

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 1/11/2021-Approved

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Judge Brendon J Boone joined the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Judge Boone swore in the Elected Officials.

The Board began reorganizing. Duane made a motion to appoint Mike Gillespie as chairman. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to appoint Chuck Kuntz as Vice-Chairman. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to make the Gove County Advocate the official county newspaper. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to approve the IRS mileage rate of .56 cents. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to set the depositories of Gove County funds as The Bank, KansasLand Bank, and Equity Bank. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to set the pledging securities for the banks as follows: Country Club Bank, Bankers Bank of Kansas, Security Bank, Commerce Bank, and Irrevocable letter of Credit-Federal Home Loan Bank. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Chuck made the motion to remain members of the following organizations for Gove County: Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), NACO, KLPG, NWKS Planning & Development, NWKS Juvenile Justice Board, and NWKS Local Environmental Protection Group. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to set the regular County Commissioner Meetings as every other Monday beginning January 11th 2021, with exceptions as listed. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to pay vouchers every meeting and that pay day for the County would be every 28 days. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion that the last day the County will be open to the public to do business for the 2021 year will be December 29th, 2021, to do year end processing. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

At 8:15 the county Elected official were sworn in.

Ericka Nicholson joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m. Ericka gave Economic Development report.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m. Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Mike made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes. 8:43 to 8:48 to discuss non-Elected personnel. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Cheryl gave the commissioners a Sparks report. The sparks committee is going with Mapes & Miller for the audit. Cheryl reported that they are doing the second round of the COVID-19 vaccine. Cheri gave the commissioners County treasurer 2021 report. Cheri, Ericka and Cheryl left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

David reported on some of the bridges in the county. Denise gave the commissioners the vouchers summery and the end of the year expenditure.

Matt asked about getting a loader for the landfill. Matt asked about putting millings on the road at the landfill. Chuck made a motion to approve the millings on the road at the landfill. Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Matt talked about extending the landfill. Matt left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Cheri joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Shawn Mesch joined the meeting at 11:10 Cristy joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m. to discuss Vacation and sick leave. The commissioners made a motion to set a policy for buying back sick leave and vacation for employee's that run and win an elected office. Duane made a motion to approve pay of half of sick leave and vacation. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Duane made a motion to pay back vacation and pay half of sick leave. Chuck second the motion. The motion cared by a unanimous vote. The commissioners made a policy for starting wage of new elected offices. Cheri, Cristy and Shawn left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. The commissioners returned to meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Shawn Mesch joined the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Shawn reported the line of events that led to Allen Weber's Death. The commissioners made a motion to approve Allen Weber's death as being in the line of duty. Mike made a motion to go into executive session from 1:45 to 2:00 Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Shawn left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Mike made a motion to approve Ad's and abates from 20200000202 thru 20200000206. Chuck second the motion. The motion cared by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to approve A/P Checks from 66669 thru 66712. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Cheri joined the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Commissioners went over salaries. Cheri left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

The commissioners discussed Elected Offices salaries. The Commissioners made a motion to approve resolution number 2021-1 to give elected officials a raise. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The commissioners made a motion to approve the letter of recognition to the paper for Allan Weber.

The commissioners adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Duan C. Salinas
Michael Salinas
Charles A. King