

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 9-7-2021 / Approved

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:13 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.

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

Don Tilton joined the meeting at 8:15 am

Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting at 8:15 am. Cheryl reported to the commissioners about the percentage on the vaccines. Cheryl also reported on WIG program and testing for COVID.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 8:18 am. Chuck made a motion to go into executive session for non-elective personnel from 8:19 to 8:28 am. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Cheryl left the meeting at 8:28 am. Mike opened the RNR budget hearing to the public. Don left the meeting at 8:43 am.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 8:48

Mike made a motion to approve the RNR budget for the 2022. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to close the budget hearing. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Terry Mendenhall joined the meeting at 8:50 am. Terry was wanting to know what the noxious weed department job description was.

Brock Maier joined the meeting at 8:52 Terry was concerned about the bindweed in the county. Terry also asked about a bill his sister received. Terry left the meeting at 9:36 am. Matt and Brock left the meeting at 9:43 am.

Ron Inloes, Denise Wolf and Mark Palifka joined the meeting at 9:45 am. Mark talked to the commissioners about an agreement service that Foley/Cat offers. Mark left the meeting at 10:07 am. Ron reported to the commissioners about the motor grader's that are down. Ron also talked to the commissioners about the roads in the county. Ron told the commissioners that he was getting bids for tires. Denise gave the commissioners the voucher summery report. Denise showed the commissioners the agenda for the NW Kansas County Commissioners and Highway Officials Association Fall Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 that is hosted by Gove County at Grainfield American Legion Building.

Hospital CEO Conner Fiscarelli and Paul Davis joined the meeting at 10:17 am.

Mark reported on the landfill land that was purchased and a fence that needs to be put up. Ron and Denise left the meeting at 10:32 am.

Paul introduced Hospital new CEO Conner Fiscarelli to the commissioners and Bonnie. Paul talked to the commissioners about purchasing 420 West 5<sup>th</sup>, Quinter, KS. Paul also talked with the commissioners about the entrance into the hospital parking lot. The commissioners talked to Conner about joining a commissioner meeting quarterly. Paul and Conner left the meeting at 10:55 am.

Peggy Pratt with NWKS Juvenile Serves joined the meeting at 11:33. Peggy gave the commissioners an update on all the programs that is provided with the NWKS Juvenile Serves. Peggy left the meeting at 11:59 am.

Duane made a motion to approve the add and abates from 2021000059 through 2021000062. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to recess for lunch at 12:05 pm. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The commissioners returned to lunch at 12:57 pm. Matt Wolf and Brock Maier joined the meeting at 12:58 pm. The commissioners talked with Matt and Brock about spraying throughout the county.

Matt talked to the commissioners about the landfill. Chuck made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes from 1:39 pm. to 1:49 pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for non-elective personnel for 15 minutes 1:50 pm to 2:05 pm. Chuck made a motion to go back into executive session for 5 more minutes 2:05pm. to 2:10 pm. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to go back into executive session for 5 more minutes from 2:12 pm to 2:17. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes from 2:20 pm. to 2:35 pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Matt and Brock left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Ivan Sanders from Nex-Tech joined the meeting at 2:46 pm. Ivan gave the commissioners a renewal contract for phone services and internet for 3 years. Duane made a motion to approve the Nex-Tech contract. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 3:01 pm. Cheri reported to the commissioners on what the ARP committee was working on. The commissioners talked with Cheri about the budget. Cheri left the meeting at 3:57 pm. Duane talked about the NWLEPG meeting that Mark and Duane attended. Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 4:28 pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Bonnie Cook Gove County Clerk**

  
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**Michael Gillespie, Chairman**

  
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**Charles Kuntz, Member**

  
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**Duane Vollbracht, Member**