

The Gove County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes 3-23-2020-Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building Meeting Room. Members present were Chuck Kuntz, acting Chairman, and Mike Gillespie. Duane Vollbracht was absent. 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.

Shelly Holaday left the meeting at 8:50 a.m. and Bonnie Cook joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Bonnie left the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and Shelly rejoined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Denise handed out the Road and Bridge Annual Report. David reported the pickup for Matt at the Noxious Weed Department is ready. David reported he is going to book 2021 fuel. Daryl Remington joined the meeting. David reported Daryl's pickup is ready to go. Daryl left the meeting. David asked if the Commissioner's want to implement any new procedures due to the COVID-19 virus. Mike made a motion to allow David to implement flexible hours for the Road and Bridge Department during the COVID-19 outbreak. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to go into executive session from 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. Mike made a motion to approve a pay raise for one of the employees at the Road and Bridge Department. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Matt reported on the new hire at the Landfill. The HHW plan was \$600.00 a year it is now a \$1,000.00 a year. All the counties agreed to pay the \$1,000.00. Matt gave the Commissioners a quote for a new computer and a printer/copier. Chuck made a motion to allow Matt to purchase the new equipment for the Landfill. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:50 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:05 a.m. Matt left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Ericka Nicholson reported to the Commissioners via email message. She reported that over the weekend the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Emergency Management announced emergency loans for the hospitality industry. Also Kansas declared a federal economic emergency and the Federal Government has made available emergency SBA loans. That was all she had to report.

Chuck made a motion to approve Adds/Abates #2020000040 & 2020000041. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Shelly presented some mail for the Commissioners to review.

Chuck made a motion to approve checks numbered 65485 to 65535. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Shelly left the meeting at 10:57. Bonnie joined the meeting at 10:57. Shelly returned to the regular meeting at 11:04 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Alan Weber and Mike Haase joined the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Mike made a motion to go into executive session from 11:10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. to discuss sensitive information regarding emergency management. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m. Mike made a motion to approve resolution number 2020-03 COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Allan reported on the hot water at the Courthouse. He wanted to know if that was in the works to be fixed. The Commissioners will check into the situation to see what can be done. Allan and Mike left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Chuck made a motion to approve the amended minutes for 3-9-2020 and the special meeting minutes of 3-19-2020. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.