

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 4-17-2023 / **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.

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

Jason Moses joined the meeting at 8:20 am. Jason talked with the Commissioners about the assisted living. Jason left the meeting at 8:29 am. The Commissioners attended the County Department Head meeting at 8:30 am. The meeting ended at 9:20 am. Ron Inloes and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:25 am. Denise gave the Commissioners the Road and Bridge accounts payables voucher reports. Ron said that the Road Department will be crack sealing on county roads. Ron said that one of their graders are in Dodge City for repairs. Chuck talked to Ron about the trees in the county road ditches. Ron and Denise left the meeting at 9:56 am.

Brock Maier joined the meeting at 10:00 am. Brock talked to the Commissioners about getting the interstate sprayed. Brock said that the Noxious Weed Department had a surprise visit/inspection from KDHA. The KDHA inspection found no problems. Brock talked with the Commissioners about chemicals at Noxious Weed. Brock left the meeting at 10:15 am.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 10:17am. Matt talked to the Commissioners about cardboard recycle. Matt asked the Commissioners about getting a grant for a new recycle trailer. The Commissioners told Matt to try to get a grant. Matt talked to the Commissioners about getting a power washer at the Landfill. The Commissioners told Matt to get some quotes for a power washer. Matt left the meeting at 10:38 am. Dave Palifka joined the meeting at 10:50 am.

Kirk Zerr, Deana Zerr and Jeremy Blackwell joined the meeting at 10:54 am. Jim Myer joined the meeting at 10:55 am. Terry Ostmeyer and Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:00 am. Kirk asked if there were any work studies done on the impact of what would happen to the City of Quinter by closing the LTC. Kirk also asked how it worked to sell the Long-term care. The County doesn't own the personal property of the long-term care just the building. Mark explained on how things work at the Hospital and Long-term care. Deana asked about doing a work study to make sure that the County doesn't lose the Hospital. Jeremy asked about the independent living. Duane said that there are other options that the Gove County Economic Development is working on. Deana also talked about getting training for the boards and Duane said that Conner did have classes for the Hospital Board. Terry did explain that the CEO did not vote on closing the Long-term Care. Kirk, Deana, Dave, Terry and Jeremy left the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Jim Myer talked to the Commissioners about Budgets and deadlines. Jim will be having a meeting in June to start on going through the budgets. Jim left the meeting at 12:14 pm. Chuck made a motion to recess for lunch at 12:18 pm. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned from lunch at 12:59 pm. The Commissioners amended the minutes to add Don Tilton to the agenda. Chuck made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Gene Tilton and Don Tilton joined the meeting at 12:59 pm. Terry Ostmeyer, Dave Palifka and Rocky Adams also joined the meeting at 12:59 pm. Gene asked the Commissioners why the Commissioners stood behind the Board closing the LTC. Gene also asked why Gove County got penalized and the surrounding counties did not have that. Mark explained to the best of his knowledge to answer Gene's questions. Don asked about open meeting acts and open records act. Gene and Don left the meeting at 1:59 pm. Dave, Terry and Rocky left the meeting at 1:59 pm.

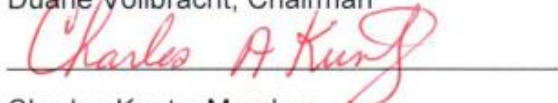
Emily Murrow joined the meeting at 2:01 pm. Emily talked to the Commissioners about getting a projector for the County Building Offices. Emily gave the Commissioners a price on a projector. The Commissioners approved the projector for the County building. Emily also gave the Commissioners a copy of the deadlines that are coming up for the Appraisers Office. Emily left the meeting at 2:20 pm. Duane asked for executive session for 10 minutes for legal matters from 2:47 until 2:57pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cheri Remington joined the meeting at 3:23 pm. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes from 3:25 pm until 3:35 pm for non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to approve the amended minutes from 4-3-2023. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to approve Account Payable Checks from 70067 thru 70114. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to approve ad and abate 2023000081. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 pm. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

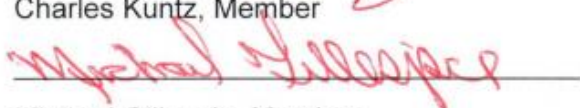
Bonnie Cook Gove County Clerk



Duane Vollbracht, Chairman



Charles Kuntz, Member



Michael Gillespie, Member