

October 11, 2022,

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with all commissioners and the County Clerk present.

Matt Quick, Teri Hulsey, Clint Walker, Anne Dare, Jon Lowery, and Kevin Schafer were present for some or all of the meeting.

Clifton made a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Clifton made a motion to approve minutes from special meeting held on October 10, 2022. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Eric Bailey gave an asphalt update. We have produced enough ¼ inch chips in the last week to be able to continue with Grand from 205<sup>th</sup> to 7 and 39. We think we can do that with one pass then we'll move to the lake. Crusher belt broke last Friday, we got another one in and got it on and now back to crushing. Buckley Powder scheduled Shepherd quarry next. We are going to take the crusher with us and are going to clean up what we already have there. We'll move to Beth quarry and do a blast. We only have funds for one more blast. Jim stated that when it's time to renew the Beth contract, we need to look at possibly updating it. Eric stated Onyx is scheduled for next week. We worked on our bean pad last week over at the landfill. Jim stated he hoped to get enough revenue the first year to pay off the building early. Eric stated the hailstorm in April/May we had large hail at the shop with six vehicles damaged. We heard yesterday we will be receiving a check for \$18,918.36 on those vehicles. One vehicle was a total loss. We haven't heard anything on our roofs yet. We are working on culvert on Jayhawk between 115<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup>. Public Works has been hit with sickness. We have four off now due to sickness and another one or two not feeling well. Eric stated that he and Dustin Hall will be attending the KAC Conference next week. Nelson stated that he received a text regarding 215<sup>th</sup> and Range Road west was treated with dust control and now has massive pot holes. Eric stated it may need to go back to gravel.

Jim mentioned that KAC conference is next week. He will not be attending. Clifton made a motion to cancel next weeks' meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Discussion regarding locking in gas prices at the jail and courthouse. Clifton made a motion to allow the county clerk to lock in gas at jail and courthouse for \$7.44 or lower. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Ashley stated that we are starting early voting on October 26<sup>th</sup> and would like to use the commission room as it is located close to our office and close to the handicap entrance. She requested no commission meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> as that is Election Day. The commission agreed. Ashley continued with discussion of the accounts payable process that was brought up the prior week. She did research to make certain that they are in compliance. She also visited with Justin Meeks, County Counselor, about it. By statutes, the County Counselor is to sign off on accounts payables before they are presented to the Commission for approval. Technically,

you only have to approve them once per month. I do not like that option because I would rather you look at them as we go. Since payroll is an exemption, then the payroll liabilities would be an exemption as well. What we would like to do is on Monday mornings on payroll week have all the invoices entered by 9 a.m. and run a report. Justin can then stop by and review and once he says its okay, then we would e-mail to all three commissioners for review. We would then have it on the agenda for the following day to answer any questions you might have and then approve it. I've talked with others that are involved in the process and they agree that this process will work for them. The commission agreed. Ashley continued with a question for the commission regarding longevity pay. She has had several employees ask if they will receive that this year. Susan stated that the longevity pay was taken out for this year. Jim stated he wanted to discuss this a little more. He stated he wasn't aware it had been removed. Susan stated that the cash balance will be too low to give it, but we can watch toward the end of the year and see if there is money. Jim stated he wanted it watched as that is a good bonus for the employees especially if they are not getting a raise.

Bob Reed stated he requested to be on the agenda to answer any questions the commission might have after watching last week's meeting. Jim stated he didn't really have any questions, but that it was brought to their attention that inmates were being held over for a matter of days when they could go to DOC. Bobby presented reports and discussed process information. DOC accepts inmates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for men and Tuesday and Thursday for women. We get them to DOC as soon as possible, but if they have additional court dates or bonds, we hold so as to not transport back and forth as many times. We had to pick up a female in Minnesota that filed rit. She was here for six months before she went back and as soon as she was sentenced on our case on 12/15/21 and I got the paperwork on 1/5/22 but because she went back to Iowa to a federal prison, I transferred her out on 12/17/21 two days later. Bob finished with a request that if you have questions, please call me.

Jon Lowery – EMS Call Update: reports were handed to the commission. There were 678 911 calls that were transported to the ER in Fort Scott. There were 313 transfers from the ER to Pittsburg. There were 124 transfers to other surrounding facilities. We've flown 19 patients. There were 63 other patients that have been taken to the ER from home that are bed-bound that need a way back home. We've had 603 dry runs; this includes football, rodeo, search warrant standbys, and also includes patient refusals on scene. There were 63 patients taken to other ERs. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we've made 1,863 calls. Jon also stated that the boys (Austin and Trace) wanted some workout equipment. Two weeks ago, Emily from Bourbon County REDI, contacted me and said that we had been awarded \$3,500.00 to buy workout equipment. Shane is going to order it for us.

Clifton made a motion to move the bid opening for the North Sidewalk/Parking Lot Project to the end of the meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of individual nonelected personnel to protect their privacy including three commissioners for 7 minutes returning here at 9:42 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session at 9:42 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of individual nonelected personnel to protect their privacy regarding job duties for 30 minutes including three commissioners and Shane Walker returning here at 10:14 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Jim made a motion to return to normal session with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Jim called for a 5-minute break.

Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of individual nonelected personnel to protect their privacy including three commissioners and Shane Walker for 10 minutes returning here at 10:29 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to resume normal session in this room at 10:19 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Justin Meeks stated the tax sale is this Thursday. I have a meeting this afternoon with Lora Holdridge, Matt Quick and Patty Love. Some people are still redeeming. We are gearing up for two and possibly three sales next year. The Land Bank and Craig Campbell has been excellent to work with. Hopefully a year or two from now that will bear fruit. Possibly some of the larger lots maybe put spec homes. IRS tax sale trumps county so property would not be on county sale or litigation on property and cannot sell. People can redeem up to sale-time and those properties will be taken off sale.

Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship including three commissioners and County Counselor Meeks for 10 minutes returning here at 10:45 a.m. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session with action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Clifton made a motion to allow Chairman Harris to sign a real estate purchase agreement between Bourbon County and Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas known as CHCSEK for real estate consisting of 7.3 acres more or less of vacant land and pavement containing a parking lot and helicopter pad on 2800 block of South Horton Road, Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas and more thoroughly describe as follows: Lot 1, Mercy Health Systems of Kansas, a subdivision of Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas. It's basically the SW corner of the hospital land for a purchase price of \$10 and forgiven of lease payments described through July 1 through December 31, 2022. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to allow Ashley Shelton, County Clerk, to write a check for \$10.00 to CHCSEK to be delivered at the closing with County Counselor Meeks. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton gave Justin direction to get this closed as soon as possible.

Susan Bancroft – Chief Financial Officer: No Comment

Shane Walker – Chief Information Officer: No Comment

Clifton made a motion to move the bid openings before Public Comment. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Rogers & Son Concrete bid \$93,726.50 with a 90-day completion. Hoefler & Hoefler bid \$137,348 with a 90-day completion.

Justin Meeks requested an executive session for 5 minutes with possible liability. Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship including three commissioners and Justin Meeks for 5 minutes returning here at 10:58 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to resume normal session with action. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to amend agenda to allow going out and looking at a small part of the parking lot with David Neville. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to table parking lot for two weeks. Nelson seconded. All approved.

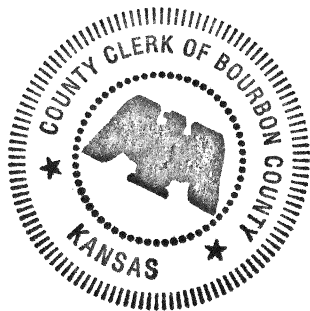
Public Comment: Client Walker stated his daughter found on the internet where it was going to cost \$400,000 for a fuel pump to be put in at the sheriff's office. He stated this is not true.

Commission Comment: Nelson stated he wants to look at accounts payable and make a list of everything that is mandated to pay and a list of our choice to pay because we need to re-evaluate whether we need it or not. If we can't afford to fix the parking lot, we need to stop dolling out money in other places.

Clifton made a motion to allow the commissioners to attend department head meetings with no action taken by the commission. We will alternate commissioners per meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Jim encouraged all elected officials and department heads to do everything we can to get the funds to make sure our people are properly trained in all areas that they are responsible for. We have a lot of new people and that takes training.

At 11:21 a.m., Clifton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.



ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
*Walter D. [Signature]*, Commissioner  
\_\_\_\_\_, Commissioner

Ashley Shelton, Bourbon County Clerk  
10-25-22, Approved Date