

October 4, 2022

Tuesday 9:00 am

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with two Commissioners (Jim Harris and Nelson Blythe) and the County Clerk present.

Michael Hoyt and Clint Walker were present for some or all of the meeting.

Nelson Blythe made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 27th and 28th. Jim seconded. All approved.

Eric Bailey presented an oversight permit for commissioners' signature. Also, approval for culverts in September.

Clifton arrived at the meeting.

Eric stated regarding asphaltting we have ½ left to go on Grand. We have 1.8 miles to go on 195th street. With this completed we'll be at 10 miles of asphaltting for the year. When we go to 195th they will be inconvenienced getting to and from their houses. We'll work with everyone to get them to and from. We will go 2 ½ inches compaction and 2 inch overlay. The contractor notified us that they should be here next week for the Onyx. On 235th from Native to Soldier and then 75th from Maple to US 54. A product that is used as a preservative for existing asphalt. Service Tech is here today to work on getting the crusher back up and running. The crusher had a bearing go out and it got super hot and there was a small fire. Service tech is getting it all back together and they are paying for the repairs. Got the report back on bridge #518 from KDOT; the one over the railroad on 215th at Valley. The bridge was rated at a 3 at this time. We have put in for a grant for this to be replaced. Because this is a fracture critical bridge it will have to be inspected every two years. This bridge was built in 1936. Eric stated ditching on 95th & Poplar is complete. Jim asked if the FEMA money will be enough for the match. Eric said not sure yet. Eric stated BBCO REDI worked good with us and they are the ones that did the majority of the grant writing.

Delwin Mumbower - no change and would like to continue burn ban.

Lora Holdridge - reported on the SEK Regional County Meeting. Had very good feedback that we did a great job with the meeting. Lora read through and thanked all vendors for donations that went to the success of the meeting. She also thanked all Bourbon County employees that helped as well.

Clifton stated that the SEK Agency on Aging has a board opening and they have requested that the Commission approve Mrs. Leach being added to the board. The services that they provide are assessments, case management, lifelines, respite assistance, attendant care, homemaker, support group, congregational meals, 12812 home delivered meals for a total of \$182,953 spent in Bourbon County. Clifton

suggested we needed to try and help the senior center building stand out more. The commission approved Mrs. Leach being added to their board.

Ashley Shelton stated that Mike Williams heard back from Blue Mark with a price for gas for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. A twelve-month lock-in price for the Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center it would be \$7.44 plus transport and fuel and a 24-month lock in would be \$6.96 plus transport and fuel. Ashley will get back with the commission on what prices were previously and also will have prices for the Medical Building as well.

Tiana McElroy, County Attorney, requested an executive session to discuss nonelected personnel. Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of individual nonelected personnel to protect their privacy for 10 minutes including three commissioners, Tiana McElroy, Justin Meeks, and Susan Bancroft returning here at 9:41am. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to resume normal session in this room at 9:41am with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Clifton made a motion to move Justin Meeks, County Counselor comments to the end of the session. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Susan Bancroft - Chief Financial Officer discussed steps that could be put in place to help with transparency at the County level. When we do appropriations and payroll those are presented to commission and aren't discussed. There are some counties that put appropriations on their agenda and discuss at a meeting. I have a couple of reports that gives a breakdown of payables and payroll in detail. The cash basis law puts the governing body in charge of approving all claims. You cannot spend more than you have in the bank. There are a few exemptions to that rule, for example payroll. You do not have to approve ahead of time, it can be approved after. Any utilities can be paid ahead of time, they don't have to be approved. I think it's good practice for you to see those being paid, but the law allows for a few exemptions where you can pay ahead of time and approve after. Nelson asked if this information could be e-mailed to him prior to the meeting for review. Ashley stated they could do that. Susan stated that general fund is tight. We hope to have a little carry-over. We are hoping the departments may not spend all their funds and we'll be okay. I'm working with Eric as his budget is the tightest. We'll have to shuffle some money around for equipment repairs. Patty has been doing a very good job reconciling so we know what our cash balances are. Cash projections in public safety are scary. Right now there is not enough cash to spend as budgeted. I've sent this to Bill for him to watch.

Shane Walker - CIO We've got that tower ordered for the Tomahawk one to switch out and they're still working on the fiber up there at Hidden Valley they are running into some problems with that and we're getting ready to hook up this tower to the Garland water tower to switch that repeater over. That will be the last repeater that we have that's on cellular so that will go away. As soon as we get that done the guys from

Topeka will come down and mount those two repeaters and then we'll be ready to switch EMS over to the digital stuff as soon as we get the radios for their cars. We don't know how the wind turbines will affect signal. That's on the list of stuff to look at.

Public Comment: Clint Walker stated he appreciated the work done on 95th Street that was a massively public safety issue. They did an awesome job. He requested a report during commission meeting on grants requested and granted. Michael Hoyt stated the lady that quote the constitution last week needs to read all the other laws and regulations. She wanted to ask where the money has gone that was collected for jail. Where has all the money been spent. For 7 years we've collected .4 cents roughly \$400,000 per year. Where has it gone? The KSA says we can use it on building, building maintenance, but you all have said we've spent money on cars with that money. Where else has it been used? Where did we get to where we are having 20 year bond paybacks? Or 20 year sales tax assessments? This information was not on the ballot question that it was a 20 year payback or assessment. Susan stated that statute allows you to do that. Michael asked don't you think the people should have been told that when they voted on it. Clifton stated he wasn't here when voted on, but we are paying for it. Jim stated that if Michael was going to be rude we will close comments and then stated public comment is over.

Commission Comment: Clifton stated that as an elected official, I believe we should be held to a higher standard of what we say in public. Yesterday an elected office in one of the townships was talking about we raised taxes. First, as an elected official if you're going to put your name on the ballot you should know what you're talking about. It was a treasurer for a township. We didn't raise taxes we stayed revenue neutral. But he is out there spouting that we raised taxes. People can stand at this microphone and say whatever they want but that doesn't make it true. Sales tax for hard surface roads was voted on. It was extended by vote, by the public in the most democratic way possible. If you are an elected official in Bourbon County be careful what you're talking about or just keep your mouth closed. Please do your research and know what you're talking about.

Nelson stated people need to work together better to run this county as efficient as possible. I get the feeling in Bourbon County that local government is going to solve our problems when I don't think that is true. The answer is not to tax people more to fix stuff. The government is here to protect our rights.

Jim stated our job is to ask public what service they want to help us to do our job. We need input and know their expectations.

Nelson asked about road vacation. Ashley asked commission when they want to hold the meeting and then she'll know when to publish notice in the paper. Commission stated the meeting would be a week after elections.

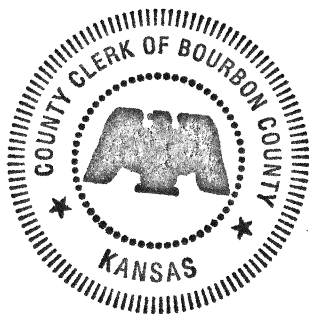
Justin Meeks - County Counselor asked for executive session regarding contracts for 15 minutes. Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship including three commissioners, Justin Meeks for 15 minutes returning to this room at 10:36am. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session at 10:36am with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Ashley presented commissioners with information regarding previous gas prices. For the courthouse in January it was \$6.71 and the last bill was \$6.93. He quoted \$7.44 for twelve-month or \$6.96 for 24-month. He also said pricing was based on 50% of the annual volume. For the hospital in January it was \$6.59 it is now \$9.50. The lock in rates are \$8.53 for 6 months and \$7.07 for a year or \$6.51 for two years. Clifton stated he was not willing to lock it in for two years. Justin stated he wouldn't lock in any long term for the Medical Building. Subject was tabled and will be brought up again next week.

Justin Meeks requested an executive session regarding nonelected personnel and job performance. Clifton made a motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss matters of individual nonelected personnel to protect their privacy related to job description and performance for 7 minutes returning here at 10:49 a.m. including three commissioners, Justin Meeks and Susan Bancroft. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.



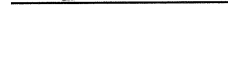
Clifton made a motion to allow Commission District 1 Nelson Blythe to be the liaison with the Bourbon County Sheriff's office. Jim seconded. All approved.

At 11:51 a.m., Clifton made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All approved.



ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

 _____, Chairman
 _____, Commissioner
 _____, Commissioner

Ashley Shelton, Bourbon County Clerk
10-11-22, Approved Date