

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 1-17-2020--**Approved**

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Chuck Kuntz, and Mike Gillespie. Shelly Holaday was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike made a motion to approve the agenda. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. David reported he contracted fuel with Frontier Ag Inc. Denise handed out the voucher summary. David reported he has been putting in some culverts. David reported he has hired a new employee. David reported he got the pickups ordered. David now has the DEF tank in the back of his pickup. Duane reported on a sign at road P and 68 that needs the P replaced as it is gone.

Shelly left the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to take minutes. Shelly returned to the meeting at 9:26 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Duane made a motion to into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:45 a.m. until 9:55 a.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Dave received a phone call from Jerol Deboer of Penco Engineering saying he received a report from Western Coop Electric saying it will cost \$47,650.00 to move 2 poles for the bridge project. Western Coop electric wants the County to pay ½ the cost. The Commissioners instructed Jerol to negotiate for the best interest for the county. David and Denise left the meeting.

Matt reported he has the GPS hooked up and working correctly. Matt reported he is selling a lot of prairie dog bait. Matt left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Brian Graham joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Brian gave the Commissioners a copy of the warranty for the John Deere track loader. Brian reported he had a state inspection the 13th. Brian explained the deficiencies he received during the state inspection. He will work on fixing these deficiencies. The Commissioners discussed a voucher with Brian. Brian asked about hiring anymore help. The Commissioners are working on it. Brian left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Mike Haase joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m. asking the Commissioners to sign a letter of appointment for Mike to the Home Land Security Council in Northwest Kansas. Duane signed the letter and Mike left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Shelly left the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Chuck made a motion to approve the adds and abates numbered 2020000020 thru

2020000029. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The Commissioner began signing the official minutes for the Commissioner Journal. Cheri joined the meeting to inform the Commissioner of more information on the securities the County has. Cheri left the meeting. Shelly gave the Commissioners the NRP report for 2019. The Commissioner's reviewed the report.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m. They will return to regular meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:05 p.m.

The Commissioners placed a call to Ericka Nicholson the Economic Development Director. Mark and Ericka discussed the ROZ resolution. She will email two documents for the Commissioners to sign. She will start the LMI survey soon. The Commissioner's ended the call. Mike made a motion to sign the Agreement for Administrative Services from the NWKS Planning and Development Commission for the KHRC grants. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to sign the grant agreement between Gove County and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Shelly left the meeting at 2:17 p.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Commissioners discussed elected officials salaries. County Attorney discussed secretary salary.

Shelly rejoined the meeting at 2:21 p.m. and Bonnie left the meeting.

Mark discussed making the airport a county airport. He had a taxpayer inquire of this. He discussed different ways the county could do this. It would have to go to a vote of the taxpayers.

Chuck made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 Authorizing Participation in the Student Loan Repayment Program under the ROZ program. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 concerning raises for the elected officials. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 2:55 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:15 p.m.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 3:19 p.m. Mark explained the Commissioners want to combine the Landfill and the Noxious Weed departments. She said you would need to wait until budget time or we could republish the budget with the combination. She advised talking to Don Tilton at Mapes and Miller to see how it could be done

during the year. The Commissioners placed a call to Don to see if he could answer some questions. There was no answer.

The Commissioners discussed the pay wages and why they adjusted them as they did.

Cheri left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 3:49 p.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session from 3:50 p.m. until 4:05 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:05 p.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session from 4:05 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:15 p.m. Brian Graham joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 4:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:30 p.m. Brian left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Commissioners placed a call to Don Tilton to ask him if we can combine two budgets into one. He suggested republishing and transferring funds during the year. The Commissioners ended the call at 4:45 p.m. Cheri left the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Matt left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 65211 thru 65288. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.