

September 27, 2022,

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.

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

Matt Quick, Betty Breault, Jason Silvers, Patty Ropp, Shane Walker, and Susan Bancroft were present for some or all of the meeting.

Jim made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Years of Service Recognition before Road & Bridge Report. Nelson seconded. All approved. Jim thanked each one for years of service and for being a part of Bourbon County.

Eric Bailey presented an oversize load permit for commissioner signature. They are in the process of providing us with insurance information by Don and Marla Schroeder. Asphalt on 215th is completed. We've started on 205th working our way to around Grand. We've got about 1.4 miles completed. Doing some ditch work on 95th north of Poplar. Removing trees and adding ditch and culverts. On Tomahawk from 185th to 135th a lot of ditch work done. Down 135th & Poplar south we put in tubes and hope to get the water moving better. We are now able to take debit/credit cards at the landfill. There will be a small fee to use it. Bridge Reports given to commissioners. Bridge RS518 215th south of Fulton, I do not have a report on yet. Eric gave a copy of fuel expense report to each commissioner for monthly update. Eric stated there will be a retirement party for Gene Bailey out at Public Works building on Friday around noon. Jim Harris made a motion to allow all commissioners to attend Gene Bailey's retirement party on Friday at the County Barn at noon. No business conducted. Nelson seconded. All approved. Eric stated that he had requested an executive session to be added to the agenda but would not need it at this time. Clifton asked if asphalt was about done. Eric stated they have .9 mile on 205th around to Grand and then 1.8 miles on 19th. Have a meeting scheduled on Monday with Susan to crunch numbers and see exactly where we are at and know if we have anything left to do more. We have to shut 195th down to do this. I know it will be an inconvenience but it's necessary. Jim asked if Eric has talked with the previous bean hauler. Eric said he hadn't yet but would. Clifton made a motion to amend the agenda to delete the executive session for Eric Bailey. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Delwin Mumbower - Burn Ban Update: (Delwin was reached by phone) He reported that nothing has changed. We had about 1/4 inch of rain a few days ago. Delwin requested that the burn ban be kept on. Clifton made a motion to adopt resolution 14-22 The Burn Ban. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Bill Martin - asked to allow three deputies to get fueled from Road & Bridge for study to see if it would save and be efficient. Would like to run this study between October 1st and December 31st. Bill already discussed this with Eric. Jim Harris stated fuel is 31 cents cheaper as of this morning. Bill stated he is looking at this as "the water cooler effect." If you employees go to the water cooler and visit while there so many times a day. We are looking at productivity. Are we going to get more or less miles from the fuel. Jim sees so many variables you won't get an accurate data. Jim and Clifton stated the cents per gallon is the only thing that matters. Bill stated Pittsburg State University will be helping with study. Eric stated that Jennifer will be

based on price at time of purchase. Bill wanted to make sure it is ok budget wise. Eric stated we are ok.

Clifton Beth - Benefits Committee: Clifton asked if there was a committee. Susan stated that she has been waiting for the budget process to be completed. Ashley Shelton, Courtney Goucher, Lora Clarkson, Susan Bancroft, and Clifton Beth. We are hoping to get together sometime next week.

Ashley Shelton - SEK Area Agency on Aging has requested that you appoint Allison Leach to their board. They provide Meals on Wheels and some transportation. Clifton will visit with them on this. It will be brought up in commission meeting again in a couple of weeks. Ashley continued that Mike Williams reached out from Hamlin Energy who brokered our gas service for the Hospital, Courthouse and Jail. They are anticipating that gas prices may be high this winter and he wanted to know if we want to look at locking in a price before it goes up. Ashley will get prices and present them next meeting.

Clifton made a motion to move the executive session for Jim Harris to the end of the meeting. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Justin Meeks - County Counselor Comments: Requested two executive sessions. Clifton made a motion to move Justin Meeks to the end of the meeting following Jim Harris' executive session. Nelson seconded. All approved.

Susan Bancroft - CFO: Susan brought updated budget documents for commission review and signature. It will be put on the website.

Shane Walker - CIO: No comment

Public Comment: Betty Breault stated according to the Constitution of The United States it plainly states that government seats are to be volunteer seats not paid. When was this change made and how was it made? She continued asking how long it was going to take the pay for the jail and why did they use money that was to pay for beds used for surveys? I believe anyone caught misappropriating tax funds should be held accountable for their actions. I also believe programs, agencies and organizations should be developed to monitor federal, state local and county governments along with utility companies. What are the plans for emergency vehicles if we go to electric cars? Nelson asked where in the constitution that elected officials should not be paid. Jim stated that we were not here when the jail was built. The auditing firm would have caught any misappropriation of funds. Nelson stated that you would want the jail to be paid for by sales tax. Clifton stated that the utility companies are regulated by the FCC. The state regulates utility charges and we can't change it. You can call Hilderbrand or Trevor Jacobs, your representatives.

Commission Comments: Jim thanked Eric for getting the asphaltting completed and also those with years of service.

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, possible litigation, including three commissioners, Justin Meeks, Susan Bancroft, and Patty Love for 15 minutes: returning to this room at 10:13 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to resume normal session in this room at 10:13 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

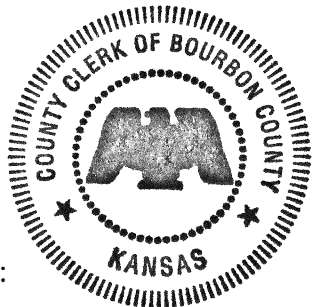
Clifton made a motion for executive session KSA 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship including three commissioners, Justin Meeks, Susan Bancroft, and Shane Walker for four minutes returning here at 10:19 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session in this room at 10:19 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

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 and Susan Bancroft for 15 minutes returning here at 10:35 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return here to normal session at 10:35 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

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 and Susan Bancroft returning to this room in 20 minutes at 10:56 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to resume normal session in this room at 10:56 a.m. with no action.

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 and Susan Bancroft for 10 minutes returning here at 11:07 a.m. Nelson seconded. All approved. Clifton made a motion to return to normal session at 11:07 a.m. with no action. Nelson seconded. All approved.

At 11:08 a.m., Clifton made a motion to adjourn. Nelson seconded. All approved.



ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS
[Signature], Chairman
[Signature], Commissioner
[Signature], Commissioner

Ashley Shelton, Bourbon County Clerk
10-4-22, Approved Date

