

The Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes-4-20-2020-**Approved**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Shelly left the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 8:41 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 8:48 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 8:49 a.m. Discussion was held on the Vollbracht sand pit. The road that comes out of Scout County is done except for the sanding. David reported they fixed the pot holes on Old Forty Friday. David reported they are getting ready to rip in sand on the Grinnell Road and then 3 miles east of Pioneer Feed yard. David reported we should be getting millings from I-70 in the next two weeks. There was discussion on where to have the NWKS Commissioners and Highway Department meeting. Denise handed out the voucher summary. Denise had a question about payroll. The Commissioners answered her question. David is still working on the GPS on the motor graders. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Matt asked to use the Road and Bridge power washer. Matt wondered about the millings for the Landfill. David reported it will be a couple of weeks before they start hauling the millings. Matt reported they stacked up about 400 good railroad ties for people to come get. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Matt reported the new employee for the weed department will start Monday. Matt discussed policy at the Landfill for inclement weather. Matt reported people are still coming out to pick up railroad ties. Matt discussed the employee's performance at the Landfill. Matt asked what the policy is for leasing equipment. The Commissioner's informed Matt the County does not normally lease equipment. Matt left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Shelly left the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and Bonnie joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Discussion was held on getting another recycle trailer.

Duane placed a call to Daryl Remington to have him come in concerning a voucher. Daryl joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Daryl discussed the voucher. Daryl left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Erick Nicholson joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Ericka presented paperwork for another KHRC loan. Ericka reported on a grant available for expenses the county has incurred due to COVID-19. David Caudill Gove County Medical Center CEO joined the

meeting at 10:42 a.m. He reported numbers are down. The hospital is not entitled to grant money that is out there because the hospital is not 501 3c and are not a private hospital. He reported the hospital is ready for any new cases of COVID-19 if there is one. David reported the furloughed laws to the Commissioners. Discussion was held on the COVID-19 procedures currently. There was discussion on the 1% sales tax question. Some questions will have to be answered by the county attorney and the secretary of state's office. Allan Weber joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Shelly left the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and Marvin joined the meeting at 11:08 a.m. David left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Alan joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Alan gave an update on the county COVID-19. There was discussion on reimbursement of expenses. Ericka left the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 11:20 to 11:25 a.m. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m. Alan left the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and Marvin left the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Chuck made a motion to sign resolution number 2020-004 appointing Terry Ostmeyer to the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the 1% sales tax for the hospital.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 12:01 p.m. The Commissioners asked Cheri how the sales tax money is distributed. Cheri left the meeting 12:22 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:22 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:59 p.m.

The Commissioners placed a call to the High Plains Mental Health Center to discuss funding for this coming year. Walter Hill reviewed their annual report with the Commissioners. The Commissioners ended the call at 1:17 p.m.

Discussion continued on the 1% sales tax for the hospital.

Roger Powers called the Commissioners to discuss the airport. The airport will not receive a tax exemption for the airport after 2020. The Commissioners ended the call at 1:30 p.m.

Discussion began on leasing equipment. Mark will check on statute to see what is possible.

Chuck made a motion to approve checks 65589 thru 65640 Mike second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

David joined the meeting at 1:57 p.m. Discussion began on the taxpayer who needs to be prosecuted for violating state statute concerning said taxpayer doing illegal maintenance on county roads. David left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the 1% sales tax for the hospital. Shelly left the meeting at 2:51 p.m. and Bonnie joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m. Chuck made a motion to put the hospital sales tax on the General Election. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 3:02 p.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

The Commissioner's discussed the building at 309 West 6th Street. Duane made a motion to authorize Mike Gillespie to negotiate the sale of 309 West 6th Street, Quinter, Kansas.

Mike made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-005 to put the 1% sales tax on the November 2020 ballot. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.