

Board of County Canvassers Meeting Minutes-8-10-20 –**Approved**

The Board of County Canvassers meet at the meeting room in the Gove County Office Building. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Mike Gillespie, and Chuck Kuntz. Shelly Holaday was present taking minutes. Bonnie Cook was present. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board began opening the provisional ballots.

Mike made a motion to approve the ballot counts as recorded. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to adjourn the meeting of Board of County Canvassers at 8:41 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 8-10-2020-**Approved**

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:42 a.m. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Chuck Kuntz, and Mike Gillespie. Shelly Holaday was present taking minutes.

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

Marvin Haldeman joined the meeting to take minutes at 8:50 a.m. Shelly left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The Spark committee met with the Commissioners. Cheryl Goetz reported on the receipts coming in from the schools, cities and the county. Schools are on track for opening. The plan has been sent into the state. They reported on the second round of grant money. The applications have all been sent into the state for review. The committee left the meeting at 9:35 a. m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Dave reported on the resurfacing done in Grinnell. Discussion was held on resurfacing needed in Grainfield. Dave will report back to the City Council. Denise presented the voucher summary. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular meeting at 9:50 a.m. Dave and Denise left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:53 a.m. There was discussion on pumping water to drain water holes at the Landfill. Matt will report back. Matt reported he had a call from a customer that thought the charges for spraying was too high. The Commissioners recommended staying with his regular rates. Matt left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Allan Weber, Mike Haase, Ericka Nicholson, and Corina Cox joined the meeting at 9:59 a.m. A legal hearing was opened to discuss potential conflicts of interest concerning Gove County's project #20-CV-027. Corina Cox, NWKPDC explained the State of Kansas Conflict of Interest Policy and the process to request a waiver for eligible persons. The following conflicts of interest were discussed.

- 1) Terry Billinger, owner of Billinger Repair is a potential CV grantee. Mr. Billinger is related to Barb Billinger (daughter-in-law) who is a Gove County employee and City Council person in Park, Kansas.
- 2) Gwen Wolf, owner of Grinnell Business Development (grocery/café) is a potential CV Grantee. Ms. Wolf is related to Matt Wolf (stepson) who is a Gove County employee.
- 3) Von and Cristy Tuttle, owners of Aqua Pump, LLC dba Gove Country Store are a

potential CV grantee. Mr. Tuttle is the Mayor of Gove and Cristy Tuttle is a Gove County employee.

There were no public questions/comments. Chuck motioned and Mike seconded a motion to approve requesting the conflict of interest waiver. Motion carried. Corina noted the following items are needed to submit the request. notarized affidavit of publication for the conflict of interest hearing, unofficial typed minutes of hearing and the attorney's original determination letter. The public hearing was closed.

The Commissioners reviewed the list of applicants and the amount of CV funds applied for. Ericka Nicholson, GCED, explained there are \$120,000 of CV funds available. The amount of funds applied for is \$122,018.56. The GCED board has approved contributing the difference of \$2,018.56 so that all CV applicants receive the full amount they applied for. Corina indicated the CV plan requires the concurrence of the Gove County Commission. Mike motioned and Chuck seconded and the motion carried to award the full amounts noted to each CV applicant. Motion carried.

Corina presented the required Determination of Level of Review for each CV applicant. The Commissioners motioned to approve each of the following:

FDIC Club, Inc.
B's Ultimate Finish, LLC
Main Street Dugout
Aqua Pump, LLC
Grinnell Business Development (Grocery Store/Café)
Billinger Repair
Check Her's & His

The CDBG Request for Payment of CDBG fund #1 in the amount of \$130,800.00 was presented for approval. Duane motioned and Mike seconded to submit the CDBG payment request. Motion carried. Corina and Ericka left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Allan and Mike had a discussion with the Commissioners on the mask and quarantine orders that were passed on 8-3-2020. Allan and Mike left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

David Caudill joined the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The Commissioners had open discussion on the mask and quarantine issues. Chuck made a motion to cancel resolutions 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14. There was not a second and the motion died. Mike made a motion to have a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 17, 2020 at the Gove County Office Building meeting room to review the mask, public gatherings, and quarantine issues. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. David left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and will return to regular session at 1:20 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:20 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed to go tour the Faith Technologies facilities.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 2:40 p.m.

The Gove County Hospital Board met with the Commissioners to discuss the misunderstanding between the Commissioners, the board, and the public. The conclusion was to communicate and work together to better serve the public. The Hospital Board left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Chuck made a motion to approve check numbered 65992 through 66027. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mike made a motion to accept Janice Crist's resignation from the High Plains Mental Health Board. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mike made a motion to appoint Kris Vollbracht to the High Plains Mental Health Board. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried Mike and Chuck for and Duane abstaining.

The Commissioners discussed the request from Sherry White for funding to start a new business. The Commissioners denied the request.

Duane made a motion to approve the special meeting of 8-3-2020 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes of 7-27-2020. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.