

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 9-8-2020 -**Approved**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

David Caudill and Mike Haase joined the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

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

Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Cheryl Goetz thanked the commissioners for letting them open the EOC. Cheryl went over the SPARKS information. Cheri said that the second round of SPARKS is due in October.

Cheryl read a report from Ericka since she was unable to make it this morning. Ericka reported she has been publicizing PPP money available to all businesses. She discussed her efforts to get businesses to apply for the monies. She also wants to make it clear the EOC did not limit the number of people at a gathering to 75. That the Board of Health set that limit.

Shelly joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to take minutes and Bonnie left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Cheri discussed what businesses can do to apply. She volunteered to help businesses get started with the process. She stressed the SPARKS committee wants to help any business that needs it. Cheryl Goetz discussed the cases in the County. The Commissioners asked about the 75 people limit of people. The Committee thinks they should keep the number at 75 for right now. The Commissioners asked about whether or not they have enough test kits. David reported they do. David also reported they are following CDC guidelines for testing. Cheryl, Mike, and David reported on some of the college policies concerning students coming home.

Cheri, David, Mike and Cheryl left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Denise Wolf and David Mendenhall joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. David reported the back hoe is having trouble with the brakes. It is going to cost quite a bit to fix. David wants to know if they want to upgrade or fix it. There was discussion. The Commissioners told David to get some quotes. David reported they are done at Park. They were going to start building roads over at Quinter as soon as the weather clears up. They discussed a tax payer working on County roads. Denise handed out the 2020 biannual bridge inspection report. She also handed out the voucher summary. David

requested an executive session. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:22 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:30 a.m. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Matt reported they are still spraying weeds. They have around 400 miles of roads to spray. They want Matt to spray minimum maintenance roads when he can. Matt reported on all the spraying he has been doing. Matt discussed what his plans are for the spring. Matt reported he received the fork lift. Matt is still waiting on the trash pump. They discussed appliances that have Freon in them. The Landfill is no longer taking propane tanks. Matt reported they are filling in a corner and make it a working face all winter. Matt left the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Shelly left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting.

The Commissioners opened the quotes for propane for Gove County. Chuck made a motion to approve the propane quote of Shaw Propane. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Krystal Dewitt joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m. She informed the Commissioners she is resigning her position. The Commissioners thanked her for her years of service. Krystal left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Lacey Heddlesten joined the meeting at 10:43 a.m. She was representing the Gove County Fair Board. She handed out a quote from Traser in Quinter for heating and air conditioning cost at the 4H building in Grainfield. The Fair Board is willing to pay for some of the cost of implementing the air conditioning and heating. Kristy Packard joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m. She was representing the Gove County Fair Board as well. Kristy handed out a report on the 4H program. She explained the report to the Commissioners. Lacey reported the women's bathroom is not ADA compliant. She wants to know who is responsible for making it an ADA compliant restroom. The Commissioners will check to see. Lacey also wanted to know when she needed to report these things to the Commissioners for budget purposes. The Commissioners recommended May of each year. The 4H board has applied for grants to help with some items that will help the board. The 4H Board would like to get their scale recertified and wanted to know how to go about doing that. The Commissioners will ask Matt who he uses at the Landfill. Lacey and Kristy left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Don Hartman joined the meeting at 11:19 a.m. Don came to discuss raising the number of people that are allowed to gather for an event. The Commissioners explained their position on keeping the 75 people at a gathering. Discussion followed. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Shelly left the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Shelly rejoined the meeting at 11:49 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting. Cheri explained the SPARKS program to Don. Cheri left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. The

Commissioners will discuss lifting the 75 people limit on gatherings and let Don know what is decided. Don left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch and will return at 1:06 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the 4H Building at Grainfield.

The Commissioners discussed the ROZ program for area students.

The Commissioners received a call from Daryl Remington and asked him who does repair at the 4H Building at Grainfield. The Commissioners ended the call.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Cheri reported we will have a special audit because we reached our limit in federal funds. SPARKS will reimburse the County for this special audit. Cheri left the meeting at 2:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes of 8-24-2020. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 66125 through 66177. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners discussed the Social Security withholding memorandum.

The Commissioners discussed going into executive sessions and the rules that apply to doing so.

Shelly left the meeting at 2:46 p.m. Bonnie joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m. Bonnie left the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Shelly joined the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed mail received.

Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:26 p.m.

Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters related to patients and providers for 10 minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:41 p.m.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.