

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 10-19-2020-Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:27 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building meeting room. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Mike Gillespie, and Chuck Kuntz. Shelly Holaday was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ericka Nicholson, Mike Hasse, Cheri Remington, and Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting.

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

Ericka gave the Economic Development Report. Ericka reported the Gove County bonding required is hindering the project that Nex-Tech is wanting to do. The Commissioners were not aware of an additional bonding required.

Cheryl reported on the SPARKS program. She reported the deadline for the schools spending their SPARKS monies is approaching. Cheri reported on sending in reports for the SPARKS project.

Cheryl reported Gove County is having fewer reported cases of COVID-19. Most cases are coming from the Long Term Care. Cheryl reported a team from the CDC is coming in to help make sure Gove County is doing everything they can to slow the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mike reported on deaths and hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Ericka reported on the ambulance runs due to COVID-19. She also reported on a grant for the EOC that allows the purchase of several technological items to help them out. The upgrades are coming at no cost to the county. There was discussion on how the employees of Gove County who are helping man the EOC. Their overtime was paid with SPARKS's monies. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition with David Caudill for 10 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:55 a.m. There was discussion on the community response to the COVID-19. There was discussion on the federal audit. The Commissioners left it up to the SPARKs Committee to pick the auditor based on quotes.

Ericka, Cheri, Cheryl, and Mike left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. David got quotes on mowers. He called American Implement and received a quote. He called BTI but did not receive a quote from them. Chuck made a motion to approve the purchase and trade-in of 2 mowers with American Implement. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. There was discussion on the new type of culverts. David wants to start the project in Grainfield but will wait until harvest gets a little more completed. Shelly left the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and Bonnie Cook joined the meeting at

9:17 a.m. Matt joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Matt reported they are done spraying bindweed. Shelly returned to the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and Bonnie left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Matt reported David had taken more railroad ties out of the pit but they were busted up pretty bad. The Landfill still has 20 bundles out there. The State is done hauling concrete. The Landfill will crush it up next spring. The Commissioners want Matt to look in to purchasing a jackhammer. The Landfill was supposed to have a load of paper go out, but they have not picked it up yet. Matt will look in to it. There was discussion on the van trailer at the Landfill. Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:47 a.m. Matt reported they will get trash picked out of the fence next week. Matt left the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Marvin Haldeman joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Marvin reported the 4H board got quotes for fixing the bathrooms. The Commissioners will call Lacey when they get a break. Marvin left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Emily Vollbracht joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:10 a.m. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The commissioners returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. Emily left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Shawn Mesch joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. Shawn left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Emily Vollbracht joined the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Mike made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:33 a.m. Emily left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Duane read an email sent by David Caudill. Chuck made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate acquisitions. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:46 a.m.

There was discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bonnie Cook joined the meeting at 11:17 a.m. to discuss health insurance. She left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Mike made a motion to approve checks numbered 66297 through 66360. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous.

The Commissioners called Lacey Heddlesten to discuss the quote on bathrooms at the 4H building. There was discussion on the quote. The Commissioners would like a written quote to see all the details. The Commissioners ended the call.

Bonnie rejoined the meeting. She brought in information about the health insurance. There was discussion on health insurance. Bonnie left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Duane made a motion to approve the minutes from 10-5-2020. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to go into executive session with David Mendenhall for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the staffing needs of the Appraisers Office.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.