

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 1-25-2021 / **Approved**

The regular 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, Chuck Kuntz, and Mike Gillespie. Bonnie Cook was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 8:16 a.m. Cheri gave an update on the Sparks committee. Cheri left the meeting at 8:24 a.m.

Cheri joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m. Cheri left the meeting at 8:51 a.m. Cheryl Goetz and Ericka Nicholson joined the meeting by phone. Cheryl reported on the Covid-19 shot supply and that they will be meeting at the Brethren church for the clinic on every Tuesday. The Commissioners discussed the mask mandate with Dr. Scott, Ericka and Cheryl. Dr Scott called in at 8:54 a.m. reported on the Covid-19 cases in the County. Dr Scott, Cheryl and Ericka ended the phone call at 9:04 a.m.

David Mendenhall, Denise Wolf, Ron Inloes, Jerol DeBoer, Joe Ford with Murphy and Larry Cummins with Foley joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Jerol gave the commissioners bids on the bridge west of Gove from Reece Construction out of Salina and L & M Construction out of Great Bend. Jerol left the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Joe Ford and Larry Cummins gave their bids on a motor grader to the commissioners.

Joe and Larry gave bids on a loader for the landfill.

Joe Ford and Larry Cummins left the meeting at 9:40 a.m. David also gave the commissioners a price on two new pickups from Shaw Motor. The commissioners made a motion to purchase the two pickups. Chuck made the motion and Duane second the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Denise gave the commissioners the voucher report. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elective personal. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. David, Denise and Ron left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Matt Wolf gave the commissioners report on the landfill. Matt gave the commissioners the report from the state on spraying. Chuck made a motion to approve Brown Cargo van box. Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mike made a motion to approve the Annual noxious weed eradication progress report. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Matt left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Cheri joined the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Cheri gave the commissioners some Banking and NRP paper to have signed by the commissioners.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Ericka called in to the commissioners at 10:53 a.m. Ericka gave the commissioners a report on the Eco Devo meeting. Ericka asked for an executive meeting for 10 min. for legal matters. Mike made a motion to go into executive session from 10:54 to 11:05 a.m. Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Call ended with Ericka at 11:11 a.m.

David Mendenhall joined the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m. The Chuck made a motion to approve the purchase of two motor graders for Road and Bridge with a buy back of the two older motor graders. Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The commissioners made a couple calls to local banks for a 5-year lease agreement for a loader for the landfill.

David and Matt left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Mike made a motion to approve the Ad's and abates from 2021000000, 2021000002, 2021000005 - 2021000009. Duane second the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The commissioners returned at 1:00 p.m.

Cheri Remington joined at 1:15 p.m.

The County Commissioner went through the unapproved hospitals minutes and found a error. The Hospital sets their own budget and the County Commissioners approve the Gove County Hospital budget. Duane made a call to David Caudill at 1:41 p.m. to discuss about the Hospital boards minutes.

Cristy and Emily joined the meeting at 2:05 p.m. discussed of the mask mandate that will end on January 31st. Emily, Cheri and Cristy left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Emily joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m. Duane left the meeting at 2:51 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

Mike and Chuck proposed a salary amount to Emily for the Appraisers position. Mike made a motion to set Appraisers salary. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion past by unanimous vote. Emily left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Duane joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Matt joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for 15 min. for non-elected personal. Mike second the motion. The motioned carried by unanimous vote. Mike asked for 10 minutes. Matt left the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The commissioners called Cheryl Goetz at 3:57 p.m. Duane made a motion to go into

executive session. Chuck second the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
The call to Cheryl ended at 4:03 p.m.

Duane made a motion to adjourn at 4:13 p.m.