Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2020 in the Commissioners’ room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Bill Czapanskiy, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; and Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Phil Gilliland, Dave Garnas, Robert Steimel, Janice Hattan, and Brandt & Ashley Hutchinson, Cloud County Health Center; Lloyd Wharton and Brayden Johnson, CES Systems and Charles Johnson, Public Building Commission.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented the 2019 fee summary and gave a quarterly update.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the new truck would be delivered today and they are working on patching holes on paved roads. Received a request for guardrail on 210th ½ mile south of Highway 9 on the west side. Discussed the 2019 Wind Farm award for crushing rock, the deadline was extended to use the funds until there is room to store more rock.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Anthony Smith as an equipment operator at a rate of $15.00 an hour for a 3-month introductory wage effective February 2, 2020.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director invited the community to an Economic Development 101 presentation February 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cloud Co. Co-op Distribution Center Conference Room. Presenter Dan Steffen, Regional Project Manager with the Kansas Department of Commerce will cover what rural Economic Development means for our region and the role residents can play in Economic Development. The annual CloudCorp Luncheon will be February 4th from 11:30 – 1:00. The complete count committee for the 2020 census is working and doing presentations. A luncheon on March 11th at 11:45 is being scheduled with the presentation to begin at 12:00 noon.

Reynolds presented a Wind Farm application for project: Get in the Cloud Small Business Grants in the amount of $150,000 to encourage economic development in Cloud County, while increasing the property value of existing structures or land. Reynolds reported that applicants will be required to get more than 1 quote from vendors. Reynolds stated that CloudCorp is passionately supporting and collaborating with the Cloud County Health Center and the building of a new facility. The Board of Directors understand Cloud County
Health Center may be applying for funds and CloudCorp is willing to adjust their request as an additional sign of support for the economic growth of the County. Applications for the Small Business grants will be changed to June 1st.

Phil Gilliland, Dave Garnas, Robert Steimel, Janice Hattan, and Brandt & Ashley Hutchinson, Cloud County Health Center presented a Wind Farm application for project: Building a New Hospital for Cloud County in the amount of $200,000 in 2020 and best faith commitment for $200,000 in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 for a total contribution of $1 million over 5 years.

Wind Farm applications for non-profits will be accepted by the Commission through March 30, 2020. Applications can be found on the County’s website. Business applications will be accepted by CloudCorp until June 1, 2020.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager and Lloyd Wharton and Brayden Johnson, CES Systems discussed a quote for a CCTV system for the interior and exterior of the Courthouse.

Charles Johnson, Public Building Commission stopped in for an update of the Law Enforcement Center repairs and refinancing.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to end at 12:17 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Resolution 2020-4 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment program. No new dollars were allocated to the program.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling $157,311.99

- General Fund – $84,091.57
- Road & Bridge – $43,762.69
- Appraisal - $5,257.40
- County Health - $16,461.38
- Noxious Weed - $1,726.46
- Election - $1,499.42
- Solid Waste - $4,513.07
- Payroll Deductions & Benefits - $194,393.92

The above expense detail is available at the County Clerk’s office.

The board was invited to the annual Agriculture Night at CCC on Wednesday, January 29th.

Reviewed the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections/Juvenile Services FY20 2nd Quarter Financial Reports.
The Board recognized the termination of Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator; Nick Clanin Corrections Officer; Torin Fellows, Corrections Officer / Food Service Director; and Alexandra Wilcox, part-time Corrections Officer effective January 22, 2020.

Commissioner Caspers attended the CloudCorp Board meeting. Commissioner Garrison & Czapanskiy attended the Solid Waste Annual meeting. Commissioners Czapanskiy and Casper’s attended the LEPC meeting. All meetings were Tuesday January 21st.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2020-16 thru 2020-31 totaling $1,423.17.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 21, 2020 minutes with the correction to read Piper Jaffray & Co.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:22 p.m., until Monday February 3, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

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Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

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Gary Caspers, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk             Bill Garrison, Member