

October 18, 2021
Unofficial Minutes
Russell County Commission Meeting

At 9:00 am Steve Reinhardt made the motion to open the meeting. Duke Strobel seconded, and Daron Woelk approved. Others present for the meeting were: Administrator John Fletcher, Clerk Mary Nuss, County Attorney Dan Krug, and Treasurer Trisha Strobel.

Steve Reinhardt made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, meeting. Daron Woelk seconded, and Duke Strobel approved.

Alan Kuntzsch, Public Works Director, updated the Commission on road projects in the County. Alan got word from Doonan's in Great Bend, that they still don't have the sensor for the 2018 Peterbilt and don't know when they will get it. They will be putting in culverts for Center Twp. October 5, 2021, they completed the Cold Mill in Place surface project on the E Shoreline Rd. They will start the chip and seal process in this same area, and it should take 2 days to complete. Alan Kuntzsch would like to thank Dale Houston at Ellsworth County for the use of their Flat Face Roller. John Naegele, with Fairview Twp Board, was asking about a drainage problem area on Saline Rd between 200th and 201st Rd with some waterways dumping into the ditches and onto the roadways. Alan suggested they contact Penco to see what could be done.

Mary Nuss, County Clerk and Election Officer requested the Commission to use ARPA funds for the Election Board workers that worked the General and Primary Elections last year. The approximate request is about \$9,000.00. Steve Reinhardt made the motion to approve ARPA funds be paid to board workers for last year's elections not to exceed \$9,000.00. Duke Strobel seconded, and Daron Woelk approved.

Steve Reinhardt made the motion to sign two letters. One in Testimony in opposition to the 30 x 30 Federal Initiative Program which President Biden's Administration is attempting to institute and the other is the Demand Notice to Remove County, References to the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership. Duke Strobel seconded, and Daron Woelk approved.

Duke Strobel made the motion to purchase a 2013 International HV507 4x4 cab and Chassis in the amount of \$161,752.00 from Hays Fire and Rescue Sales and Service, LLC. Daron Woelk seconded, and Steve Reinhardt approved. This truck will be used in the Waldo-Paradise-Natoma Fire District #3.

Steve Reinhardt made the motion to declare the 1973 Ford Fire truck, VIN #0362, as surplus property to be sold on PurpleWave. Daron Woelk seconded, and Duke Strobel approved.

John Fletcher stated that Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center is asking for \$10,000.00 in additional funding. The County already gives the program \$5,000.00. Duke Strobel made the motion to use ARPA funds to pay Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center the additional \$10,000.00. Daron Woelk seconded; and Steve Reinhardt approved.

At 10:45 am, Duke Strobel made the motion to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney/client privilege with Dan Krug and John Fletcher in attendance. Steve Reinhardt seconded, and Daron Woelk approved. At 10:55 am the meeting resumed with no action taken.

Superintendent Shelly Swayne, VP of the school board Kathy Wallert and Ron Wedel, board member of USD 407 came in asking about the application process regarding the ARPA funding and how they could apply for the indoor air quality and improvement at the USD 407 schools. Kathy Wallert and Ron Wedel would like to improve the air quality for all students in the district. Duke would like to see a viable plan put in place to improve the air quality for the schools. Ron Wedel said they have a plan in place with using Trane. Shelly asked about the application process and Duke Strobel said, right now, we are trying to see what the County needs for use of the ARPA funding, then see what funds are left over to help other entities, if possible. Discussion was also held regarding other avenues of funding for the schools.

Checks were approved and signed to be deducted from the following funds:

100	GENERAL	\$	36,452.04	290	GORHAM FIRE	\$	101.99
110	ROAD & BRIDGE	\$	154,362.67	300	LUCAS FIRE	\$	1,775.88
120	SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$	3,502.32	310	WAL-PAR-NAT	\$	6,231.86
130	NOXIOUS WEED	\$	2,424.53	320	DORRANCE	\$	1,126.52
140	4H	\$	937.35	328	RS CO FIRE #5	\$	1,054.62
150	CVB	\$	225.99	330	APPRAISAL	\$	534.71
155	ED	\$	226.01	340	SPECIAL R&B	\$	100,141.73
180	ELECTION	\$	328.15	360	SOLID WASTE	\$	2,492.97
190	AMBULANCE	\$	14,371.05	380	EM TELEPHONE	\$	106.41
260	COUNTY HEALTH	\$	4,973.98	435	DEED TECH	\$	650.99
				718	CTZ RVW BRD	\$	1,123.71

At 11:51 am Steve Reinhardt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Duke Strobel seconded, and Daron Woelk approved. The next meeting for the Commission will be November 1, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am in Commissioner Chambers, Courthouse.