

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 7-27-2020-Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was held at the meeting room of the Gove County Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. with members Duane Vollbracht, Mike Gillespie, and Chuck Kuntz present. 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 Caudill joined the meeting at 8:19 a.m. He gave his hospital report. Ericka Nicholson joined the meeting at 8:21 a.m. David answered some questions about PPE. David discussed the purchase of the house. Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 8:26 a.m. They discussed the sales tax question. David ended his report.

The SPARKS Committee joined the meeting (Ericka Nicholson, David Caudill, Cheri Remington, Mike Haase). The EOC is opening up again. Cheri reported most of the 1st round of SPARKS's money will go to the schools. The 2nd round will go to broadband. Allan Weber joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m. SPARKS are working with the schools for when they get their first case. Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m. She reported Gove County has another confirmed case of COVID. She is working on getting the people in the system who were exposed, which is over 200. Cheryl explained the need for wearing masks at public functions and to practice social distancing. Cheryl explained that lowering our number of people allowed to get together is probably not realistic, especially with school starting soon. They discussed possible exposures in the County. They discussed Gove Old Settler's day and Stag/Stagette at both Grinnell and Grainfield. She will discuss stopping these events with the Public Health Officer and make a determination. David reported the situation about what will happen at the hospital if a case is required to be hospitalized. Supplies are getting limited and buying supplies does not guarantee the hospital will get those supplies. They discussed when school opens and possible scenarios. SPARKS are working with schools trying to get supplies and PPE. Ericka, David, Cheri, and Mike left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

David Mendenhall, Harvey Heier, Bill Rowe with Doonan Peterbilt of Hays, and Brad Burkhart with Dodge City Kenworth joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.. Harvey talked about Front Street in Grainfield. It is very torn up and Harvey would like to put millings on it to fix it. There was discussion on the subject. The Commissioners want David and Harvey to get together and get better figures. Harvey left the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Bill and Brad both brought quotes for trucks. They each presented their numbers. Discussion followed. Shelly left the meeting at 9:22 a.m. and Bonnie joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 9:37 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting. David will check on what the Mack would be worth to sell out right versus the trade. They discussed the wet kit. Bill and Brad left the meeting at 9:49 a.m. David reported

the City of Grinnell in the East ditch of Oak Street is having trouble with drainage. The City would like a culvert placed to drain the water. David wants an engineer involved to avoid any problems. The Commissioners agreed to let David involve the engineer. Duane will visit with some people in Grinnell to see if that is where the problem is. Duane wants to be there when the engineer is there to observe where the problem is for sure. David needs to go through the truck quotes and then let the Commissioners know so they can approve the purchase. The Commissioners will try to help Grainfield with the road problem. David left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Matt reported he is spraying Johnson grass all over the County. The scraper at the Landfill had a flat tire last week, it's getting a new tire this week. The bottom of the Landfill is still a mess with the water from the rains. Matt went and looked at a Forklift but it was too expensive and wouldn't fit through the doorway. The Commissioner's gave Matt a suggestion where to look for forklifts. Chuck asked about the two tanks at the noxious weed department. Matt reported they will be using them. They discussed the box truck. Matt needs the Commissioner's to sign the Solid Waste Management Plans 5 year worksheet. The fence line is clean at the Landfill. The Commissioners reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plans 5 year worksheet and signed off on it. They discussed the scraper at the Landfill. Matt left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Cristy Tuttle joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Cristy asked about the signs the County owns up on Interstate 70. She wanted to know if the County will automatically renew them to the current advertisers. There is a new lease already signed with the current advertisers. Cristy talked about surveyors in Gove County. She believes one of the surveyors has retired so we need to take them off the resolution that was signed in 2015. The Commissioners discussed the surveyor's. Cristy had a list of surveyors who are willing to serve as surveyors who review surveys that need to be filed in the Register of Deeds Office. The Commissioners want Cristy to check with some of the people on the list and see if they want added to the list and then come back and talk to the Commissioners about it. Cristy left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Shelly left the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and Bonnie joined the meeting. Tim Hansen from NWLEPG joined the meeting at 10:47 a.m. NWLEPG has been testing wells for the last 3 years. They did a check on a well that came back contaminated, so a new well will be drilled. The state is coming out with a new water code. Tim Hansen left the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Bonnie left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and Shelly rejoined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the contract concerning 317 ½ Main in Quinter.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed vouchers.

Mark Schmeidler left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed budgets from last year.

Mark Schmeidler rejoined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and will return to regular session at 12:35 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:35 a.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 65938 through 65979. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners placed a call to Allan Weber about a voucher. The Commissioners ended the call.

The Commissioners began reviewing budgets. Shelly left the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Don Tilton and Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 1:26 p.m. and Bonnie left the meeting. Discussion began on the 2021 budgets. David Mendenhall joined the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Shelly left the meeting at 2:48 p.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to have a special meeting on Aug 17th at 8:30 a.m. for the budget hearing. The Commissioner will have the Gove County Fire District #1 budget hearing at 8:45 a.m. Shelly returned to the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

David reported back on the quotes on the trucks from earlier today. Mike made a motion to trade in the 2004 Mack truck towards a new Kenworth. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Don Tilton left the meeting at 3:12 p.m. David left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Cheri Remington and Cristy Tuttle joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m. They wanted to discuss SPARKS's money that could be used for upgrades to restrooms in the Gove County Office Building and Courthouse. The Commissioners agreed to let Cristy and Cheri come up with a proposal to turn in to the SPARKS Committee. Cristy and Cheri left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

The Commissioners placed a call to the Gove County Health Department to ask Cheryl about her excess money in her building fund. She didn't answer. The Commissioners left a message for her.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.