascher attended the Fort Riley Memorial Day service.
- Commissioner Tyson stated Senator Roger Marshall was speaking at the Fort Riley Memorial Day event about revamping the Big Red One memorial in Washington DC. He said they will be inviting dignitaries from the area to attend. It will be early next year. Commissioner Tyson said the cost will need to be budgeted for so the commissioners may attend.

Tami Robison, Financial Director arrived at the meeting.

Crystal Malchose, Human Resources Director arrived at the meeting to give the weekly report:

- Presented a few more Health Department Director applications. She would like the commissioners to let her know their top choices, and she will get interviews scheduled.
- Stated that KCAMP is offering an anti-harassment training webinar on July 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Anyone that takes this class now, will not have to take their annual training at the employee training day.
- **At 10:16 a.m.; Commissioner Giordano moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, to include Counselor Edwards and Ms. Malchose for 5 minutes, to end at 10:21 a.m.; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with no action taken.

Tami Robison, Financial Director presented the weekly report:

- Presented CIP project authorization forms for-Public Works Oil Distributor, \$31,277.00 will be used from the reserved funds that came over from Equipment Reserve, and the balance to be taken from the CIP Fund, and \$6,000.00 for furniture in the finance office. The chairman needed to sign for requests.

- Discussed the Sewer Dist. #4 lagoon project. There is a \$212,000.00 balance to be paid that is not covered by ARPA funds, and she was looking at bonding out for the district to incur those costs. Mr. Trumpp (Public Works Director) has an invoice for just under \$60,000.00. Kevin Cowan, legal counsel from Gilmore & Bell, is coming on June 26, 2023, to approve a charter resolution to go ahead with the bonding process. She is trying to use local banks since it is a smaller amount, with 15 years or less for the term. Earlier the commission discussed how to pay for the bonds, and they could increase user fees, and assessing a general tax. Commissioner Giordano asked when a good time would be to meet with the residents, and Ms. Robison said now, there will be a relatively good estimate of the amount for every month. Chairman Ascher asked if there would be any more charges, and Commissioner Giordano said if they put the meters in, that would be at their cost, but that is on the water side. Ms. Robison said the Assistant Public Works Director stated there could be an additional 83 lots developed, the commission will decide if they would charge the new resident to hook up to sewer. The residents pay \$43.00 a month per user for the current sewer rate. Ms. Robison said there could be change orders, and if they don't have enough bond money, the sewer district would have to pay for it, but she doesn't want to get too much bond money and end up paying more interest.
- Stated the HR Director has reached out to ADS security about the GIS office (new finance office) having call and panic buttons installed. Mr. Trumpp (Public Works Director) will bring in the cost of the wall construction and new carpeting. Originally, they thought they could bring up a desk from the basement for Jayme, and it was sold, so she has to buy a new one. The policy needs to be re-done for selling old office furniture. A desk will need to be purchased for Jayme. Ms. Robison said there has been a few problems with CIC, and she is looking at the system. All of the needed training was not completed, the clerk's office needs the balancing part of it, and the treasurer's office needs the work to be hitting cash. She has talked with CIC, and more training will be set up.
- Discussed the internet and CIC being down.

Garry Berges, Emergency Management Director/Rural Fire Chief arrived at the meeting and gave his monthly report:

- Reported there was only 4 calls in the month of May. Mr. Berges said he said surrounding jurisdictions (Morris, Dickinson and Wabaunsee) are now running 800 MHz radios.
- Discussed the old fire station 2, he asked for sealed bids for the building, to be removed from the private property, owned by the Pruitt's. According to the lease agreement they can buy it if they want to. Mr. Berges opened the sealed bid of \$500.00 for the metal building. It would cost the county a lot more to move it or tear it down. He recommends letting the Pruitt's purchase the building for the bid price of \$500.00. Chairman Ascher asked if we could negotiate for a higher bid, Mr. Berges said he didn't think so. **Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the bid from Matthew Pruitt for the old fire station 2 building located at 7352 East Lyons Creek Road for \$500.00; Commissioner Giordano seconded, and all voted aye.**

Corey Trumpp and Jeremie Myers, Public Works, arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Berges continued with his report:

- Reported the insulation project in his building going good, volunteers are doing the work. He would like to pay them \$25.00 an hour, for 43 hours at \$25.00 an hour, totaling \$1075.00. Mr. Berges said the CIP request was estimated at \$24,000.00. **Commissioner Giordano moved to pay the volunteers; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Discussed after hour calls, the Sheriff's department and dispatch doesn't have time to take the calls. Mr. Berges is looking for someone else to do it, he said Mr. Janke and him are on call all the time, and take all the calls, and they are getting tired of doing it, he is trying to figure out a way to monitor the phone calls over the weekend.

- Reported on July 4 they will help with the Freedom Run and he will have a firetruck in the parade. Fireworks will be sold from June 27 thru July 5, with 4 stands located in the county. The county charges \$100.00 a stand.

At 10:55 a.m.; Commissioner Giordano moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to include Garry Berges and Counselor Edwards for 10 minutes, to end at 11:05 a.m.; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye. The meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with no action taken.

Corey Trumpp, Public Works Director and Jeremie Myers, Assistant Public Works Director arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Trumpp gave the bi-weekly report:

- Discussed the revised Geary County Interior Painting Policy, now having two colors-simple white, and custom commission chambers. **Commissioner Giordano moved to approve the new paint policy, Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Chairman Ascher left the meeting.
- Gave an update on the C4953-01 Conroe Bridge project. Change Order #1-during the time from design to construction, the size of the scour hole changed. During construction, Geary County requested Kaw Valley to reshoot the elevations, updated cross sections were provided for estimated quantities and an additional 680 cubic yards of rock will be needed in the area for erosion control-cost of \$148,890.04. Change Order #2- affects the contract time. Cost is \$292,972.12. Bridge backwall protection system is being underrun by 362 square yards. Mr. Trumpp says this is Kaw Valley's responsibility to reimburse the county. Change Order #3 did not affect the contract time, pre-drill pile holes-cost-\$35,640.00. Change Order #4- did not affect the contract time-contract addition due to material cost related to the cellular low-density concrete price increase after January 1, 2023. Ebert Construction has requested a cost increase of \$10.00 per unit price for the concrete at a cost of \$9,910.00, Mr. Trumpp feels is Kaw Valley's responsibility. Change Order #5 affects the contract time. It was found that the abutment walls were leaning. After review, it was determined the original design needed a modification. The cost is \$500.00. Mr. Trumpp said it should be Kaw Valley's responsibility because of design errors. Mr. Trumpp recommends the commission approve the commitment of funds, and he will invoice Kaw Valley. The total commitment of funds is \$487,000.00, and the amount that Kaw Valley owes the county, as per Mr. Trumpp's recommendation is \$303,382.12. **Commissioner Giordano moved to take Mr. Trumpp's recommendation to pay the commitment of funds, and invoice Kaw Valley; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and both voted aye.** Final dirt work/grading & seeding was completed last week. The county is going to be putting in fencing, which will save money. Ascher Road is planned to be reopened June 6, 2023. Chairman Ascher returned to the meeting.
- Discussed the 4-H beef barn metal roofing replacement sealed bid recommendation. Mr. Trumpp recommends Yutzy roofing at \$96,800.00, to be paid out of CIP Funds. On April 18th, the Free Fair Board met and approved contributing their yearly county appropriation of \$19,425.00 towards the new roof. The county would be responsible for \$77,375.00. The previous CIP request to the Financial Director was \$75,000.00 and the 4-H contribution of \$25,000.00. This will exceed the CIP request previously approved the commission. The Financial Director said since the 4H already received ½ of their appropriation in 2023, she would prefer we pay the bill, and the 4H reimburse us for their full amount. **Commissioner Giordano moved to accept the bid from Yutzy Roofing for the 4-H beef barn for \$96,800.00; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.**

- Discussed due to heavy rains in the area on May 31, 2023, Mr. Trumpp received a call from dispatch at 5:15 p.m., that flash flooding left debris on Old 40 in several locations. The cause of water coming over the roadway was due to corn stalks plugging culverts. The road & bridge crews cleaned debris off the roadway that night and continued for the next couple of days removing stalks from culverts.
- Reported a claim was submitted to KCAMP for the rodeo arena light pole. Dale Evans, Road & Bridge Supervisor worked it out with Every to install a pole to replace the broken pole at no cost. The pole was installed on May 30, 2023. There are at least 9 other poles that show signs of age and several of them are rotten at the bottom. Mr. Trumpp asked if this would be a county expense, or a rodeo/saddle club expense? Mr. Trumpp will do an RFP for the replacement of poles to get a cost. Chairman Ascher is not sure the Rodeo Association would have funds for the pole replacement. Commissioner Tyson said the Sports Complex fund might be able to pay for this, that is what that money is for.
- Discussed the Fort Riley Flint Hills stockpile area. At the present time, the land where the stockpile is, the county has a license to use. They are transitioning to a lease now, and in the lease, it says the county could at any time have to move the footings and floor, if the lease is not renewed. Mr. Trumpp said it is either lease the current space from the Corps or go out and try to find property somewhere to use. The current license fee is \$5000.00 for a 5-year license. Commissioner Tyson asked what the lease fee is going to be, and Mr. Trumpp said they couldn't give him an amount right now, but he thinks it should be about the same as the license.
- Reported the landfill brush pile was open on May 20, 2023. There were 44 loads of brush received. Chairman Ascher asked why this couldn't be put at the old landfill. Mr. Trumpp is afraid of the cells located under the landfill, if they activated one of those with putting a building on it, would not be good, and could cost the county a bunch of money.
- Discussed the Cloud County Community College building B epoxy coated flooring request. Cloud County Community College's insurance will be replacing all of the VCT tiles in the main hallways and restrooms. They have asked to replace the VCT with a commercial epoxy floor covering. This is more expensive than commercial VCT & LVP. Mr. Trumpp recommends the commercial epoxy flooring. **Commissioner Tyson moved to install commercial epoxy flooring at CCC; Commissioner Giordano seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Reported a HVAC compressor went out at the Sheriff's Department. The cost of a new unit was only a couple thousand dollars more, and the Sheriff advised TCA to replace the entire unit at a cost of \$12,679.00 to be paid out of the Facilities Fund. Commissioner Giordano asked how the sheriff could approve this expenditure without going through the bid process? Mr. Trumpp said it was an emergency situation, there was no a/c where the prisoners were, and it had to be expedited as quick as possible. The Finance Director said when departments have issues such as this, they need to work with Mr. Trumpp to get it repaired. **Commissioner Tyson moved to pay for the new a/c unit at the sheriff's department out of the Facilities Fund; Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**
- Discussed the ARC/Community Corrections project. The Community Corrections south offices were repainted last week. Furniture was moved back in last Friday. Associated Insulation arrived back this morning to begin the asbestos remediation on the north side of Community Corrections. Hopefully they will be completed this week so Kieser Flooring can come into finish installing the flooring and Building Maintenance can finish up painting those areas in the next couple weeks.
- Reported the new lift station at the Sewer #4 lagoon project has been running for the past couple weeks. Nowak will be planning on removing the old plant and try and get this project wrapped up. Emergency generator training will begin today @ noon.
- Discussed HVAC Unit C-3, Building C- Cloud County Community College. The evaporator coil needs replaced. Thermal Comfort Air has quoted a cost @ \$4,009.00. Due to the age of the unit,

and the possibilities of other component future failures, Mr. Trumpp recommends replacing the entire unit at the cost of \$11,577.00 to be paid out of the CCCC Fund. **Commissioner Giordano moved to approve replacement of the HVAC Unit C-3 at CCCC for \$11,577.00; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.**

- Discussed lowering the speed limit on Old Highway 13-From the Morris County Line north to Old Highway 18 intersection, Old Highway 18-From K-177 intersection west to Lower McDowell Creek Rd Intersection, Cutoff Rd- From Humboldt Creek Rd intersection west to Davis Creek Rd Intersection, and Moritz road-from Old Highway 18 intersection north to Interstate 70. It will be 35 mph, and he is putting up 41 signs @ \$40-50 each with a total over \$2000.00, just in signs, not including the posts. The County Counselor has drawn up a resolution. This will be temporary during the road construction. The sheriff's department will increase patrol in that area. **Commissioner Tyson moved to approve Resolution 6-5-2023; Commissioner Giordano seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Requested to purchase a new Bradford built flat bed for a 2005 Chevy 2500 pickup. The current bed received damage during snow and ice operation this past winter, and with the amount of rust, it is not a good candidate for repair. This truck, with the addition of the new flatbed would be used as a saw truck as well as other day-to-day uses for Road & Bridge/Public Works. They have received 3 separate quotes for flat beds. Fund used for this purchase will be Road & Bridge/Public Works Capital Outlay in the amount of \$4,945.00. They have chosen the Bradford bed due to its known quality, standard fold-down metal sides, and built-in receiver hitch for the model quoted. The quotes are: Bradford-\$4,945.00 installed, Heartland truck beds- Crownline bed \$4,000.00 installed, but no sides or no built-in receiver, and Wertzberger ranch equipment-Crownline bed \$4,415.00 installed, but no sides or built-in receiver. **Commissioner Tyson moved to accept the bid from Bradford for \$4,945.00 for the Heartland truck bed; Commissioner Giordano seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Stated he will be sending out sealed bid packets for the Public Works door replacement CIP project. Packets will be due back on July 14, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. and will be opened at the regularly scheduled commission meeting on July 17, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Discussed the 2016 Rosco oil distributor. Mr. Myers went to North Carolina to look at this machine, everything checked out as should. They are asking for approval to purchase this unit in the amount of \$138,000.00, plus a transport fee to the Public Works facility in the amount of \$3,600.00 for a total purchase price of \$141,600.00. This will be paid for with remaining previous equipment reserve funds of \$31,277.00 and \$110,323.00 out of CIP funds. **Commissioner Giordano moved to approve the purchase of the Rosco oil distributor-\$31,277.00 from remaining equipment reserve funds, and \$110,323.00 out of CIP funds; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.** Mr. Trumpp and Mr. Myers left the meeting.

Chrysann Phipps, Community Corrections Director arrived at the meeting to discuss:

- Requested approval to purchase two vehicles-one from Valor-2023 Van-trading in a 2015 van at a cost of \$31,654.00. **Commissioner Giordano moved to approve the purchase of the 2023 van; Commissioner Tyson seconded, and all voted aye.** Jim Clark-2023 Chevy Trailblazer-trading in a 2017 Malibu at a cost of \$12,184.00. **Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the purchase of the Malibu; Chairman Ascher seconded; Commissioner Giordano abstained, and both voted aye.**

Charles Martinez, Interim Director and the HR Director arrived at the meeting. **At 11:45 a.m.: Chairman Ascher moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, to include Mr. Martinez, Counselor Edwards, and HR Director Malchose for 10 minutes to end at 11:55 a.m.; Commissioner Giordano seconded, and all voted aye.** At 11:55 a.m. the meeting reconvened with no action taken.

The public comment session was held. No one was in attendance for public comment.

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Tyson moved to approve Commissioner Change Order 2022-329 through 2022-332. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented County Commission minutes for approval; **Commissioner Giordano moved to approve the minutes from May 15, 2023; Chairman Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

The regular commission meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. Commissioners present: Trish Giordano, Alex Tyson and Keith Ascher

Others present: Betsy Edwards, Therese Hoff, and Tami Robison

The budget work sessions started at 2:00 p.m.

Tami Robison introduced the presenters:

Jack Lindquist, Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program requested \$1,000.00 for 2024.

Terry Butler, Michaela Self, Sheila Markley, Main Street requested \$20,000.00 for 2024.

Lori Feldkamp, Big Lakes Developmental Center requested \$98,183.00 for 2024.

Sally Jardine, Senior Citizen Center requested \$177,000.00 for 2024.

Joe and Sheila Markley, Opera House requested \$60,000.00 for 2024.

Sally Jardine, Tonette Hammond, Debbie Savage, Fresh Start Emergency Shelter requested \$60,000.00 for 2024.

Jordan McCann, JC Area Chamber of Commerce, Member Relations, requested \$2500 to \$4500, for 2024, depending on the level chosen.

Amber Stanley, YMCA, requested \$60,372.97 for 2024.

Shawn Brandmahl, North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility requested \$286,709.47 for 2024.

Soil Conservation District members-Rod Gfeller, George Poland, Gary Schellhorn, Brandon Dibben and Sarah Schmidt, NRCS District Conservationist Kevin Religa and Tulwen Adams NRCS requested \$29,000.00 for 2024.

Bob Story and Terry Butler, Freedom Fest, requested \$10,000.00 for 2024.

Krista Blaisdell, County Attorney, requested \$1,618,881.00 for 2024.

Frank Catalo, Silver Haired Legislature requested \$100.00 for 2024.

The budget work sessions ended at 4:15 p.m.

Keith Ascher

CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION
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6-26-2023

DATE