

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 2-5-2024 **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.

Mike Haase joined the meeting at 8:22 am. Mike gave the Commissioners the annual Northwest Kansas Home Land Security Council for the 2024-2026 term. Mike Gillespie made a motion to approve Mike Haase to represent Gove County on the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council for the 2024-2026 term. Mike Haase left the meeting at 8:27 am. Ron Inloes and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:01 am. Denise gave the Commissioners Road and Bridge Accounts Payables report. Ron told the Commissioners that they got two of their pickups in and will be getting grill guards put on them. Ron said that the bottom is poured for the bridge FAS 280. Ron also talked about mowers for the County. Commissioners asked about the cost of mowing versus spraying in the county ditches. Denise and Ron will get the commissioners an approximant cost of mowing county ditches. Ron and Denise left the meeting at 9:26 am. Brock Maier joined the meeting at 9:29 am. Brock talked with the Commissioners about getting the state KDOT financial paperwork done and needed signatures. Brock gave the Commissioners reports on what has been sprayed in the county. Chuck made a motion to approve the annual Noxious Weed Ratification Progress report for 2023. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Commissioners asked Brock to get an approximate cost on how much it cost the county to spray the road ditches. Brock left the meeting at 9:59 am.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 10:00 am. Matt gave the Commissioners a framed picture of the County's CAT Certified Power Train Rebuild from Foley Equipment. Matt told the Commissioners that the Scraper- Hydraulic tank had to go to Wichita for repairs and the recycling trailer went to Hutchinson last Wednesday. Matt talked with the Commissioners about Landfill rates. Matt asked for executive session for 10 minutes. Chuck made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes 10:20 to 10:30 am. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mike made a motion to approve the new Landfill rates. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Matt left the meeting at 10:28 am. Jason Moses and Emily Murrow joined the meeting at 10:29 am. Jason asked for an executive session for 15 minutes. Duane made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes from 10:30 to 10:45 am for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Emily left the meeting at 10:46 am. Jason gave the Commissioners an update on the independent living apartments. Jason left the meeting at 10:56 am. Jason

Moses joined the meeting at 11:06 am. Jason asked for executive session for 20 minutes. Mike made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes from 11:10 to 11:25 am for non-elected personnel. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Conner Fiscarelli and Erica Nickolson joined the meeting at 11:26 am. Erica gave the Commissioners a copy of the Rural Hospital Innovation Grant Application that the Hospital has applied for. Mike made a motion to ratify Duane's signature for the grant. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Jason left the meeting at 11:38 am. Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:39 am. Conner talked about the ERC (employee's restriction claims) funds. Conner also talked about having a new nurse practitioner (Jamie Mense) that will be working 3 days a week at Grainfield. Conner also told the Commissioners that a new full time CFO will start in February 2024. Discussion was made about the Gove County Hospital Board Election process. Conner and Erica left the meeting at 12:20 pm. Chuck made a motion to recess for lunch at 12:20 pm. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Commissioners and Mark returned from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Willard Walker and Dustin Stanfield joined the meeting at 1:00 pm. Willard gave the Commissioner a recap of what is going to be done to fix the County Building's that were damaged in the hail storm. Willard also told the Commissioners that they can get started on the Office Building by next week because of the leaks that are occurring. Mike made a motion to approve the roofing contract with Stanfield Roofing. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Willard and Dustin left the meeting at 1:32 pm. The Commissioners attended a department head meeting at 1:30 pm and returned at 2:20 pm. Mike made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Checks from 71247 thru 71299 for 2024 and 2023 checks 71300 thru 71305. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Duane made a motion to approve the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 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


