

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 12-7-2020-Approved

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Others present for the meeting were Ericka Nicholson, Mike Haase, Shawn Herl, Jerri Beesley, Tyrell Beesley, and Wade Harvey.

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

The SPARKS committee gave their report.

Jerold DeBoer from Penco Engineering stopped in to thank the Commissioners for their past business.

Ericka Nicholson gave the Economic Development report.

The Commissioners opened up a time period for public comment. Wade Harvey spoke about the mask mandate. Jerri Beesley spoke about the mask mandate. Tyrell Beesley spoke about the mask mandate.

Ericka Nicholson, Mike Haase, Jerri Beesley, Tyrell Beesley, Shawn Herl, and Wade Harvey left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. David reported the City of Grainfield road project is done until spring. Denise presented the voucher summary. Duane informed David of a couple of roads that needed to be looked at. David reported a bridge project will start around the 1st of February. Denise gave the budget report. There was discussion on the insurance for the County. There was discussion on loaders for the Road & Bridge. Shelly left the meeting at 9:29 a.m. and Bonnie took over taking minutes. Shelly returned to the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and took over taking minutes. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Matt reported on the vehicles that are out at the landfill. Matt reported they will be picking up trash at the Landfill this week. Matt reported they smoothed out the bottom of the pit at the Landfill. Matt reported he is waiting on Kirk and Michael Engineering to see what other things need done at the Landfill. The Commissioners told Matt to check on prices for a new box for the new truck. Matt reported all the Rozol is gone. Matt will get another pallet of Rozol. Matt had a customer ask about a baiter for prairie dogs. Matt reported he will get one for the customer. Matt explained what the baiter consists of. Matt left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Duane made a motion to approve the abated 2020-000070. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to sign the MOA. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

David Stithem joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m. He presented the Landfill map. The Commissioners asked David to give them the dimensions of the landfill. David reported he will work on it. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:31 a.m. Mike 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 session at 10:36 a.m. Mike made a motion to accept the retirement letter from David Stithem. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners thanked David for his service. David left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 66535 through 66578. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners reviewed next year's calendar. Mike made a motion to approve the 2021 calendar. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to approve the new pay sheets. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane gave a report on the NWKLPG meeting he attended last week.

Cheri Remington called. Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:16 a.m. The Commissioners ended the call.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

David Stithem rejoined the meeting at 11:26 a.m. He reported on the approximate landfill dimensions. David left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed some reports from the NWKLPG that Duane provided.

Mike made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from 11-23-2020. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.