

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 5-18-2020-Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building in the meeting room. 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.

The Commissioner's joined the EOC meeting via Zoom at 8:33 a.m. The Commissioner's asked a few questions and then left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Marvin Haldeman joined the meeting at 8:52 a.m. to discuss a voucher with the Commissioners. Marvin left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Shelly left the meeting at 8:55 a.m. and Bonnie Cook joined the meeting. Shelly returned to the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. David reported they are done ripping in sand. They are done hauling millings. The Road and Bridge hauled around 15 loads to the Landfill. They put in the culvert over at C J Johnson's. Denise presented a local road safety plan to the Commissioners for review. Chuck made a motion to sign an agreement for a local road safety plan project number 106 C-4790-04. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to sign the Penco 2020 FAS Biennial Bridge Inspection letter. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Denise handed out the voucher summary. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Matt would like about 4 more loads of millings to put in the bottom of the pit. Chuck asked David to sand some of Castle Rock Road Sour of O through the hilly areas.. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Matt reported on noxious weed spraying. Matt had the noxious week spray around the Vo-Tech Building in Quinter. Matt is going to purchase a Samsung tablet to run the GPS software for his spraying. Matt ordered a drip control for spraying for the Noxious Weed department. Matt discussed purchasing chemicals for the noxious week department. Matt ordered LED safety lights for the other spray pickup. Matt showed the Commissioners an email for a proposed change to the noxious weed department. Matt reported they started spraying KDOT today. They are going to spray 23 Hwy on Saturday for safety reasons. Matt discussed his spraying goals for this year with the Commissioners. Matt has a person coming out tomorrow to look at the railroad ties to see what it will take to grind them up. He also grinds up plastic. Matt reported cardboard has gone up in price. Matt reported they closed the Landfill on Saturday until 1:00 p.m. due to the rain. Matt wants to know if he can burn weeds around things. He will have the spray truck out there for safety. The Commissioners said to go ahead if he

can do it safely. Matt will have the Road and Bridge come out with their loader and get the railroad ties out of the pit in a stack so they are easier to sort apart. Matt reported people are not dumping on the working face of the pit. There was discussion. Matt reported the old box truck is having engine issues. The Commissioners want Matt to look at where he is with his budget before they make any decisions, Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. Matt left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Ericka Nicholson joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Ericka discussed the KHRC grant she recently received. Duane made a motion to approve the KHRC grant Ericka received. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ericka discussed another grant she is trying to get approved for Gove County. She discussed the grant and the public hearing that needs to take place for the grant. Don Tilton joined the meeting at 10:42 a.m. The Commissioners allowed Ericka to run the notice in the paper. There was discussion on the grant and how it would be administrated. Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 10:50 to 11:00 a.m. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m.

David Caudill Gove County Medical Center joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. David presented the 2020 Gove County Medical Center budget for the Commissioners to review. David presented some statistics for the hospital and how COVID-19 effected the numbers. David presented the loss for the month and explained how the grant they received helped them. There was discussion on the sales tax question for the hospital. David explained some cleaning protocol at the hospital. He also discussed long term care safety measures, David, Don, and Ericka left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Allan Weber and Mike Haase joined the meeting 11:30 a.m. Mike needs the Commissioners to verbally extend the county Emergency Declaration for another 60 days. Mike made a motion to extend Resolution 2020-03 another 60 days. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Cheri Remington, Bonnie Cook, Cristy Tuttle, David Caudill, and Marvin Haldeman joined the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:46 a.m. There was discuss on what should be done about opening the County Offices and other COVID-19 protective measures. The Commissioners have decided to keep the situation the same for another 2 weeks and then reevaluate. Mike, Cristy, Bonnie, Cheri, David, Marvin, and Krystal left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Sherry White joined the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Shelly left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and Marvin Haldeman joined the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 12:18 p.m. and Marvin left the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Sherry reported on the services and commitments of their organization. Sherry presented the statute that allows the Commissioners to give money to the organization. Mark will look over the statute and

the Commissioners will make a decision after Mark has analyzed the statute. Sherry and Allan left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Chuck made a motion to sign resolution 2020-06 certifying legal authority and authorization to apply for the CDBG-CV from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to sign the agreement for administrative consulting services of Community Development Block Grant Funds to the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to sign all necessary documentation to implement the CDBG-CV grants. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ericka left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:48 p.m. and will return to regular session at 1:48 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Mike made a motion to create a COVID-19 fund. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners discussed some public concerns at the Landfill.

The Commissioners placed a call to Matt Wolf at 2:03 p.m. He reported the KDHE had visited the Landfill this morning due to a complaint and had no concerns. They stated the Landfill looks the best it has in quite some time. The Commissioners ended the call at 2:05 p.m.

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

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 65702 thru 65744. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.