

Gove County Commissioners Meeting Minutes 9-21-2020 **Approved**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

David Caudill, Ericka Nicholson, and Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

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

David gave his hospital report. There was discussion on real estate acquisitions. There was discussion on COVID 19 testing. There was discussion on the town hall meetings. David concluded his report.

Cheryl reported 2 new COVID-19 cases in Gove County. Cheryl reported the EOC has been helpful to the Health Department.

In order to receive SPARKS's monies the county needs to sign the memorandum of agreement. Mike made a motion to sign the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Agreement. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ericka gave her Economic Development report. She reported on a grant she had sent in. The grant would help the EOC center. The last of the KHRC has been applied for. The CDBG monies have all been spent. Ericka would like to use whatever is left of the Economic Development budget to go to the Hospital to help with seed money for a matching grant from Dane G Hansen for scholarships through the hospital. Ericka doesn't see anything happening with this until after the first of the year. Mike Haase joined the meeting at 8:31 a.m. Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 8:31 a.m. There was discussion about talking with Mapes and Miller about doing this. Ericka discussed a phone call she received from Nex-Tech about Broadband technology. Ericka's recommendation instead of charging large fees, we put a punitive paragraph in stating the company be responsible for any damages that are sustained during the process of laying the broadband line on our County. Ericka ended her report.

The SPARKS report was given. Cheri gave the report about changing rules. She reported that Gove County will have a federal audit. She reported the audit includes all the federal monies Gove County has received not just SPARKS money. They reported on where the SPARKS monies have been going. The SPARKS report ended. Cheri, Cheryl, Mike and David left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 8:58 a.m. Terry Peterson & Mike Pollock with Nex-Tech, Dustin Daniels with Foley CAT, and Joe Ford with Murphy Tractor joined the meeting at 8:58 a.m. Joe brought 3 different quotes on 3 different backhoes. Joe Ford went through the quotes from Murphy. Dustin Daniels went through the quote from Foley Cat. David will look through the quotes and get back to

the Commissioners this afternoon. Joe and Dustin left the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Mike and Terry spoke about the fees Gove County charges for laying lines. There was discussion. The Commissioners want David to look into what the County did during the S & T project. Terry and Mike left the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Ericka left the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Shelly left the meeting at 9:36 a.m. and Bonnie joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m. Bonnie left the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and Shelly joined the meeting at 9:49 a.m. There was discussion about the Nex-Tech project. Dave will get back to the Commissioners today with his recommendation on the backhoe. Denise handed out the voucher summary. Duane wants David to go look at the roads up by Pioneer. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Matt Wolf gave the Noxious Weed and Landfill report. Matt reported the trash pump arrived this morning. The ac went out on the box truck and Matt will take it to get fixed. Matt reported he is now certified HHW. Matt reported they are going to put millings on some of the roads at the Landfill so the trash truck can get in. Matt asked about being closed the day after Christmas. The Commissioners agreed to it as long as it is published. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 10:10 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. Matt gave the Commissioners the list of people who have not paid for spraying and will be put on the tax roll. There was discussion on the trash in the fence. Matt reported they will have to mow at the Landfill one more time this year. Matt left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

The Commissioners began reviewing the vouchers.

Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 11:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Chuck made a motion to sign Resolution 2020-016 GAAP waiver. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to not implement the Presidential Memorandum issued on August 8, 2020 of deferring payroll taxes as per the recommendation of the County auditor. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to approve the real estate sales agreement of 317 ½ Main St. in Quinter, Kansas. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to appoint Jorgan Lundgren as the Jerome Township Clerk to fulfill the remainder of William Prather's term. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and will return to regular session at 12:50 p.m.

Bonnie Cook joined the meeting 12:50 p.m. She wanted to ask a question about a check we received. Bonnie Cook left the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 66175 through 66241. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

David Mendenhall called with the information about the backhoes. The Commissioners will make a decision next meeting.

Duane made a motion to appoint Duane Vollbracht as the County Board Representative to the NWLEPG Board and Mike Gillespie to the NWLEPG Board alternate. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.