

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 2, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Appraiser Barry Porter; Treasurer Alice Walker.

Others attending were: Bud Cowen, KCAMP Attorney Assist (by phone); Arlene Bray, Loren Koester, Catherine Newland, Jacqueline Ramsey, Cloud County Conservation District; Barbara Henry, Nancy Jones, Wayne Switzer, Charles and Audrey Mallam, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Larry Nobert; Carol Miller, Jeff Koch, David Norlin, CASA; Mike Houck, Rural Lakes LEPP Director; Larry Greene, Lyle Morgan, Mary Dean Nelson, Historical Society; Holly Brown, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh, the Commissioners, County Clerk Musick, and Sheriff Larry Bergstrom participated in a telephone conversation with Bud Cowan, KCAMP Attorney Assist, regarding the implications of the Lincoln County Sheriff case. It was generally agreed that the court's ruling reserved the right to hire, fire, promote or demote and control of the approved budget to the elected official, while county personnel policies for other areas are in effect for all county departments.

Walsh reported that the reply from the Attorney General's office on the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) question presented by the County and the City of Concordia stated that the Attorney General's office did not wish to become involved in the situation and declined to express an opinion. Walsh noted that county and city officials will meet later to discuss the situation.

Walsh reported that the KBI had expressed appreciation with the Sheriff's department's investigation of a recent abuse case for which the KBI was called in.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that rock hauling for the Scottsville road and right-of-way spraying are delayed because of the rain. Asch also discussed the need for noxious weed spray on the Aurora rock pit.

Asch reported that Alstom Power has expressed an interest in fabricating steel culverts. The Commissioners suggested that attachable wing walls might be an additional possibility and approved Asch's continuing discussion with Alstom.

Loren Koester, Catherine Newland, Jacqueline Ramsey, representing the Cloud County Conservation District, presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of

\$19,050. The group discussed areas of interest for the upcoming year, including noxious weed control, recycling, ground water and stream pollution.

Barbara Henry, Nancy Jones, Wayne Switzer, Chuck and Audrey Mallam, representing the Cloud County Commission on Aging, presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of \$63,500. Henry discussed the NCK Prescription Drug Program which provide free or reduced cost prescription drugs for low income persons and the Warm Water exercise program.

County Treasurer Alice Walker provided information on the county's share of sales tax distributed by the state on May 28 in the amount of \$39,041.68.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds, presented a proposal from Infinitic for computer hardware, maintenance, education and on-site services for a three-year period in the amount of \$98,069.48. Later in the day Appraiser Barry Porter providing additional information on the proposal and recommended its approval. No action was taken by the Board pending further information.

Larry Nobert came in to ask about the status of the county lake project and expressed concern about the proposed location, stating that it is too far from population centers. The Board noted that the project is still in the information-gathering stage and that the county has not provided any funding for the project up to this time.

Carol Miller, David Norlin and Jeff Koch, representing CASA, presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of \$10,000 and reported that in 2002, CASAs spent 1,523 hours and traveled 14,722 miles serving 61 children.

Mike Houck, Rural Lakes LEPP (Local Environmental Protection Program) Director, reported on a case of wastewater being discharged into a creek. After discussion of the situation, the Board, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, determined that they would not issue a permit for the system and directed Houck to turn the matter over to the State.

Houck also discussed the upcoming annual regional meeting of the Rural Lakes KEPP, which will be held in Cloud County on June 20 from 10-12 a.m. in the Courthouse meeting room.

Houck also reported that for 2004, Rural Lakes LEPP will probably receive \$50,000 in grant funds from the state, the same as for 2003. The counties will need to provide a 10% match. Cloud County's share will be about \$700.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Larry Greene, Lyle Morgan, and Mary Dean Nelson, representing the Cloud County Historical Museum, presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of \$36,000 and reported activities during the past year.

Holly Brown, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, stopped to pick up the Commission's letter noting that there are no local funds available for the purpose for which Brown is submitting a request for a JJA grant.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that G & P Development, Inc., Milford NE, is interested in presenting a proposal for accepting Cloud County's solid waste in their landfill. No action was taken by the Board.

Mills reported that the 1985 crawler-loader needs major repair and discussed getting proposals for a replacement. The Board authorized Mills to obtain proposals.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, Resolution #03-17, canceling county check #18507, was adopted.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, majority vote (Commissioner Chartier abstaining), Resolution #033-18, appointing Richard Chartier as Cloud County representative to the Mid-States Port Authority Board and approving the appointments of Lynn Hoelting and Marion Patton to positions 3 and 7, respectively, on the Board, was adopted.

Appraiser Barry Porter discussed new CAMA programming which will be provided at a later date. Porter also discussed the latest ration study which shows Cloud County at approximately 97% median ratio.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the CDBG agreement for OCCK's sheltered workshop and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign the agreement.

The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m. until June 9, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 9, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Treasurer Alice Walker; JJA/DOC Director Wanda Backstrom; County Attorney Robert Walsh; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Appraiser Barry Porter; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn.

Others attending were: Todd Whitney; Mark Boley; Gordon Morrison; James Workman, Jr.; SSgt. Larry Eubanks.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment but attended the department head meeting later.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The word "ration" was corrected to "ratio."

An amendment to the By-laws of the Cloud County Commission on Aging was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commission Fraser, unanimous vote. The amendment changed the total aging commission membership from 24 to 22, reducing Jamestown's representation from 3 to 2 members and eliminating the representation from Aurora since there is no senior center there.

On recommendation by the Cloud County Commission on Aging and on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board appointed the following persons to the Cloud County Commission on Aging Board:

Representing Clyde:

Don Menard, 1st term ending June 30, 2004;
Genevieve Jones, 1st term ending June 30, 2005;
Edna Michaud, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Ron Racette, 2nd term ending June 30, 2004;

Representing Concordia:

Nancy Jones, 1st term ending June 30, 2004;
Liz Steinle, 1st term ending June 30, 2005;

Pearl Rizzi, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Gertrude Poe, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Floyd Buckley, 2nd term ending June 30, 2004;
Wayne Switzer, 2nd term ending June 30, 2005;
Chuck Mallam, 2nd term ending June 30, 2005;
Eunice DeWitt, 2nd term ending June 30, 2006;
Representing Glasco:
Joan Barnum, 1st term ending June 30, 2004;
Janis Sams, 1st term ending June 30, 2005;
Betty Plush, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Stan Plush, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Representing Jamestown:
Carolyn Cordwell, 1st term ending June 30, 2005;
Betty Bombardier, 2nd term ending June 30, 2006;
Representing Miltonvale:
Vesta Lyne, 1st term ending June 30, 2005;
Maxine Haist, 1st term ending June 30, 2006;
Lucile Vanek, 2nd term ending June 30, 2004;
Eunice Davidson, 2nd term ending June 30, 2006.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that crews began mowing last week, working from north to south; crews have started hauling rock for the Scottsville road; weed spraying was finished last week; and the asphalt plant was started up this week.

Asch noted that the lease for the Aurora rock pit says that the tenant is responsible for weed spraying. The Commissioners advised Asch to notify the tenant that spraying is needed.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. JJA/DOC Director Wanda Backstrom reported that there are many changes in both programs. Both program plans and budgets are due, but there is no information on funding available at this time and program plans have to be re-done to reflect the new administration's requirements.

Appraiser Barry Porter noted that real estate, personal property and motor vehicle rolls have been certified to the County Clerk.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reported there are multiple jury trials involving methamphetamines. Walsh also spoke about the Attorney General opinion on the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) question. The Attorney General's office declined to give an opinion.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that the new cooling tower is running well.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that 710 tons of trash were hauled last month.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that the county's website is active, urged officials to provide information for their portion of the site to either him or the appraiser, and reported upgrades to the computer system.

Extension Agent Todd Whitney reported that the West Nile Virus surveillance is still in effect and suggested people to call the office before bringing in dead birds. Whitney advised that horses be vaccinated and urged people to use protection against mosquitos. Whitney also noted the incident of mad cow disease in Canada and reported that Canadian beef is not being imported.

County Clerk Musick reported work on budgets for 2004 and revenue concerns. Musick also noted that valuations for state assessed utility corporations will not be available until the latter part of the month.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom provided monthly statistics for 2003, noting patrol mileage in towns at 975 miles and total patrol mileage at 73,386 miles. Among other statistics, Bergstrom reported 73 accidents worked and 135 cases cleared.

Commissioner Nelson discussed county department budgets and finances. Nelson spoke concerning the erroneous impression among employees that the employee pays half of health insurance costs. Nelson noted that the employee pays half of the premium only. The county pays the other half plus a set amount ranging from approximately \$200 to \$636 monthly to pay for the first \$15,000 in claims.

Nelson also spoke regarding the county website, TIF and overtime, asking officials to assure that overtime is held to a minimum.

The department head meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

Extension Board members Mark Boley and Gordon Morrison informally presented the 2004 Extension budget appropriation request in the amount of \$98,275.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/DOC Director, presented bids for two vehicles, a passenger car and a van. Following bid opening, the Board asked Backstrom to inspect the vehicles and return next week with a recommendation.

Backstrom reported that all four JJA program plans were disapproved by JJA. Rewritten plans are due July 1. Backstrom expressed concerns regarding programs, budgets and funding.

Appraiser Barry Porter reported that the new CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) programming will run on PC's instead of the AS400. CAMA comprises about one-tenth of the current programs on the AS400. Porter also noted that the State of Kansas is supposed to pay the hardware maintenance costs for the AS400 because of the state's VIPS (Vehicle Information Processing System) requirements.

Porter noted suggested changes to the agreement with Infnitec for computer services. The Board asked Porter to contact Infnitec and negotiate a revised agreement.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

SSgt. Larry Eubanks presented the 2004 budget appropriation request for the National Guard Armory. No specific amount was suggested, although the Commissioners allowed \$1,250 last year. Eubanks reported that the local armory is at the top of the list for renovation by the State, owing to the fact that the county has provided funds which allow for continued upkeep.

Eubanks presented the 2004 budget appropriation request for the Cloud County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Association with no amount specified. The County Commission allowed \$10,000 last year. Eubanks presented a listing of 2002 expenditures and reported that an EMT class is scheduled for October. Eubanks noted that the First Responder program is still active and that there is now a bridge class from First Responder to EMT.

Eubanks presented the 2004 budget appropriation request for Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$12,000. Eubanks discussed expenditures for 2002, noting that in FY 2003 the program was authorized \$36,000 from OJP for emergency preparedness equipment. Eubanks discussed possible uses for expected future authorizations.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that equipment dealers he contacted had no crawler-loaders available. After discussion the Board directed Mills and Highway Department mechanic Larry Shuler (if available) to inspect the equipment offered by Martin Tractor and if acceptable, make a specified offer. Mills will report to the Board next week.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom reported a new hire for part-time corrections officer Mary Thrush, effective June 15. The hiring was approved at \$8.00 per hour on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Undersheriff Donnie Kern presented proposals for new linoleum in the law enforcement center kitchen:

Rug & Wrap - \$1,268.32;

The Home Store - \$1,758.90.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the low bid from Rug & Wrap was accepted.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that the State added computer units and equipment in the District Court which knocked county offices off the system. Collins reported that an enlarged firewall has been installed which has corrected the situation. Collins reiterated Extension's request to be added to the county's broadband wireless connection. The Board asked Collins to find out if there are limitations on the number of units for the system. Collins and the Board discussed security measures for the computer system.

The session was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until June 16, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 16, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Appraiser Barry Porter; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Court Services Director Wanda Backstrom; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Larry Laas, President, Fair Board.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed current activities, court trials, and the TIF situation.

Larry Laas, Cloud County Fair Board President, presented information on the request by the Good Sams Camping Club for camping facilities at the fairgrounds. Laas noted that the group averages 350 vehicles and meets at the same location for three to four years. Noting that the project is an opportunity to develop the fairgrounds and provide for future revenue, Laas asked for the county's assistance in spreading and rolling a surfacing material on the fairgrounds parking lot. After discussion the Board asked Laas to return later with more definite cost projections.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the preconstruction conference is scheduled for bridge project #15 C 3390-01 (between Sections 2 and 11, Township 6, Range 3).

Asch reported that the highway department will go to summer hours (7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) next week.

Appraiser Barry Porter presented a revised agreement with Infintec for computer service. The three-year contract, in the amount of \$90,351.04, provides support and maintenance for computer hardware and software, education, and assistance. After discussion in which Porter suggested that current hardware might have a trade-in value that should be reflected in the agreement, the Board deferred action until next week.

Porter also presented a draft of a "Registered User Service Agreement," which will allow persons authorized under K.S.A. 79-1437f to access certain real estate information. County Attorney Walsh will review the agreement prior to approval.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that Martin Tractor Company will bring the crawler-loader to Concordia for inspection rather than his having to travel to Topeka. Mills will return next week with his recommendation.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that there were approximately 35 units on the system when the county went to NCKCN broadband. With the current firewall, there is sufficient room for at least 100 units. The Board approved allowing Extension to use the wireless system.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Court Services Director Wanda Backstrom presented recommendations for purchase of a used van and car, both with fewer than 25,000 miles with trade of a 2001 Dodge Caravan and a 2001 Chevrolet Malibu. Van bids presented were:

Womack Sunshine Ford, Concordia, 2002 Ford Windstar, net \$8,300;

Beloit Auto & Truck, Beloit, 2002 Ford Windstar, net \$9,000;

George Motor, Clyde, 2002 Dodge Grand Caravan, net \$9,975;

Babe Houser, Concordia, 2003 Chevrolet Venture, net \$13,250.

Car bids presented were:

Beloit Auto & Truck, Beloit, 2002 Dodge Intrepid, net \$5,000;

Beloit Auto & Truck, Beloit, 2002 Ford Taurus, net \$5,000;

Womack Sunshine Ford, Concordia, 2002 Ford Taurus, net \$5,300;

George Motor, Clyde, 2002 Dodge Intrepid, net \$6,450;

Babe House, Concordia, 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix, net \$6,922.

Two bids were submitted on vehicles with mileage over the specified amount and were not considered.

Backstrom recommended purchase of the 2002 Ford Windstar at \$8,300 from Womack Sunshine Ford and the 2002 Dodge Intrepid at \$5,000 from Beloit Auto & Truck, noting the Dodge Intrepid has more room for transport than the Ford Taurus at the same price. The recommended purchases were approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Backstrom presented the "Conditions of Grant from JJA to Cloud County Board of County Commissioners" which was approved by the Board and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Backstrom reported that the JJA (Juvenile Justice Authority) allocation for FY04 has been reported to her as \$97,876.09.

The session was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until June 23, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 23, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Director; District Judge Thomas Tuggle; Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch.

Others attending were: Jake Jacobs, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company; Larry Laas, Fair Board President; Scot Henderson, Fair Board Treasurer; John Cyr, Regional Planning Executive Director (by phone).

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed current activities.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that a mower had been vandalized last week and that he is taking proposals for the purchase of a new ice machine.

Asch noted that he will be conducting interviews next week for a bridge crew position.

Asch reported that OCCK has asked for the county's help in moving a heavy machine from their old location to their new one. The Board advised Asch to check with the county's workers compensation and property/liability insurance carriers before proceeding.

Asch reported that he had provided cost estimates for paving a portion of Royal Road as requested by a landowner. But other landowners did not wish to participate in the project, and the landowner requesting the figures did not want to pay for the whole project.

Asch discussed damage to county roads during a mudding incident. The individuals concerned will appear in court on Wednesday.

Asch reported that bridge project 15 C-3390-01 (between Sections 2 & 11, Township 6, Range 3) will be getting started today.

The Commissioners reported several potential road problems.

Jake Jacobs, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director, requested funding for 2004 in the same amount as for 2003 (one mill). Jacobs also provided figures from 2001 and 2002 on service hours, costs, and number of clients. Jacobs reported that an increase in funds from the state was put into reserve instead of operating funds.

Fair Board President Larry Laas and Treasurer Scot Henderson presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of \$25,000. Laas and Henderson reported on the use of the additional \$7,000 in funding allowed by the County Commission last year which was used for construction of new restrooms.

Laas reported on the request from the Good Sams Club and the group discussed possibilities for financing the improvements. The Commissioners called John Cyr, Regional Planning Executive Director, to discuss the possibility of securing grant funding.

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company, presented information on the proposed purchase of a used 1997 crawler loader (953C) with 4000 hours at \$96,500 net. The Board offered the trade of a 1985 machine (\$15,000 allowed) and \$10,000 cash. The offer was accepted and an order was signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, majority vote. Commissioner Fraser left the room during the discussion and vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Director, presented a contract for her services as JJA/DOC director. The contract supplements the Interlocal Agreement as required by the Department of Corrections. The contract was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The Board discussed security for the computer room with District Judge Thomas Tuggle, Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch and Court Services Director Backstrom. The Board has made arrangements to provide additional security for the area.

The Board approved a transfer of funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Equipment Fund subject to budget requirements.

A three-year agreement with Infinitec for computer hardware, software and maintenance for both in the amount of \$85,351.04 was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

A "Universal Contract" with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for health department funding and services was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The Board agreed to participate in the celebration of the Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial on Arbor Day April 23, 2004. A tree will be planted commemorating the event.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Rural Lakes LEPP (Local Environmental Protection Program) held last week. The LEPP Board is suggesting that County Commissions consider increasing the fee for wastewater and well water construction and repair. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the county's website, making several suggestions for information to be included.

The session was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until June 30, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 30, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell; Barbara Henry; Jon Puckett; Jim Conn; Janet Lowell; Connie Anderson; Don Kling; Raul Rimovsky; Sam Henry; Joe Breault; Eric Johnson; Dan Farha; Roy Reif; Dana Brewer; Gary Reynolds; Phil Gilliland; Roy White; Roger Stuber; Carolee Miner; Patrick Wallerius.

Supply and expense vouchers were reviewed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reported on the meeting last week with Concordia City staff on TIF matters.

Walsh also discussed damage to county roads caused by mudding.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch discussed possible 2004 equipment purchases from the Special Highway Equipment Fund including a D7G dozer, a 926 loader, a dump truck and a grader, at an estimated figure of \$520,000. Asch noted that these are pieces of equipment that are due for replacement but will probably not be replaced all in the same year. Asch noted that there is currently \$80,000 in the Special Equipment Fund. Commissioners will authorize transfer of unused funds in the Road & Bridge budget to the Special Highway Equipment Fund upon before the county's audit is completed.

Asch reported dike damage from recent rains between Sections 9 and 16, Township 5, Range 4.

Kirk Lowell, Executive Director of CloudCorp, presented information on 2002 income and expenditures. Lowell reported on recent activities in several county areas:

Jamestown - grant project - moving houses scheduled for demolition in commercial areas to Jamestown, to be sold for private housing.

Aurora - wind energy project.

Miltonvale - lake project.

Clyde - Dinah's Noodles.

Concordia - North Development project; Small Business Development Center. Cloud County Community College has pledged \$25,000 annually for the center.

Lowell presented CloudCorp's suggestion that funding should be tied to collections of the countywide sales tax with Concordia and Cloud County each annually paying the lesser of 10% of city and county receipts in order to keep funding equal. Lowell reported that other communities are providing free land, moving costs and other incentives to attract business and industry. Several persons present discussed how CloudCorp had assisted both local businesses and businesses coming into the area.

Barbara Henry, Cloud County Coordinator for the Commission on Aging, discussed by-law changes recently approved by North Central/Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. Under the new by-laws, Henry can no longer represent Cloud County on the NC/FH AAA board. Henry noted that federal funds provided to the county through the Area Agency on Aging assist with warm water exercise program, personal care and homemaker services through the county health department, CARES, and Kansas Care. The Commissioners will invite NC/FH AAA Executive Director Julie Govert-Walter to a commission meeting to discuss shared concerns.

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company, reported on financing for the purchase of a used crawler-loader through the company or through a bank. The Commissioners will check options.

Carolee Miner and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK, provided a history of the purchase of the old WalMart building, noted that OCCK plans to use about 40% of the space and is currently negotiating with a couple of retail businesses for the remainder of the space.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom and Undersheriff Donnie Kearn reported two new hires of part-time corrections officers: Travis Noon and Brian Hughes, both at \$8.00 per hour and both effective July 4, 2003, approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. The Board acknowledged a termination, effective June 30, of Jennie Caldwell, part-time corrections, who has moved out of town.

Termination of Tonya Paul, part-time secretary for the county attorney, was also acknowledged, effective June 24, 2003.

Refund #2002-148 was allowed in the amount of \$35.60 on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 7, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Julie Govert Walter; Pam Gordon; Genevieve Jones; Roger Stuber.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

Expense checks were signed.

Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director for the North Central/Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, discussed recent changes in the Agency's bylaws that resulted in Cloud County's representative Barbara Henry's resignation from the board. The bylaw change states that neither county employees nor employees of county commissions on aging may be Area Agency on Aging board members. Walter suggested that historically the Agency has preferred a "grassroots composition" for the board, consisting of unpaid volunteers, who as users of services for the elderly, are more sensitive about the services the elderly need. Walter further noted that employees of the county or the aging commissions might have conflicts of interest.

Commissioner Nelson presented the Board's position that the county should have the right to appoint whomever it desires as the county's representative to the Agency board. Nelson noted that any person appointed to represent an appointing body on another board may experience an occasional conflict. Nelson further pointed out that, as the coordinator of the several senior centers in the county, Henry was very aware of the needs of the elderly citizens and in an excellent position to bring those needs to the Agency board and relay information back to the individual senior centers.

Walter said the Agency appreciated Henry's work, both as an Agency board member and in her position as county coordinator.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the Army Corps of Engineers does not have the authority to make repairs to the dike between Sections 9 and 16, Township 5, Range 4. The Board asked Asch to clean the ditch along the county road and use the dirt on the dike. The Board suggested that the only way for area landowners to provide for ongoing funding for dike repair is to create a benefit district.

Asch reported that Ron Seitz, KDOT Bureau of Local Projects, is seeking funding for repair of storm damage to FAS routes. Asch noted that Cloud County did not have any damage to FAS roads.

Asch reported that he expects to begin culvert replacement project on the north side of 5-8-5 late in the summer. Asch is currently working on preliminary design for the project.

Asch presented utility arrangements and right-of-way clearance documents for bridge project 15 C-3680-01 (between Sections 18 & 19, Township 8, Range 1). The documents were approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

The Board received proposals for financing of the lease-purchase of a crawler-loader for the Solid Waste department. Proposals received were:

Bank	Interest rate
Peoples Exchange Bank, Concordia	3.68%
UMB Bank, Concordia	3.1%
Gold Bank, Concordia	4.0%
Citizens National Bank, Concordia	3.22%

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board accepted the proposal from UMB Bank. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board authorized Chairman Chartier to sign any other documents necessary for the financing.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

A contract with USD #334 for school nurse services by the Cloud County Health department was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Township officers' bonds were approved for recently appointed Shirley Township Trustee Arvine Hiner, and for Treasurer Mari Detrixhe and Clerk Jacqua Askren.

Refund #2002-150 was allowed Concordia Conoco, C/o Saqib Anwar, Concordia City, in the amount of \$\$230.94 by reason of personal property rendition finally completed. Allowed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Change of Classification for Joy Marks, Judicial District Field Services secretary, from Grade 15, Step C to Grade 15, Step D, \$12.28 per hour, (State pay plan) was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson presented the one proposal received for computer room alterations. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board accepted the proposal from Bill's Remodeling (Bill Gieber) at \$452.82.

The Board reviewed several documents concerning the Community Development Block Grant for OCCK. Action will be taken on the grant next week.

The session was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until July 14, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 14, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Member Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Appraiser Barry Porter; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; County Treasurer Alice Walker; Assistant Health Administrator Connie Gallagher; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn; JJA/Comm. Corr. Director Wanda Backstrom.

Others attending were: Dan Dever; District Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch; Extension Agent Todd Whitney; Susie Haver; Lee Doyen; Doug McKinney; Ray Kindel; Kirk Lowell; Ann Adams; Brad Nelson; Noel Hansen; Larry Laas; Scot Henderson; Deb Ohlde.

County Attorney Robert Walsh introduced Dan Dever, who represents Marketing Concepts. The company provides drug education materials to be used in schools in grades 7 through 12. Walsh asked that \$1500 from diversion funds be earmarked for the activity as was done last year. Dever noted that all schools in the county received funds and used the materials. Dever provided samples of the materials used and copies of the evaluations by teachers who used the materials. The Board took the request under consideration.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented utility easement agreements with Westar Energy, Twin Valley Telephone and Kansas Gas Service for bridge project 15 C-3680-01 (west edge of Miltonvale). On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote, the Board approved and signed the agreements.

Asch reported he held interviews last Friday for the available bridge crew position. He will report his selection later.

At 10:00 a.m. the regular monthly department head meeting was held.

Lea Dawn Welch, District Court Clerk, reported that they are implementing the new case management system throughout all the district offices.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that all computers in the Courthouse are now on the wireless system. Collins also noted that work is continuing on the county website.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported minor flood damage resulting from the recent storm, mainly to the dike and some roads along the Republican River and Buffalo and Salt Creeks.

Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson reported that a grant in the amount of \$23,520 has been given to the Nazareth Convent by the Kansas State Historical Society.

Appraiser Barry Porter reported that the new AS400 computer equipment will be installed this coming weekend.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that bids have been opened by the cities for demolition of nine buildings in Jamestown and the old laundromat in Concordia. Demolition debris will be deposited in the construction/demolition pit.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that the Road & Bridge department has agreed to drill the post holes for the fence around the cooling tower.

Other officials reported routine business.

The group discussed the revised employee manual.

The department head meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

The budget for the 12th Judicial District in the amount of \$41,050 and for the Cloud County District Court in the amount of \$252,806 was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Lee Doyen and Susie Haver, representing the Cloud County Tourism Committee, presented the 2004 budget appropriation request in the amount of \$20,000. The funds for the Tourism Committee come from the transient guest tax (bed tax). Haver provided information on how the funds were used last year. Doyen presented a sample of the historic interest signs that will be placed indicating the sites of Hollis, Rice, Lawrenceburg, Huscher, Macyville and the Boston Corbett homesite.

Undersheriff Donnie Kern reported that there are two persons eligible for conditional hire.

Abatement #2002-153 was allowed Sonic Restaurant in the amount of \$1,069.18 and abatement #2002-154 was allowed Sonic Restaurant in the amount of \$470.16, both on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Deb Ohlde, Regional Planning Commission, presented documents dealing with the Community Development Block Grant for OCKK. The Administrative Agreement with Regional Planning Commission was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote. A Code of Ethics was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote. The Civil Rights

Action Outline was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. The Procurement Procedure was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director, presented the FY04 budget for Adult Community Corrections in the amount of \$97,876.09. The Board approved the budget and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported a request from the Community Resources Council Food Bank for space in the north basement room to put another freezer and for electricity to run it. The Board approved the request for the time being.

Ann Adams, Brad Nelson and Noel Hanson, representing Cloud County Water District #1, and Doug McKinney, Regional Planning, discussed the possibility of Cloud County's sponsorship of an application for a Community Development Block Grant. The water district is seeking funds to improve the water system, provide for well renovation, and improve water sources. The Commission indicates tentative approval and will ask the county attorney to review an interlocal agreement needed for sponsorship.

Resolution #03-19, cancelling county check #037459, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Larry Laas and Scot Henderson, representing the Cloud County Fair Board, and Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp, discussed the request for improvements at the fairgrounds for camping purposes and the various possibilities for grants. No action was taken.

The session was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. until July 21, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 21, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; County Treasurer Alice Walker.

Others attending were: District Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch.

Payroll checks were signed for all departments.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reviewed financing documents from UMB Bank for the loader for the Solid Waste department and from First Bank, Scott City, for the Infintec agreement and suggested the Board defer signing them until he provides opinions on each.

Walsh noted that the form of the interlocal agreement for the CDBG for Cloud County Rural Water District #1 appeared to be all right, but the Board took no action on the agreement at this time.

Walsh and the Commissioners discussed the county's sponsorship of applications for Community Development Block Grants by Cloud County Water District #1 and by Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3.

Walsh discussed the request by Dan Dever, Marketing Concepts, for \$1500 of diversion funds to provide drug education materials for the schools. The Board approved such use during 2004.

Walsh briefly discussed the city's continued request for parcel-by-parcel distribution of TIF funds and the progress of E-911.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented two requests from Sprint United Telephone to bury telephone cable in county right-of-way along Jade Rd. to N. 170th Rd, then along N. 170th Rd. to Iron Rd., then along Iron Rd. to N. 120th Rd and along N. 60th Rd. to Eagle Rd., then along Eagle Rd. to N. 120th Rd., then along 120th Rd. to Iron Rd. The requests were approved by the Board and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Asch presented documentation for new hire Graig A. Anderson, bridge construction laborer, \$8.00 per hour for a 6-month introductory period, effective 7-28-03, which was approved by the Board on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Asch reported progress on the repair of the dike along the north side of Section 16, Township 5, Range 4.

Asch reported flood damage repair costs in the amount of \$5,313.12, not including the dike repair.

Asch reported vandalism to a county excavator over the weekend. The Sheriff's office is investigating the incident.

County Treasurer Alice Walker presented a list of checks and warrants that have been outstanding for two years or more. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution #03-20, canceling said checks and warrants.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution #03-21, canceling county check #018980.

Abatements #2002-155 through #2002-170 were allowed in the total amount of \$3,788.11 on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Resignation of Brian Hughes, part-time corrections officer, effective 7-17-03 was acknowledged and wage increases for the following 12th Judicial District Field Services employees were approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote: Joy Marks, part-time secretary, \$12.47; Rose Splichal, juvenile intake follow-up, \$16.29; Ellen Anderson, case manager, \$17.52; Tamara Steinle, case manager, \$17.52; Dawn Blazek, part-time secretary, \$10.51, all effective July 27, 2003 (per hour wage shown).

Lease agreement with Infant/Toddler Services, in the amount of \$200 per month and effective July 1, 2003, was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-22, appointing members to the Juvenile Justice/Community Corrections Advisory Board, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Members appointed for the term July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005 were: Larry Bergstrom, Pete Oliveras, Kathryn Carter, Craig Cousland, Gary Frint, Frank Gent, Brian Grace, Gene Helms, Anthony Love, Burl Maley, Beverly Mortimer, Jennifer O'Hare, Fred Prindaville, Mark Rothfuss, Tandy Rundus, Denis Shumate, Robert Walsh.

A letter addressed to the North Central/Flint Hills Area Aging on Aging, confirming Cloud County's intent to provide \$1,444 in incentive funds during 2004 for senior care services from the county health department was signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Lea Dawn Welch, District Court Clerk, reported an increase in the mileage authorized for state employees (District Court and Field Services) from \$0.33 to \$0.36, effective July 1, 2003 and provided a copy of the letter from the state addressed to court officials and dated June 12, 2003. After discussion the Commissioners decided to ask county departments for information on mileage used during the last six months before any action is taken.

After reviewing applications for Health Administrator, the Commissioners asked County Clerk Musick to set up interviews.

After discussion of the location of the food bank in the north room of the courthouse basement, the Commissioners asked County Clerk Musick to contact the county's insurance group for information.

The session was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. until July 28, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 28, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 29, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Appraiser Barry Porter.

Others attending were: none.

Commissioner Nelson reported sales and compensating use tax as distributed to the county on July 24 in the amount of \$43,083.88.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that Dustrol will begin milling the Agenda road this week. The county will overlay the road after the milling is done. The millings will be stockpiled temporarily.

Asch reported that the first pier on bridge project 3390 (between Sections 2 and 11, Township 6, Range 3) was poured last Friday. The second pier will be poured next Friday.

Asch reported that the first mile of the Scottsville road has been completed.

Asch and the Commissioners discussed the traffic situation at the southeast corner of Jamestown. Apparently traffic from the south often does not stop. Asch and the Commissioners discussed the possibility of installing rumble strips.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson presented proposals for glass replacement in eleven doors with 1/4" tempered glass:

Concordia Mirror & Glass	\$1,154.45
Jackson's Glass Shop	\$ 670.57

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board accepted the proposal from Jackson's Glass Shop, the cost of which will be taken from the Special Building Fund.

Johnson reported that the fence is being installed around the cooling tower.

On request by Solid Waste Director Richard Mills, the Board set the date and time for the delinquent solid waste fees hearing for August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Mills reported that a contractor has not paid the fees for dumping in the construction/demolition pit since April and now owes over \$900. The Board advised Mills not to let the contractor dump any more until the delinquent bill is paid. The Board also advised Mills to confer with the county attorney in drafting a policy resolution regarding unpaid C/D fees.

Mills reported a case of illegal dumping east of Concordia in proximity to a city well. Both city and county are investigating the situation.

Appraiser Barry Porter presented a contract with Valuation Assistance & Consultation, Inc. for GIS services. VAC, Inc. will provide two days per month for twelve months at \$500 per day. The contract was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. The cost will be paid out of the appraiser's budget, GIS line item.

Porter reported that the county attorney has approved the form of the contract for CAMA research on the county website by abstractors, bank, etc. Porter also requested approval for further investigation regarding the annual fee for such research. The Board approved.

Porter discussed an agreement with Sedgwick County for programming that will allow persons to figure potential taxes on vehicles. A link would be created on the Cloud County website accessing the Sedgwick County program. Funding for the annual fee would come from the Register of Deeds' technology fund. The Board approved.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the allowed mileage rate for county employees was changed from \$0.33 to \$0.36, effective August 1, 2003.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 03-23, approved other documents regarding the financing arrangements with UMB Bank of Concordia for the lease purchase of a crawler-loader for the Solid Waste department and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign any other necessary documents. The county financed \$71,500 of the \$96,500 purchase price.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 03-24, approved other documents regarding the financing arrangements with 1st National Bank of Scott City for the agreement with Infinitec for computer upgrade, education and on-site assistance in the amount of \$85,351.04 over a three-year period.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 4, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch (by phone).

Others attending were: Ted Thoman.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed progress on the enhanced 911 system, TIF distribution and policy on construction/demolition dumping at the transfer station.

The commissioners visited the courtroom during a discussion of the lighting in that room. The Board suggested trying different light bulbs before going to the expense of changing the fixtures. County Attorney Walsh asked for the addition on spot or track lighting over the area where exhibits are displayed for the jury. The Board approved.

County Commissioner Fraser reported that the North Central Regional Planning Commission's annual banquet will be held at Rolling Hills Wildlife Refuge. The refuge's museum of mounted animals is expected to become a popular tourist attraction.

County Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported by phone that the milling of the Agenda road has been completed and noted that an individual in Clyde has requested some of the millings for an alley. After discussion the Board affirmed that the county will not haul millings for individuals.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved a request by Larry Morehead to place a buried electrical line across 270th Rd between Sections 21 and 22, Township 5, Range 1.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, a right-of-way use permit was approved by Joe Fakler for a waterline to be located across Oat Rd. from the SW corner of 16-6-3 into the north side of Sections 20 & 21-6-3.

The Board took the opportunity to remind the public that permits to use county right-of-way should be approved prior to the beginning of such installations.

Commissioners Chartier and Nelson reported receiving a call from Larry LeDuc who adamantly opposes the installation of rumble strips at the southeast corner of Jamestown. The Board noted that no decision has been made at this time regarding the traffic situation at the intersection.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-25, cancelling county check #019680, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resignation of Jon Flippin, 12th Judicial District Field Services surveillance officer, effective July 28, 2003, was acknowledged by the Board.

Chairman Chartier signed the "Request for Release of Funds Certification" for the OCCK Community Development Block Grant. The certification provides verification that there has been no environmental objection to the project.

Ted Thoman stopped in to discuss the dike situation in Buffalo Township along the Republican River.

The session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until Thursday when the Board will meet in a informal study session for preliminary work on the county budget.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 11, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Weed Director Ron Thomas; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Treasurer Alice Walker; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Comm. Corr. Director; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom.

Others attending were: Todd Whitney, Extension; Debbie Whitmer, Public Health Nurse Specialist (by phone).

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment due to other duties.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that a county resident who moved from a rural address to a city address has been billed by both the solid waste department and the city. The individual failed to inform the solid waste department of the move but now wants a refund of fees back to 1989. The Board noted that it is the resident's duty to inform the department in a timely manner that he had moved and approved only a 6-months' refund.

Responding to questions by Mills, the Board noted that a part-time employee will not lose the leave time hours currently accumulated, but may not accumulate any more after 1-1-04. The Board also noted that the current part-time employee will not be grandfathered in to receive benefits following January 1, 2004. The Board noted that employee has been given the opportunity to change to full-time but prefers to remain part-time.

After discussion concerning the hours which the transfer station will be open, on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved that starting September 1, 2003, the transfer station will close on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. until October 26 when evening hours will be discontinued for the winter and beginning October 26 (end of daylight saving time) the station will close on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch and the Board discussed the installation of rumble strips at the intersection at the southeast corner of Jamestown and just east of the intersection of Noble Rd. and Highway 9. The Board affirmed their approval of both installations.

Asch and the Commissioners discussed the condition of the Buffalo Township dike and made arrangements to tour the area in the afternoon.

The Commissioners met with county department heads in the regular monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Comm. Corr. Director, reported that her department has a number of used computers. The Board approved other departments taking them if they want them or the computers may be given to the Community Resources Council for their use.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the milling of the Agenda road has been completed.

Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson reported that the second quarter's banking institution report shows \$5.9 million worth of mortgages involving 45 lending institutions. Ferguson noted that the mortgages include both new debt and refinancing.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that the fence around the cooling tower has been completed and that the door to the computer room is in progress.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that there is a new version of Adobe Acrobat available on the county's website. Collins also noted that a number of "free" downloadable programs actually provide a way for the originators to get into a computer and view files. Collins reported that there were 86 viruses reported in July and 24 so far in August and urged everyone to use their antivirus programs regularly.

County Treasurer Alice Walker reported that the first publication of delinquent real estate taxes, in the amount of approximately \$187,000, was taken to the newspaper. Walker noted that most of the accounts would be paid and not go to tax sale. Walker noted that the accelerated tax proposal will probably be approved by the governor. The accelerated tax program requires that the second half tax payment usually due by June 20 will become due May 10. Distributions usually made in July would be made in June.

Weed Director Ron Thomas reported that his department has been treating bindweed, johnson grass and sericea lespedeza.

Extension agent Todd Whitney reported that they are getting ready for the state fair, wheat plots are being set up, and drought management practices are a current concern. Whitney noted that stressed wildlife are coming in to stock ponds.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom reported they are seeing quite a few cattle out on the roads. Bergstrom noted that only 10 persons attended a public meeting on meth labs.

Bergstrom and JJA/Comm. Corr. Director Backstrom discussed the new guidelines for sentencing drug offenders which basically requires ordering treatment rather than incarceration.

County Clerk Musick provided updated worker's compensation information to be posted in each county building and noted that the office is testing a new tax roll program for Infinitec.

Commissioner Nelson discussed the county's 2004 budget, noting that the funds not received from the state as demand transfers and the funds that will be diverted to TIF amounted to 5.66 mills. Several county department budgets were reduced and no funds were allowed in county department budgets for COLA or increased wages. Requests for appropriations by outside agencies were reduced, generally by five percent.

The department head meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas and the Commissioners discussed eliminating the subsidy on chemicals. The Board approved eliminating the subsidy effective January 1, 2004.

Thomas and the Commissioners discussed the purchase of chemical at the end of the year for the next season's spraying. Thomas said most chemical was available for quick delivery. Noting several concerns with stockpiled chemical, the Board asked Thomas to reduce the amount purchased.

The Commissioners voiced concerns about county personnel doing the spraying for individuals and other governmental entities, railroads, etc. Thomas noted that in the sixteen years he's been with the county, there has been only one liability incident. Thomas also reported cases of spot spraying of sericea lespedeza and other noxious weeds in which a landowner would not want to purchase a gallon of chemical for the small job and probably just would not spray. Thomas noted that contracts with other governments and businesses provide for \$38 per hour for labor plus material and equipment costs.

Thomas reported that a chemical company has asked for county approval for their providing an education class on musk thistle and sericea lespedeza control this fall. The Board approved.

Thomas suggested having a part-time secretary one-half day year-round instead of a full day during the months of April, May, June, October and November. The Board did not approve.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 03-26, advising the public of the possibility of an increase in levied funds to support the county's 2004 budget. Although it is not required of counties, the Board approved the resolution being published in the official county newspaper.

Abatement #2002-171, in the amount of \$8.08, was allowed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

A new hire for a part-time corrections officer at \$8.00 per hour, Amber Schumock, was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, to be effective 8-13-03.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of August 1, 4, and 7, 2003.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Debbie Whitmer, Public Health Nurse Specialist, called regarding the applications for health administrator. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussion of non-elected personnel matters. County Clerk Musick also attended the session. The Board recessed at 1:16 p.m. Open session was resumed at 1:36 p.m.

At 1:45 p.m. the Commissioners, County Clerk Musick, and Highway Administrator Asch left for a tour of the dike along the Republican River in Buffalo Township.

The group returned to the courthouse at 3:10 p.m. and the session was adjourned until August 18, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 18, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 18, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty L. Musick present.

County staff attending were: Weed Director Ron Thomas; County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Solid Waste secretary Sherry Nelson; Appraiser Barry Porter; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: John Denney, auditor (by phone); Kirk Lowell; Eric Johnson; Judy Hill; Barbara Henry; Mark Boley; Ima Jean Chavey; Roy Reif; Laura Blossom, Infinitec.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas discussed the published budget and levy rate for the weed department, noting that with a levy rate of less than 1.5 mills, state statutes require that the county subsidize 25% to 50% of the chemical sales. Following a telephone conversation with auditor John Denney, in which Denney advised the Board that statutes allow storage and handling costs to be included in figuring chemical sale costs, the Board determined to leave the noxious weed budget and levy as published. Subsidy rates will be determined later.

The Board received notification that the Nazareth Motherhouse has received a grant from the Kansas Historical Society in the amount of \$23,520 for the tuck-pointing project. The Sisters of St. Joseph thanked the Commissioners for their support.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed the need for county policy on HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and the payment of solid waste fees for construction/demolition dumping. Walsh also discussed the county's responsibility for the county road along the Buffalo Township dike.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented maps showing the county road, flood area and river channel in the area of the Buffalo Township dike.

Asch provided elevations of the railroad crossing in Jamestown, noting that the railroad company will not lower the crossing. Asch is getting prices on equipment to be used at the site.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board held public hearing for delinquent 2002 solid waste fees. No one appeared in protest. Solid Waste secretary Sherry Nelson presented the list of delinquent fees in the amount of \$6,239. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 03-27, ordering the delinquent fees to be attached to the 2003 tax roll as liens against the property.

Sherry Nelson presented documents regarding the resignation of David Kopsa, part-time solid waste employee, effective 9-1-03 and new hire James Lanoue, part-time at \$6.00 per hour, effective 9-1-03. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board acknowledged the resignation and approved the new hire.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board held public hearing for the 2004 county budget. Several persons appeared for discussion. In response to a question by Kirk Lowell, the Board reported that the economic development line item includes \$32,500 for CloudCorp, \$3,410 for Regional Planning dues, \$100 for Business and Industry Coalition dues, and \$2,000 for other economic development uses. The Commissioners noted that, although nearly all appropriation requests were reduced, they had not used an across-the-board reduction, but looked at each request individually. County Clerk Musick noted that county departments were advised prior to submitting budget requests to keep wages to the same amount and to provide justification for any increases in other areas. The Commissioners discussed reductions in state funding and interest income and expected increases in health insurance costs. Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the 2004 budget as published.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Notice was sent to the Lincoln Township Board of the application by Ryan Cairns (HOWG) for a cereal malt beverage license at 1843 N. 132nd Road.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Laura Blossom, Infinitec, reported that the support and maintenance for the budgetary accounting software was inadvertently omitted from the recent agreement. After discussion the Board approved paying one year's maintenance at \$3,214 to keep the service in line with the main agreement. Blossom also reported that the old AS400 equipment was sold at \$4,500. The agreement had allowed for \$5000 if the agreement was approved prior to the end of June. However, since the agreement was not signed in the time frame, the purchaser would allow only the reduced amount. Appraiser Barry Porter suggested that Computer Technician Jerry Collins maintain a list of software programs and maintenance agreements for each county department.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson presented contracts with Comfort Control Services in the amount of \$1,607 for the courthouse and \$1,242 for the health department. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved the contracts and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign for the county.

Johnson reported that the air conditioner compressors need new gaskets and that Bryan Flinn, Comfort Control Services, suggested adding a dryer because of moisture getting into the thermostats. Johnson is checking on costs.

Johnson reported that the enclosure and door to the computer room has been completed and discussed who should have keys.

Johnson reported a request from an outside group to use the courthouse meeting room. The Board noted county policy that any meeting by an outside group must be open to the public.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for twelve minutes for the purpose of discussion of non-elected personnel matters. The Board recessed at 2:03 p.m. Open session was resumed at 2:15 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board offered the health administrator position to Billie Payne at \$31,687.50 annually, to be prorated according to pay periods, and to be adjusted upon Payne's completion of certain classes offered to health administrators. Payne accepted the position and will begin Monday August 25.

The session was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until August 25, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 25, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Comm. Corr. Director.

Others attending were: Ima Jean Chavey; Nate Walker; Richard Schultz; Darren Sanders; Ann Adams; Doug McKinney.

Supply and expense vouchers were reviewed.

Responding to Commissioners' requests for research, County Attorney Robert Walsh reported statutory requirements for law enforcement consolidation, noting that Cloud County qualifies according to population and valuation requirements. The county commission may by resolution call for the question to be submitted to the electorate at a general election. Walsh and the Board discussed the provisions of the statutes concerning consolidated law enforcement.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for five minutes for discussion of attorney/client privileged matters. The Board recessed at 9:19 a.m. Open session was resumed at 9:24 a.m. At that time the Board asked Walsh to pursue research on the procedures for law enforcement consolidation.

Ima Jean Chavey provided copies of various pages of the Concordia City budget, noting in particular various transferred funds. Chavey requested the Commissioners to ask County Attorney Walsh to take an active role in seeing that TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds are properly handled in the city's accounting procedures.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that resurfacing of the Agenda road has been completed, discussed moving permits in relation to wind farm construction, reported irrigation water on county roads, and requested a change in the previous week's minutes, noting that the paragraph on the railroad crossing in Jamestown should read that the railroad company will not raise the crossing.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as amended.

Doug McKinney, Regional Planning Commission, and Ann Adams, Cloud County Rural Water District #1, discussed the progress of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application. McKinney reported that the low-moderate income survey has been completed and

the engineering report is in process. The project, in the total amount of \$740,000, with \$400,000 local match funds, will provide for development and connection of water district areas and for drilling new wells.

McKinney, Richard Schultz and Darren Sanders reported the progress of the CDBG application for Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3. The grant, in the approximate amount of \$400,000, will provide for the purchase of fire trucks and equipment. Since neither the water district nor the fire district may apply directly to the CDBG program, Cloud County is sponsoring the applications.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the last Mid-States Port Authority board meeting, noting that two wooden railroad bridges have been burned during recent field fires. One was near Scandia and the other, near the city of Solomon.

Employment agreement with Billie Payne as Cloud County Health Administrator was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, a new hire of Kevin Calkins as part-time surveillance officer for the 12th Judicial District Field Services was approved at \$10.00 per hour, effective 8-25-03.

Lease agreement with Funk Pharmacy for space in the health department building at \$500 per month was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Lease agreement with Meadowlark Hospice for space in the health department building at \$60 per month was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Comm. Corr. Director, presented the FY04 community corrections plan as required by Senate Bill 123. The legislative action mandates a treatment program and probation for up to 18 months for Level 4 felony drug offenders in lieu of prison sentences. The plan for the period of November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 was approved and Chairman Chartier was authorized to sign the documents on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. The 12th Judicial District (Washington, Republic, Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln and Cloud Counties) has been provided \$23,067.67 for treatment services and \$9,019.76 for supervision and administration costs.

Backstrom presented an amendment to the FY03 Community Corrections budget in which line items totaling \$9,189.67 were adjusted, although the budget total remained unchanged. The amendment was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On recommendation by the Lincoln Township Board and on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, a cereal malt beverage license was issued to HOWG (a not-for-profit corporation), Ryan Cairns, president, at 1843 N. 132nd Road.

Following discussion of the subsidy on the purchase of noxious weed chemicals, the Board approved a subsidy of 25% of the county's purchase cost plus handling and storage costs, in accordance with state statute.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Jessica LeDuc, Blade-Empire; Brian Strait, KNCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Jim Roberts, Jamie Curtis and Mark Curtis, Zilkha Renewable Energy; Eric Johnson, Joe Breault, Dana Brewer and Gordon Morrison, Chamber of Commerce.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

Supply and expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed statutes regarding law enforcement consolidation and reported that there is some interest in the possibility of regional jail and dispatch facilities.

Walsh reported on his inspection of the Buffalo Township dike area and noted three options: 1) repair the dike in order to protect the county's interest in the road; 2) close the road, thus negating county interest; 3) do nothing and let nature take its course. Commissioner Fraser suggested the possibility of involving the Kansas Board of Water Resources. No action was taken at this time.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented a termination for Wayne Chrisco, part-time employee, who has not worked since August 21, 2002. The termination was acknowledged by the Board.

Asch reported that he has sent out letters of interest to consultants for the Miltonvale bridge project #3680. Consultant selection was set for September 15 during Asch's appointment time.

Asch reported that he has sent out proposals for the purchase of metal pipe. Proposals will be opened during Asch's time on September 15.

Asch and the Commissioners discussed the various certifications which Asch holds. The Board asked Asch to find out the costs of maintaining those certifications.

Asch reported that the department will return to regular hours next Monday. Regular hours begin at 8:00 a.m.

At the last safety inspection, KWORCC/KCAMP loss prevention representative Carl Eyman had recommended the installation of a permanent eyewash station at the county yards. Report on such installation was signed by Asch and Chairman Chartier and will be returned to KWORCC.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom provided copies of the two proposals he received for removing decals from vehicles and adding decals to other vehicles. Bergstrom had accepted the lower of the two.

Sign-Up, Clyde	\$958.00
Hopkins Granite Design Co., Concordia	\$928.00

Bergstrom explained the necessity of having law enforcement prominently identified and reported on other routine department activities.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported on weighing requirements from the National Institute of Standards & Technology that will require modification to the scale at the transfer stations. Mills and the Commissioners discussed possibilities for adjustments.

Mills reported that the annual solid waste committee meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room.

Mills presented a correction classification for James Lanoue noting an hourly wage of \$8.00 per hour rather than \$6.00 as was previously presented. The change was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Mills presented a corrected figure for the amount of delinquent solid waste fees to be attached to the 2003 tax roll in the amount of \$5,729.00. Several persons who did not receive their notices in a timely manner were allowed to pay the delinquent fees after the hearing.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that new long-life fluorescent bulbs can be installed in the courtroom, providing better light at less cost. The total cost of the bulbs is \$292.50, but the bulbs will save three kilowatts per hour. The Board approved the installation.

Johnson and the Commissioners discussed the employee Christmas dinner and the progress of the installation of the ball fountain. Johnson thought work on the footing might begin this week.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-28, appointing Shawn Brandmahl (NCK Juvenile Detention Facility) to the remainder of the term vacated by Pete Oliveras, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Lease agreement with Funk Medical & Mobility, Inc. for space in the health department building was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The agreement replaces one signed previously that erroneously named Funk Pharmacy rather than Funk Medical & Mobility, Inc.

Lese agreement with Early Headstart for space in the health department building at \$150.00 per month was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Interlocal agreement with the Cloud County Rural Water District #1 regarding the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Interlocal agreement with the Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 regarding the CDBG application was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp, introduced Jim Roberts and Jamie Curtis of Zilkha Renewable Energy, who provided a power-point presentation on the wind energy program underway in Cloud County. Roberts provided technical information on the equipment and grid. Curtis noted that lease agreements have been signed with approximately 60 landowners involving about 20,000 acres. Kirk Lowell spoke about the possibilities of economic spinoffs from the wind energy program, noting in particular the possibility of locally manufactured products, local assembly work, a windsmith program at the college and tourism possibilities. Lowell also noted the need for several work sessions with county commissioners and county attorney to development necessary agreements for the project. The Board agreed that the Chairman Chartier could represent the Board at such meetings. Dates will be set later. Lowell invited the Commissioners to attend a meeting of the Chamber wind energy committee on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the Chamber office.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted two resolutions (#03-29 and #03-30) appointing William R. Ludwig as acting county attorney for the prosecution of two cases in which the county attorney has a conflict of interest.

The session was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until September 8, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Treasurer Alice Walker; Health Administrator Billie Payne; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Computer Technician/Custodian Jerry Collins; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom.

Others attending were: Todd Whitney, Extension; Lowell Thoman; Ted Thoman; James Hanson; Dean Anderson; Thaine Maish; Noel Hanson; Norris Andersen; Alan Maish; Dean Hanson; Rick Hanson; Dane Hanson; Richard Schultz; Darin Sanders; Jon Cyr, Regional Planning.

A number of persons came in to discuss the Buffalo Township dike situation. The Commissioners asked if anyone from north of the river was present. Rick Hanson said he had lived on both sides and noted his belief that it is the railroad rather than the dike that holds water in the lands on the north side of the river. Alan Maish urged the Commissioners to rebuild the dike. Ted Thoman suggested obtaining information on the original elevations prior to rebuilding so that the dike can be repaired to the original dimensions but not higher.

Jim Hanson suggested that the biggest threat to the integrity of the dike is the trees and tree roots that have penetrated the structure and which could cause the river to cut a new channel and deposit large amounts of sand on fields. Several persons noted that a person currently in the neighborhood has offered to cut the trees and also noted that the root systems would have to be removed.

County Attorney Walsh noted that the county's interest include both the road property and the desire to be a good neighbor in the area. Walsh stated that, although he wants to check with the Board of Water Resources, he would recommend repairing the dike. Highway Administrator Andy Asch noted that the Corps of Army Engineers have said they have no jurisdiction in the matter.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that so long as the county incurs no liability, repairs should be undertaken. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved directing the highway administrator to begin the dike repair process.

Highway Administrator Asch provided estimated costs of about \$400 to \$500 to take courses necessary for construction testing certification or about \$187 to test out in order to maintain

certification. On motion by Commissioners Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board authorized Asch to maintain his certification.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board met with department heads in the regular monthly meeting. County Treasurer Alice Walker reported the 2002 tax year is complete with the final distribution to be made later this month. Walker noted that there are about 30 more delinquent properties than usual. About 52 tracts are currently listed for foreclosure. Walker noted that both figures will be reduced in the coming weeks. Walker reported that the last payment has been made on the solid waste transfer station general obligation bonds.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported that Kansas State Board of Pharmacy reported no problems with the department's handling of prescription drugs. Payne reported that she and Diane McNichols are taking training for doing hearing and vision testing. Payne reported statistics for the month of August: 296 public health contacts consisting of 119 immunizations given, 115 family planning appointments, 24 adult health assessments, 5 child health assessments, 33 WIC (Women, Infants, Children) contacts; and 168 home health visits for 59 patients. Payne also noted that bioterrorism grant funds have been used to purchase two cameras for required recording of events.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that the Solid Waste Committee will hold its annual meeting on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins thanked Court Services Director Wanda Backstrom for providing old equipment to use for repairs on other county computers. Six workstations in four departments benefited. Collins reported improved antivirus protection and discussed the difference between worms and viruses.

Todd Whitney, Extension, reported that Pat Gerhardt had a very successful diabetes training program. Whitney noted an upcoming K-State stocker conference, the development of chemical resistant weeds, and increased instances of depression. Whitney noted that the farm stress hotline is still available (1-800-FARM) and that mediation is still available.

Sheriff Bergstrom reported an outbreak of auto burglaries in Clyde, at the mini-mall in Jamestown, and provided statistics for 2003 to date. (Copy enclosed.)

County Clerk Musick reported that she is in the process of checking taxing district budgets, nearly all of which have been turned in. The department is in the process of completing the 2003 tax roll.

The Commissioners reviewed the wind farm project, law enforcement consolidation and the Buffalo Township dike.

The department head meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

Appraiser Barry Porter presented the 2004 appraisal maintenance plan which was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

At 11:30 a.m. the public hearing was held for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application by the county on behalf of Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 in the amount of \$435,000 for the purchase of new trucks and equipment. The fire district plans match funds in the amount of \$35,000. Darin Sanders and Richard Schultz appeared on behalf of the fire district. John Cyr, Regional Planning, reviewed the application. No one appeared in protest. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution #03-31, certifying the county's legal authority to apply on behalf of the fire district.

Cyr handed out to the Commissioners a copy of the county commissioners' survey done 10 years ago and asked them to respond according to current conditions. The two surveys will be compared by Regional Planning staff.

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills presented a proposal from Salina Scale Sales & Service for purchase of a 40-foot scale that will bring the scale at the transfer station into compliance with federal regulations regarding single draft weighing. Purchase price is \$22,600 and installation is listed at \$10,000. Mills reported that Randall Coop is purchasing a new scale and that by purchasing now, the scales can be shipped together, resulting in lower shipping costs. Salina Scale will also accept one-half payment currently and one-half when the scale is installed early next year. Mills noted that Salina Scale has also offered to provide the 10-year maintenance at no charge, to be done when the new scale is installed. After discussion, the Board approved the purchase.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Paragraph three was amended to show visitors represented CloudCorp instead of the Chamber of Commerce. Paragraph twelve was amended to indicate that the highway department is returning to "winter" hours instead of "regular" hours.

The session was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. until September 15, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: High school government students Neil Ramsey, Matt Tate, Scott Hanson, Joshua Jack and Dustin Thomas; Don Pearson; Mike Houck, Director, Rural Lakes LEPP.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed the proposed agreement with Zilkha Renewable Energy for the wind farm project. No action was taken at this time. The Board will take comments from the public regarding the wind farm project next Monday at 1:15 p.m.

Walsh reported that he had discussed the Buffalo Township dike with State Board of Water Resources personnel who noted that they have no problem with the county's restoring the dike so long as it is not raised higher than the original level. Commissioner Fraser noted that the dike project may have to be put on hold since the west side of the county has a lot of damage to bridges, culverts and roads from recent flooding.

Walsh requested approval for adding shelving for file storage to the conference room east of his office and remodeling the rooms for better use of space. The Board suggested that he use administrative fees from bad check cases to pay for the shelving, etc.

Walsh and the Commissioners briefly discussed 911 and law enforcement consolidation matters.

Don Pearson came in to report that the flood waters had taken out a bridge which was the only entrance to a field he owns and to find out if the county could repair it. However, the bridge was on private property and state statute prohibits the county from doing contract work on private property. However, the Commissioners decided to include the site in the afternoon tour.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that water had been over the deck of the one-lane bridge over the Solomon River south of Glasco. Asch barricaded the bridge. Asch also reported a number of small bridges and culverts washed out and much road damage from the flood.

Asch presented proposals for the purchase of pipe:

DC Wholesale, Concordia	\$9,379.86,
Welborn Sales, Salina	\$10,109.18,

J & J Drainage Products, Hutchinson \$10,385.40.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board accepted the low proposal from DC Wholesale. Asch reported that one end section of pipe had been inadvertently omitted from the proposal list. The Board advised him to add it to the list of pipe to be purchased from the low bidder.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board held the consultant selection for bridge project #3680 (west edge of Miltonvale). On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, Commissioner Chartier was nominated as Chairman of the consultant committee which consisted of Commissioners Fraser and Nelson, County Clerk Musick, and Highway Administrator Asch. From a group of six engineering firms that had expressed interest in being considered, the committee selected Campbell & Johnson, Concordia, for contract negotiation.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported roof leaks at the health department building and at the courthouse. Temporary repairs have been made at the courthouse. The health department building roof is still under warranty and was repaired. Johnson and the Commissioners discussed roof repair and reconstruction.

Abatement #2002-172 was allowed in the amount of \$2.39 on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The phrase "second by Commissioner Fraser" in the next to last paragraph was deleted.

Rural Lakes LEPP (Local Environmental Protection Program) Director Mike Houck discussed the proposal at the June board meeting for changes to the fee structure for various permits. The following permit fees were suggested: wastewater structures – new construction, \$100; modification of existing structures, \$50; water well permits, \$25 (unchanged). Houck noted that the Cloud County sanitary plan lists specific permit fees, which makes it difficult to amend fees over the years. After discussion the Board directed Houck to begin the process for amending the sanitary code document to remove specific permit fee reference.

Houck also discussed LEPP finances, noting that a match of 10% is required from each county for the state grant. Cloud County's match is \$700. Permits fees last year produced about \$750. Houck detailed the LEPP budget, noting that there are no funds for vehicle replacement or training.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for a tour to view water damage to county roads and bridges.

The session was adjourned following the tour at 3:20 p.m. until September 22, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Health Administrator Billie Payne.

Others attending were: Ann Adams, Ray Kindel, Kevin Stover and Brad Nelson, Cloud County Rural Water District #1; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Carol Miller, Kathryn Carter, Jim Kerr, Wanda Backstrom, Teresa Edmondson, representing the Community Resources Council; Eric Johnson, Paul and Clarice Pruitt, Jerry Eubanks, C. W. Forshee, Carl Swenson, George Kocher, Levi Deneault, Ed Pick, Gordon Morrison, Roberta Lowrey, Barbara Shunn, Ron Deal; Sam Deal, Todd Whitney; Kyle Bauer, KFRM; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Wayne Walker, Jim Roberts, Jamie Curtis, Zilkha Renewable Energy; Brian Strait, KNCK.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reviewed the wind farm project, reported a meeting with the Concordia city manager and city attorney, and reviewed the procedure for handling delinquent weed chemical sales.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the one-lane bridge over the Solomon River at Glasco has been inspected, found acceptable, and reopened. Asch noted that road sealing projects have been postponed in order to deal with road damage and culvert washouts. Asch reported that he has purchased a used salt and sand spreader and a truck-mounted snow plow from Champlin Tire for \$2500.

At 10:00 a.m. public hearing was held in regard to the county's application for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for Cloud County Rural Water District #1. Appearing for the water district were Ann Adams, Ray Kindel, Kevin Stover and Brad Nelson and Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning, the administrative agency. No one appeared in protest. Adams reported that the Kansas Interagency Committee meeting has been held. The group reviewed the plans for the project. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution No. 03-31, certifying the legal authority of Cloud County to apply for the CDBG on behalf of the water district.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director, presented an amendment to the agreement for post closure care of the old landfill which was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The amendment waives the financial assurance for post closure care provided the original agreement is followed.

Mills reported that Kansas has experienced fewer cases of West Nile virus, apparently because of waste tire collection programs in the past. The state has informed Mills that there will be another tire collection program next year.

Mills also reported that the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission has requested that deer carcasses be brought to the transfer station for testing for the chronic wasting disease.

Mills presented a resignation from Justin Murdock, effective 9-27-03, which was acknowledged by the Board.

Members of the Community Resources Council presented a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the council which was signed by the Commissioners on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Executive Director Teresa Edmondson reported the officers, chairs of the various committees and other members of the council: Jim Kerr, president; Wanda Backstrom, vice-president; Brenda Wisbey, treasurer; Mary Baldwin, secretary; Carol Miller, domestic violence chair; Rose Koerber, crisis intervention chair; Mike Lamm, children and youth chair; Scott Studt, chemical dependency chair, and George Knox and Kathryn Carter, members-at-large.

Jim Kerr reported that the Community Resources Council has purchased the VFW Hall which will be remodeled to serve as a youth center and will also host the food bank.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson, Eng., reported on plans that were submitted in July or August, 2002, for a membrane style roof for the courthouse and discussed the possibility of a metal roof. Johnson presented various options which the Board will consider.

Health Administrator Billie Payne presented two documents needed for continuation of the home health program. One authorized the continuation of the program under the administration of Billie Payne, RN. The other authorized Connie Gallagher RN as acting administrator of the program in the absence of Payne. Both were approved and signed by the Board on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Payne reported that Kansas has only 35 confirmed cases of West Nile virus with one being in Cloud County. Payne also reported that flu clinics have been set up and that a schedule will be provided at a later date.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-32, canceling county check #19786, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the amended Extension budget and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign the amended budget.

The Board recessed at noon and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. for public comments on the wind farm project. Wayne Walker, Jim Roberts and Jamie Curtis, Zilkha Renewable Energy, reviewed the project and answered questions from the group. Kyle Bauer, KFRM, presented a written statement noting KFRM's support for the project and detailing various concerns about the effect on the radio station's signal, FCC authority and monitoring points. County Attorney Robert Walsh provided copies of the draft agreement which will be considered by the parties. The public comment session ended about 2:40 p.m.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson advised the group that the granite ball fountain was temporarily powered and invited everyone to view it.

The session was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until September 29, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Michael Skelly, Zilkha Renewable Energy; Doug McKinney, Regional Planning.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

Expense vouchers were reviewed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh postponed his 9:00 appointment due to other duties.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the deck has been installed on bridge project #3390, that a county bridge deck that was swept away by flood waters has been recovered and replaced, and that \$9,066.26 has been spent to date in repairing flood damage. Asch also discussed personnel policy regarding allowed accumulation of leave time.

Doug McKinney, Regional Planning, presented the application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3, which was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion and authorization by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

County Attorney Walsh presented the draft of the wind energy project development agreement with Zilkha Renewable Energy Midwest V, LLC. After discussion, upon recommendation by the county attorney and on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved and signed the agreement.

Resolution #03-33, cancelling county check #20301, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board appointed Chairman Chartier as voting delegate to the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), with Commissioner Nelson as 1st alternate and Highway Administrator Andy Asch as 2nd alternate.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Commissioner Nelson reported on the annual solid waste committee meeting held on September 24. During discussion of rates and fees, the group noted that the current fee structure seems to be providing sufficient funding for the operations, so no recommendations were made for further amendments at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 6, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch.

Others attending were: Pat Gerhardt, Extension; Debbie Rupert, 4-H leader; Karissa Breckon, Amber Rupert, Kayla Payeur, 4-H members; Kim Lapo, North Eastern Kansas Community Action Program.

Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed law enforcement consolidation. Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution #03-35, calling for an election on the question of consolidated law enforcement at the November 2004 general election.

Walsh and the Commissioners also discussed personnel policy.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the bridge repair on the west side of 7-6-4 is complete and that repair to the bridge on the north side of the same section is underway.

Asch reported that the estimated county share of bridge project #3680 at the west edge of Miltonvale is \$55,440.

Asch and the Commissioners discussed repair of the Buffalo Township dike.

4-H leaders Pat Gerhardt and Debbie Rupert and 4-H members Karissa Breckon, Amber Rupert, and Kayla Payeur presented a proclamation recognizing the week of October 5 – 11, 2003 as National 4-H Week. The group discussed their various activities and served apple cake and coffee.

Kim Lapo, North Eastern Kansas Community Action Program, Inc. (NEK-CAP), reported that the agency has been mandated by the state to offer services in adjacent counties. Lapo noted that two surveys have been sent out to county residents in an effort to determine services needed by the low income population. Lapo noted that NEK-CAP does not duplicate services already existing but attempts to discover what additional services are needed and find ways to provide those services. Lapo reported that a meeting will be held in the community room at the city hall on October 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and asked for the Commissioners' endorsement of both

the meeting and the projected services. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board offered the requested endorsement.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Health Administrator Billie Payne was appointed to the Cloud County Local Emergency Planning Committee on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-36, cancelling county check #20146, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, Commissioner Chartier was elected voting delegate to the annual meeting of KCAMP and KWORCC, and Commissioner Nelson was elected alternate.

On notification and recommendation by Judge Kathryn Carter, the Board appointed Steve Cohen, Director of the Concordia office of Pawnee Mental Health, to the Juvenile Justice/Community Corrections Advisory Board. Cohen will be taking the vacated board position previously held by Fred Prindaville.

Notice was sent to the Lincoln Township Board that Matt Hood has applied for a cereal malt beverage license for MHR LLC dba The Rock Quarry.

The completed questionnaire for county property and liability insurance for 2004 with KCAMP was signed by Chairman Chartier.

County Clerk Musick reported preliminary health insurance figures. Blue Cross/Blue Shield personnel will meet with the Board at a later date.

The session was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until October 13, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 13, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Emergency Preparedness Director Larry Eubanks.

Others attending were: Matt Hood; Annette and Mike Gallagher; Tony Blochlinger; Ray Kindel; Ann Adams; Kevin Stover; Doug McKinney; Deb Ohlde; James Hedstrom.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment due to other duties.

Upon recommendation by the Lincoln Township board to grant the license and on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board issued a cereal malt beverage license to MHR, LLC, dba The Rock Quarry, with Matt Hood as agent. Since the license was issued for both consumption on the premises and for sale in original and unopened containers for consumption off the premises, the Board asked Hood whether drinking in the parking lot would be a problem. Hood noted that the parking lot would be off-limits for drinking and the beer sold in unopened containers would not be sold until "last call."

On recommendation by the Cloud County Commission on Aging, Gertrude Poe, Concordia, was appointed as Cloud County representative to the North Central/Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging for the remainder of the term previously held by Barbara Henry. Henry resigned from the board when a bylaw change made it impossible for her to continue. Poe joins Genevieve Jones, Clyde, in representing Cloud County on the NC/FH AAA board.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The Board approved having Commissioner Nelson represent Cloud County at a meeting with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and the Kansas Association of Counties in a discussion on water, land use and air quality issues. The meeting will be held on November 13 in Abilene.

Annette and Mike Gallagher provided information on the skate park being constructed in the Concordia city park. Annette Gallagher noted donations include \$5000 and labor from the City of Concordia, \$1000 from Tony Hawk Foundation, about \$2700 in private donations. Funds in the amount of \$18,000 to \$20,000 are now needed for the equipment. The Gallaghers asked if

the county could donate to the project. After discussion the Board determined that, although the project is certainly a worthwhile one, the county cannot donate since that would set a precedent for donations for all such projects in the county, which the county cannot afford.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented the agreement with Campbell and Johnson Engineers for engineering inspection on bridge project #15 C 3680-01 at the west edge of Miltonvale. The agreement, in the amount of actual costs plus a net fee of \$5,948.49, was approved by the Board on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Asch reported that the frontage road along Highway 81 has not been formally turned over to the county and is still KDOT's responsibility for maintenance, that the Board's request for increased speed limits along portions of Highways 9 and 28 need to be addressed in a formal letter to the Kansas Department of Transportation, and that KDOT will be using certain county roads around Jamestown as a detour during a project.

Asch presented a right-of-way use permit application from Sprint/United Telephone for buried cable along the east right-of-way of 90th Rd just north of Fawn Rd, all in 34-7-4, Lyon Township. The permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Asch presented Resolution #03-37, increasing the maximum speed on East 4th Street beginning 1860 feet east of the intersection of Valley and Fourth Street to 45 miles per hour. The resolution was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Asch and the Board discussed changing the speed limits on West 11th Street but took no action, pending further information.

Asch reported that Stevens Contracting, Salina, could take off the excess road surfacing at the railroad crossing in Jamestown, but it will cost \$500 per hour, estimated total \$2800. Asch said county crews could do the job with equipment they have, but it will not be as smooth. The Board approved having the county crew do the job.

Asch also reported that Beloit Vo-Tech is not interested in having students work on the Buffalo dike.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director, reported how the \$143,392.29 Homeland Security grant has been and will be used. Many items have been purchased, ranging from small spill kits to personal protective equipment to a special operations response trailer. Eubanks noted that he hopes to be able to purchase a 1 ton truck to pull the trailer.

Jim Hedstrom, CellularOne, reported that his company has a new corporate rate and digital technology for better reception. The Board approved providing information for Hedstrom to place a proposal.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented the finalized application for Cloud County Rural Water District #1 for a Community Development Block Grant which was signed by Chairman Chartier and Ann Adams, RWD secretary. The application will be presented to the Kansas Department of Commerce this week.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director, presented documentation for a new hire: Dana Ringer. The hiring was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, to be effective 10-20-03.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented a copy of the invitation to bid on the construction contract for the Concordia Work Center Remodel project for OCCK. Ohlde also presented a list of contractors owned by minorities and women who will be contacted individually as is required by the CDBG.

The session was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until October 20, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 20, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; County Treasurer Alice Walker; Health Administrator Billie Payne; Appraiser Barry Porter; Computer Technician/Maintenance Jerry Collins; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Todd Whitney, Extension; Lee Lowell; Larry Uri.

County Attorney Robert Walsh presented a non-disclosure agreement with Twin Valley Telephone for 911 purposes. The Commissioners determined that the Sheriff would be the proper official to sign the agreement, since the Commission has no access to 911 information.

Walsh and the Board discussed law enforcement consolidation statutes. Walsh will set up a conference call with the Riley County Police department.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented a resolution regulating speed limits on West 11th Street. The Board took no action, requesting certain changes to the document.

Asch presented a classification change for Carl Shrontz Jr., for a wage increase to \$11.52 per hour following an introductory period, effective 10-19-03. The increase was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Asch reported that one section corner has been found which is needed for repair of the Buffalo Township dike. Asch hopes to be able to start the repair work within the next couple of weeks.

At 10:00 a.m. the regular monthly department head meeting was held. County Attorney Walsh, Highway Administrator Asch, County Treasurer Alice Walker and Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported routine activities.

Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson reported assisting high school students with research projects.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported that there have been 350 flu shots given so far at flu clinics. An additional flu clinic will be held at the health department on Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Payne noted there have been 236.5 hours of Home Health work and 275 persons have been served at the health department. Payne discussed the results of the smoking

survey at the high school. Students reported no difficulty in purchasing tobacco products. They also reported a high use of smokeless tobacco products. Payne noted that she is applying for a grant for dealing with the West Nile virus and that Dr. Swanson has agreed to take over as Health Officer on January 1, 2004.

Appraiser Barry Porter reported that the aerial photography for Concordia is complete and that the rest of the county should be finished by the end of the year. Porter reported that Cole-Layer-Trumble has been approved by the state as the new CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) vendor. Porter also reported the department's ability to generate various maps, noting the tax unit map recently developed by appraisal staff and the county clerk.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that there were 87 new computer viruses found in September. There have been 61 so far in October. Collins noted that the latest ones simulate an email message from Norton Antivirus or Windows.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas noted that recent light freezes ended plant ability to take in herbicides. Thomas noted that the department has been treating bindweed and sericea lespedeza.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom reported two unexplained fires in the rural area and noted that adjacent counties have also experienced such fires. Bergstrom expressed concern about recent comparisons between law enforcement agencies of twenty years ago and today's departments, noting that societal situations are very different from those of years ago.

Extension Agent Todd Whitney reported that the school enrichment programs are progressing well, noted that two of the three planned wheat plots have been drilled and that the extension board election will take place next week.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that he and Brad Hopkins (installer) are still in the process of adjusting the fountain and noted that it will have to be drained shortly for the winter.

County Clerk Musick provided information on open records and copies of a brochure to be made available to the public.

Commissioner Nelson spoke about the wind farm project.

Commissioner Fraser asked Appraiser Porter to print some fire district maps and the Sheriff requested land ownership maps along the highways. The land ownership maps may be useful in stray cattle situations.

The department head meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

Larry Uri and Lee Lowell, representing the Marion Ellet fountain bequest committee, reported that they wish to use the remaining funds for landscaping and lighting purposes. Uri and Lowell noted that a professional landscape designer will be assisting in the planning and discussed landscaping possibilities.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson reported that Larry John Doyen (Texas Red's) has presented a proposal for catering the Christmas dinner. Other caterers were not able to offer proposals. The Board approved Doyen's proposal and affirmed December 22 as the date for the dinner. Johnson and the Commissioners discussed appreciation gifts for employees.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

A proclamation recognizing the month of November as National Hospice Month was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The session was adjourned at 12:00 noon until October 27, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 27, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Wanda Backstrom, JJA/CC Director; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician.

Others attending were: Pat Huffman, Juvenile Service Coordinator; Tony Blochlinger.

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment due to other duties.

Chairman Chartier signed payroll checks for all departments.

Commissioners and County Clerk Musick reviewed expense vouchers.

A joint road-waterway use permit along the north side of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 6, Range 1 was approved for Lonnie Bachand on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, a wage increase from \$9.76 to \$11.52 per hour was approved effective October 19, 2003, for Robert Martin, heavy equipment operator, who has completed his introductory period.

A permit to bury telephone cable in county right-of-way was approved for Krob Trenching (working for Southwestern Bell Company) on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. The cable will be installed along the west side of 90th Road, starting at Highway 9, thence South approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (from the Northeast corner of 34-6-4 south).

Resolution No. 03-38 was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The resolution establishes the maximum speed limit from the city limits on West 11th Street thence west for 1,320 feet at 30 miles per hour. The resolution also voids two previous resolutions dealing with speed limits in the same area.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/CC Director, presented proposals for requests for unexpended FY2004 JJA funds. Backstrom proposed requesting \$15,297 from Case Management services and \$12,980 from Juvenile Intensive Supervision services to 1) hire a contractual case manager for six months; 2) change the part-time secretary to full-time (30 hours to 40 hours); 3) provide transportation funding. Backstrom also proposed requesting \$202.57 from Prevention services for transportation use by the Juvenile Intake Follow-up Service. The requests were approved and

signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Pat Huffman, Juvenile Services Coordinator, presented a proposal for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the Juvenile Intake Follow-up Service from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, which was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Health Administrator Billie Payne presented the county's bio-terrorism plan which was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The county should receive \$25,714 in grant money to fund the bio-terrorism plan.

Payne requested a wage increase for an employee, noting an amended job description. The Board will consider whether the request will fit the county's pay plan.

Payne reported several employees will change to full-time hours following the county's amended benefit program. Payne will present classification changes later.

Payne discussed the possibility of purchasing a vehicle for the health department's use. No action was taken at this time.

Jerry Collins, Computer technician, reported that the sonic wall equipment at both the courthouse and the health department needs upgrades and reinstatement of service agreements, noting that cost for the courthouse would be \$215 and \$175 for the health department. The Board approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Collins discussed the need for updates for three servers, noting that contracting for the service would cost \$85 per hour. Collins suggested that he do the work after hours when it would not interfere with daily work. The Board approved Collins' doing the work after hours on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Tony Blochlinger (Uncle Gib's Barn) came in to ask why the Commissioners had approved Larry John Doyen's catering the county Christmas dinner. Blochlinger said he had not been contacted and believed that neither Duis's nor Kristy's had been contacted. Blochlinger felt that someone from Cloud County should do the catering. The Commissioners told Blochlinger that they would keep his suggestions in mind for next year.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

The Board approved taking expenses for shower repair at the jail from the Special Building Fund.

The Board received notification that the Kansas Development Finance Authority intends to issue an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond to finance acquisition of land and equipment for

beginning farmer Joseph D. Reedy if there is no objection by the County Commission. The Board indicated there is no objection to the bond issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 3, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and Deputy County Clerk Peggy Powell present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn.

Others attending were: Deb Ohlde, Regional Planning Commission.

Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Walsh and Undersheriff Kearn discussed the problem of after hours sale and consumption of liquor in the county. Walsh will check with city clubs to see how they handle the problem.

Walsh also reported an inquiry about adult book stores and discussed statutes regarding law enforcement consolidation.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that he is preparing specifications for grader bids, working on a public notice regarding electric fences and bales in the county right-of-way.

Asch noted that the Scottsville road is within eleven loads of rock of being finished, but the work has been delayed because of rain. Asch also reported that the seasonal mower has finished for the year. Commissioner Chartier reported that some culvert ends were washed out on Fawn Road west of Aurora.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, reported that bids were opened last week for remodeling work on the OCCK's sheltered workshop, which is being funded by a Community Development Block Grant. Porter Construction, Salina, had the low bid of \$435,500 with a 200 calendar days completion date. Work is scheduled to begin December 1. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved and signed a contract addendum acknowledging review of the architect's contract. The project architect is DMA Architects, PA. Chairman Chartier signed other required documents for the CDBG according to previous authorization.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

On recommendation by the Cloud County Commission on Aging and on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board appointed

Genevieve Jones, Clyde, to a second two-year term as Cloud County's representative to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging board. Term will begin January 1, 2004 and expire December 31, 2005.

On recommendation by Health Administrator Billie Payne and on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved amending the job description of the health department accounting clerk by deleting the reference to department bookkeeper and approved a classification change for Linda Mills from office clerk to accounting clerk at \$10.00 per hour, effective 11-2-03. Classification change reflecting the amended job description only was also approved for Rosemary Anderson.

The Board reviewed and revised the specifications for the purchase of a used automobile for the health department and also reviewed and made adjustments to a list of dealers to receive a request for proposal.

Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson discussed security measures and the Christmas dinner and appreciation gifts.

The session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until November 10, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 10, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Member Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present. Commissioner Gary Fraser called in reporting his inability to attend the meeting.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; District Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch; Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Deputy Appraiser Jan Price; Health Administrator Billie Payne; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas; County Treasurer Alice Walker; Computer Technician/Maintenance Jerry Collins.

Others attending were: High school government students Anthony Colby, Hilary McNichols, Allegra Hood, Andrew Sicard, Kyle Culwell, Matt Detrixhe, Crystal Lassen, Rans Lowell.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh and Undersheriff Donnie Kearn discussed after-hours sale of beer. Walsh noted that Kansas statutes prohibit the sale of beer between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. Walsh further noted that the county can impose further restrictions or regulations regarding the sale and consumption of beer. Undersheriff Kearn reported there have been several recent cases of minor in possession and also one hit and run.

Noting that the Osborne County ambulance service may be a possible model for a county-wide service, Walsh reported that, under current statutes, the townships need to request a county-wide service if that is what they want. The county cannot impose a service where service already exists.

Walsh reported that dispatch is working on getting the necessary 911 information in place. On Walsh's recommendation and on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote, the Board approved and signed a 911 Nondisclosure Agreement with Twin Valley Telephone.

Regarding law enforcement consolidation, Walsh reported that he has been talking with a legislative research specialist who recommends proposing new legislation to handle the situation since current statutes are contradictory. Walsh will contact the Revisor of Statutes.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented a right-of-way use agreement with Southwestern Bell for buried cable between Sections 19 and 30, Township 6, Range 3 along Noble Road and along the west side of 90th Road starting at Highway 9, thence south approximately 3.4 mile.

The agreement was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Asch reported that the Federal Highway Administration wants to change the specifications for bridge inspections to require more oversight by the Kansas Department of Administration. Asch also reported on the Scottsville road, the brick plant road bridge (3390) and continued checking on motor graders.

At 10:00 a.m. the regular monthly department head meeting was held. Most officials reported routine business. District Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch reported that the court reported has resigned and that negotiations are ongoing for public defender and court trustee contracts.

Deputy Appraiser Jan Price provided samples of GIS soil type maps.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported 950 flu shots given, 332 immunizations, 517 office visits, 131 family planning consultations, 357 home health visits to 63 patients. Payne also discussed several grant programs.

County Clerk Musick reported that, due to the rising concern about Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has designated deer head drop off locations in the county. Hunters need to tag the heads and will be notified if tests are positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Cloud County locations are Duis Meat Processing and LKW Taxidermy in Concordia and Glasco Locker Plant in Glasco. Further information is available at the County Clerk's office.

The department head meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the 2004 BC/BS health insurance proposal and asked County Clerk Musick to prepare figures for several plans.

The Board acknowledged a resignation, effective 10-26-03, from Travis Noon, part-time corrections officer.

The Commissioners discussed part-time positions and asked County Clerk Musick to prepare a job description covering part-time positions not otherwise described.

Having received notification of Dr. Maria Jindra's resignation as Cloud County Health Officer, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote, the Board appointed Dr. Evan Swanson to that position, effective January 1, 2004. An agreement will be signed at a later date.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote, the Board approved classification changes from part-time to full-time with no change in wage for the following health department personnel: Connie Gallagher, RN; Tressie Robbins, HHA; Doris Bergstrom, HHA; and Marcia Jensen, WIC Clerk, all effective January 1, 2004.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed interlocal agreement for 2004 with Junction City/Geary County Health Department for environmental protection (sanitary code) services. Action was deferred pending further information.

The Commissioners discussed current charges for copies, research, mailings, etc. and decided that no change is needed at this time.

The session was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until November 17, 2003

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 17, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn.

Others attending were: Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company; David Divilbiss, Victor L. Phillips Company; Mike Lamm, Chair of the Children and Youth Committee of the Community Resources Council; Council members Jim Kerr, Carol Miller, Wanda Backstrom, Rose Koerber, Carter File, George Knox, Kathryn Carter; Cloud County Community College staff and students Janet Eubanks, Jill Mahoney, Brooke Lyman, Shane Britt, Crystal Nollette, April Thomas.

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment due to other duties.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 03-39, providing a job description for part-time positions not otherwise described, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. Such positions are considered to involve less than 1,000 hours of work per year, are not covered by KPERS, and are not eligible for benefits.

County Clerk Musick presented several options for the health insurance program under the county's partially self-funded plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the option which allows for a 10% reduction in the employee share of the monthly fixed costs (premium) and reduces by 10% the amount transferred monthly from the employee benefit fund to the medical insurance fund.

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company, and David Divilbiss, Victor L. Phillips Company, presented information on their proposals for the county's purchase of a motor grader. The Commissioners asked Highway Administrator Andy Asch to review the proposals and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Asch reported that an AM/FM radio was stolen from a county vehicle last week. The Sheriff's department is investigating the theft.

Mike Lamm, Chairman of the Children and Youth Committee of the Community Resources Council, presented a diagram of the proposed floor plan for the new youth center to be located in

the old VFW building. After reporting individual donations earmarked for a youth center and the many hours of volunteer labor involved in the project, Lamm read a letter to the Commissioners requesting \$4,600 to provide 6 televisions, 6 Playstations/Xbox videos and a game table with chairs. The letter noted that students from all Cloud County school districts will be able to attend the center as well as college students. Lamm noted that student representatives from each of the attendance centers in the county have helped in planning the youth center. Several resource council members spoke about various aspects of the center. On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the donation of \$4,600 from the county general fund for the youth center.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom presented a resignation from Eddie Michaelson, effective 11-16-03, and two new hires for part-time corrections officers: Scott Moore, effective 11-17-03, and Jamie Hyde, effective 11-19-03. On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board acknowledged the resignation and approved the new hires at \$8.00 per hour.

Sheriff Bergstrom reported that he will be replacing the portable radios which are 5 – 6 years old. He will contact area vendors.

The Board signed a request for payment for the lake project.

Commissioner Nelson reported on Senator Taddiken's listening tour last week and on the KAC meeting on water resources held on 11-13-03.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Mid-States Port Authority meeting held 11-4-03.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved closing the courthouse and county offices at noon on December 24 and noted that the courthouse and county offices will be open on Friday December 26.

The session was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until December 1, 2003.

NOTE: There will be no Commissioner meeting on December 24 since the Commissioners will be attending the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Counties in Overland Park.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 24, 2003

There was no Commissioner meeting for today November 24 since the Commissioners are attending the annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Counties in Overland Park.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 1, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn; Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Larry Eubanks.

Others attending were: High school government students Elaina Breault and Tricia Letourneau; Concordia Police Chief Burl Maley; USD 333 Superintendent Bev Mortimer; Joe Detrixhe; Lonnie Bachand; Kenneth Johnson; Janet Eubanks; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor; Dave Divilbiss, Victor L. Phillips; Mike Houck, Rural Lakes LEPP Director; Janet Lancaster, BC/BS.

Chairman Chartier signed expense checks.

County Attorney Robert Walsh, Concordia Police Chief Burl Maley, USD 333 Superintendent Bev Mortimer, and Undersheriff Donnie Kearn discussed the possibility of the appointment of a school resource officer. The group explained that the school resource officer would be a specially trained member of the Concordia police department assigned to duty within the Concordia public school system for the purpose of establishing a liaison school administration, faculty, parents and students, and law enforcement. Such an officer could also act as a counselor, educator in assigned areas, and role model.

County Attorney Walsh explained that the purpose of the current meeting was to provide background information on the proposed program, elicit support from the County Commission for the program, and introduce the need for financing the program. County share is tentatively figured at 25% of the total cost or approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 annually.

USD 333 Superintendent Bev Mortimer reported that school principals currently spend about two-thirds to three-quarters of their time in matters involving law enforcement and the courts. Mortimer emphasized that such matters do not necessarily involve things that happen at school, but include custody matters, home incidents, and incidents occurring after school and on weekends. Mortimer cited the school resource officer proposal as being proactive rather than reactive, noting that school site councils have already discussed the proposal.

Undersheriff Donnie Kearn concurred that incidents occur after school hours and off school property and expressed the support of the Sheriff's department.

The County Commissioners noted that the proposed program at this point appears to require an agreement between the school district and the City of Concordia. The Commission suggested

that more information on the proposed program be provided to parents, students, teachers, and the general public.

Joe Detrixhe, Kenneth Johnson and Lonnie Bachand came in to request that the bridge between Sections 18 and 19, Township 6, Range 1 (Shirley Township) be replaced. Kenneth Johnson reported that the bridge is old, has banisters that impede the passing of farm equipment, and has a low weight limit. Joe Detrixhe noted that, while there is a lot of traffic over the bridge by farm trucks going to Huscher, the last bridge inspection showed an efficiency rating of only 31. The group asked that the bridge be put on the county's 5-year bridge replacement plan.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch noted that the last bridge proposed for the 5-year plan was rejected by the state for lack of state funds. Asch suggested that he see if the bridge is one that the county can build. The Commissioners noted that they will keep the bridge in mind for future inclusion on the 5-year plan if necessary.

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company, and Dave Divilbis, Victor L Phillips Company, presented information on their proposals for the county's purchase of a motor grader. Highway Administrator Asch noted that he had also received a proposal from Murphy Tractor. The Board asked Asch to review the proposals and make a recommendation next week.

Highway Administrator Asch presented a request by United Telephone Company of Kansas for a right-of-way use permit for buried cable crossing Oat Road in the northeast corner of 24-6-1 (Shirley Township). The permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Asch reported that he has started work on the Buffalo Township dike, noting that it appears to need about three feet of fill. Asch reported that Thomas Tree Service will be removing the large cottonwood trees.

Asch also reported that the brick plant bridge (project #3390) was opened last week.

Undersheriff Donnie Kern presented a new hire: Robert Cash as part-time corrections officer. The Board approved the hiring at \$8.00 per hour, effective 12-3-03, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Kern also presented change of classification from part-time to full-time for department secretaries Marge Higgins and Marilyn Bogart, no change in wage, effective 1-1-04, which the Board approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

SSgt. Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reported that his National Guard unit has been mobilized for service in Iraq and suggested that his wife Janet be appointed as interim coordinator. Janet is familiar with the work on grants and update on the emergency preparedness plan that Eubanks has been doing and is willing to take any necessary emergency preparedness courses. Commissioner Fraser moved that Janet Eubanks be appointed as interim coordinator for 18 months or until Eubanks returns. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nelson left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to attend a funeral.

Rural Lakes Local Environment Protection Program Director Mike Houck provided an update on a waste water complaint, reporting that he had met with state personnel at the site on November 21. Since nothing has been done to remedy the situation, Houck proposed that a letter be sent to the landowner noting that the discharge must be discontinued within one week and that a plan for the construction of an acceptable waste water system must be provided within 30 days. The Board approved. Houck will prepare the letter and send copies to the Board and to the county attorney.

Houck reported that the interlocal agreement is being reworked and that he has had no response from the state regarding a change to the Cloud County sanitary plan which will reflect current fees. Houck will check again with the state on the plan amendment.

The Board received notification from the Kansas Development Finance Authority of the proposed issuance of an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond for Jeff and Kristina Kindel. The Board found no objection to the bond issue.

The Board received a telephone call from John Betts, editor of the Lincoln Sentinel newspaper, who requested information on the law enforcement consolidation question.

Chairman Chartier signed letters to the unsuccessful bidders on the OCCK/AFK renovation project. The letters will include bid tabulations.

An employment agreement with Dr. Evan Swanson as County Health Officer, effective January 1, 2004, was signed by the Board. Dr. Swanson was appointed by the Board on November 10.

The Board received a letter from Pawnee Mental Health noting that Nancy Champlin's term will expire December 31. County Clerk Musick called alternate Martha Soucek who indicated she will accept appointment as a regular representative. The Board is asking anyone who might be interested in being appointed to the alternate position to call one of the commissioners or the county clerk. Appointments will be made at a later date.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Janet Lancaster, BC/BS, discussed the county's health insurance plan, providing information on previous and current year's claims. Lancaster noted that BC/BS is now requiring prior authorization for Celebrex, Vioxx and Bextra prescriptions and will be providing new formulary cards for participants. Lancaster presented the contract with BC/BS for health insurance for the year 2004, which was approved and signed by the Chairman on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

The session was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. until December 8, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 8, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 8, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Deputy Appraiser Jan Price, Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson; Health Administrator Billie Payne; Maintenance/Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Stanley McMillan; Pat Gerhardt, Extension; Lea Dawn Welch, District Court Clerk; Steve Breeding and Anita Sallman, Pawnee Mental Health; Dave Divilbiss, Victor L. Phillips Company; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Company; Marchon Schuler; Lee Doyen; John Cyr, Regional Planning.

Chairman Chartier signed payroll checks for all departments.

Steve Breeding and Anita Sallman, representing Pawnee Mental Health Services, asked of Pawnee could sponsor or assist with a recycling program. Sallman noted that certain clients need jobs that will qualify them for other state assistance programs. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners said they would be willing to review a written plan from Pawnee.

Commissioner Chartier advised County Attorney Walsh that he does not support the school resource officer program as a county-sponsored program since it does not appear to include all school districts in the county.

After discussion on the consolidated law enforcement issue, Walsh advised the Commissioners that he will be in Topeka this week and will discuss the issue with legislative personnel. The Commissioners suggested that legislation be drafted directed toward Cloud County's interests.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented proposals for the purchase of a motor grader and recommended purchase of the Caterpillar from Martin Tractor Company, noting the availability of a buyback option. Proposals (all including trade allowance) presented were:

Murphy Tractor	\$160,833
Victor L. Phillips	\$135,162
Martin Tractor	\$158,059

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board accepted the proposal from Martin Tractor Company.

Stanley McMillan came in to discuss ditch cleaning along his property. Excess dirt from the ditch is being used to repair the Buffalo Township dike. McMillan stated that he understood that the county has the right to use the dirt but hoped that other area properties would be similarly affected. McMillan and the Commissioners also discussed other drainage.

Asch presented a right-of-way use permit application from United Telephone Company for buried cable under county road N. 45th Rd. in the south half of 11-8-5. The permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution #03-41, providing authority for KDOT to award the contract and committing county funds for bridge project #15 C-3680-01 (west of Miltonvale), was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. Ebert Construction Co., Inc., of Wamego was the successful bidder at \$259,812.29, of which \$57,158.70 is the county's share.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held at 10:00 a.m.

Most officials reported routine business.

District Court Clerk Lea Dawn Welch reported that work is continuing on electronic filing and annual court trustee and public defender appointments.

Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson reported he is considering purchasing a new scanner. The old scanner could possibly go to the Sheriff's office.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported statistics for November: 201 hours involved with Home Health visits, 14 child care licenses; 107 hours in Family Planning; 94.5 hours in Senior Care. Payne also noted that the department received an award from the state for the immunization program.

Computer Technician Jerry Collins reported that he has completed the update on three county servers.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that Wildlife & Parks left barrels and tags for deer carcasses.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom reported only 16 deer accidents in November, noting that the number appears to be down from last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas discussed options for service at the weed office when he is working out of the office or on errands. The Board suggested using phone messages or leaving a note on the door. The Board approved closing the office during Thomas's leave time.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Amendment added the word "with" following the word "liaison" in paragraph four.

Maintenance/Computer Technician Jerry Collins discussed time spent in doing computer work as compared with that doing maintenance duties and asked the Board to change his classification to full-time computer technician. Due to other appointments, the Board continued discussion in the afternoon.

Marchon (Shawn) Schuler, Classical Homeopath, requested information on costs of leasing a room in the health department building. Schuler, the Commissioners, Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson, and Health Administrator Billie Payne discussed costs, room options and other areas of interest. The Board suggested \$7 per square foot per year plus share of utilities and the usual lease agreement. Schuler noted that she is researching various options at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser unanimous vote, the Board approved a lease purchase agreement with IKON for a new copier and authorized Chairman Chartier to sign the necessary documents. Monthly cost on a 48-month agreement is \$323 with a \$78.50 per month maintenance agreement.

Lee Doyen came in to request that striping and marking be completed on the Ames-Miltonvale road. The Commissioners noted that the road was scheduled to be re-sealed, after which the striping and marking would be done. The work was scheduled to be done earlier this year but floods required the crews to work elsewhere.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning Commission Director, discussed the lake grant project. There is apparently some concern with pledges not coming in at the expected rate and the possibility of a billing error due to changes in the consulting company. The Commissioners discussed the situation with Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp, and Joe Geodert, Lake Committee Treasurer, by phone. The group will check out the situation.

Notice was sent to the Lincoln Township Board that Matt Hood has filed for a cereal malt beverage license for The Rock Quarry.

A contract for auditing services by Pierce, Faris & Co., Chartered, at \$80 per chief account hour and \$58 per assistant accountant hour, was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Resolution No. 03-42 confirmed the approval of the contract.

The Board approved membership in the League of Kansas Municipalities for the year 2004 at \$429.25 on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved a Business Associate Agreement with Shook, Hardy & Bacon, who provide KCAMP's Attorney Assist program. The agreement is necessitated by HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (federal legislation).

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board appointed Martha Soucek as regular Cloud County representative to the Pawnee Mental Health board. Soucek's term will run from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006. Soucek has been serving a alternate representative. A replacement will be appointed later.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, the Board approved the contract with Porter Construction for the OCCK/AFK renovation of the old Wal-Mart building in the amount of \$435,500. Funding for the project is provided in part by a Community Development Block Grant and in part by OCCK funds.

The Board continued discussion on the computer technician position. Discussion will continue next week.

The session was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until December 15, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 15, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp executive director; Eric Johnson, CloudCorp president; Jim Hedstrom, CellularOne.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that the basket attached to the crane and used for tree trimming is unsafe. The Board approved Asch's looking for a used basket truck.

Asch also discussed the need to update the department's computers and add a computer in the mechanic's office. Asch noted that many equipment manuals currently are provided on CD. The Board approved.

Kirk Lowell, Cloud Corp executive director, and Eric Johnson, CloudCorp president, presented the 2004 funding agreement for economic development services in the amount of \$32,500. The agreement was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote. Lowell and Johnson also provided an update on activities by CloudCorp during the past year.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reported that he has visited with Representative Joan Freeborn regarding a proposed legislative bill on law enforcement consolidation, noting that several other counties have expressed interest in the proposed legislation.

Walsh also briefly discussed the recent application for a beer license for The Rock Quarry.

At the request of Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson and on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for a ten-minute discussion of non-elected personnel. The Board recessed at 10:55 a.m. and open session was resumed at 11:05 a.m. County Attorney Robert Walsh and Johnson were included in the session.

Johnson and the Board discussed the amount of time being spent by Jerry Collins, maintenance/computer technician, on computer matters as compared to maintenance matters.

Johnson and the Commissioners agreed that the budget does not allow for hiring another maintenance employee. The Commissioners determined that Collins should spend no more than half the day on computer matters, leaving the other half for maintenance duties. County employees wanting Collins's assistance should place their requests with Johnson rather than contacting Collins directly.

Jim Hedstrom, CellularOne, presented a proposal for cellular phones. Hedstrom noted that his proposal does not include pagers. Hedstrom left a phone for county officials to try out. The Commissioners attempted to contact AllTel to see whether they wish to prepare a proposal.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

An addendum to the HIPAA business associate agreement with Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, was approved and signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The addendum allows Shook, Hardy & Bacon to provide the Kansas Department of Health & Environment with pertinent information resulting from the Attorney Assist program.

A lease agreement with Marchon (Shawn) Schuler for office space at the health department building was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Notice was sent to the Sibley Township Board concerning the application for a cereal malt beverage license by Walthers Oil Company (Texaco Travel Plaza).

A maintenance agreement with ES&S for the optical scan ballot counting machine was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved the expenditure of funds for having a plaque installed on bridge project 3680 (west of Miltonvale).

The session was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until December 22, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 22, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 22, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/DOC; Jerry Collins, Maintenance/Computer Technician; Health Administrator Billie Payne.

Others attending were: Jim Hedstrom and Jill Donner, CellularOne; Tim Grant, Alltel; Mike Tholstrup, Fire District #4 Treasurer.

The Commissioners reviewed supply and expense vouchers.

Chairman Chartier signed payroll checks for all departments.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director, discussed a request for refund of duplicate billing for solid waste fees, noting that the party in question had not notified the department of the 1988 move from country to city until July 2003. At that time the Board authorized a refund of six months' fees upon receipt of proof of payments to the city, noting that it is the responsibility of the individual to notify the solid waste department of such moves. Mills reported that he has not received the requested proof of payments. County Attorney Walsh will send the party a letter advising them of the Board's offer.

Walsh and the Commissioners continued discussion of proposed legislation for consolidated law enforcement.

Commissioner Chartier reported that a local owner of office space has expressed concern about the rate at which a room was recently rented in the health department building. Apparently the individual feels the rate is too low.

Mike Tholstrup, Treasurer for Cloud Rural Fire District #4, came in to report receipt of a Wal-Mart grant in the amount of \$1,500. The check was made out to Cloud County. Chairman Chartier endorsed the check for deposit to the fire district's account.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented a request for a right-of-way use permit by Raymond Bachand for a buried electrical line across 270th Road at 1,140 feet south of the intersection of 270th Rd. and Plum Rd. The Board approved the request on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Asch presented purchase proposals for a couple of used single bucket trucks. Asch noted that, since he would prefer to find a double bucket truck, he will continue looking.

Following up on a recent suggestion, Asch reported that the cost for materials only to paint white edge lines on county asphalt roads would cost \$211 per mile or approximately \$26,000 to do all the county's asphalt roads.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/DOC Director, reported that the request for DOC FY03 unexpended funds in the amount of \$6,400 has been approved by the advisory board and by DOC. The request was approved by the Board and signed by Chairman Chartier, on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Backstrom reported that the FY03 unexpended JJA funds have been received in the amount of \$28,479 to be used in the graduated sanctions and prevention programs.

Jim Hedstrom and Jill Donner, CellularOne, discussed the proposal presented last week. Andy Asch and Wanda Backstrom reported on their test use of a CellularOne phone. No action was taken pending receipt of a proposal from Alltel.

Jerry Collins, Maintenance/Computer Technician, reported that the monitor on the emergency preparedness computer is ruined, although the rest of the equipment is all right. Collins also noted that Register of Deeds Terry Ferguson has donated an older Pentium computer to the highway department for the mechanic's use. Collins plans to network the new computer with ones currently in the highway department offices.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Abatements to the tax roll were allowed in the total amount of \$3,260.81 on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

At 11:15 a.m. bids were opened for a used vehicle for the health department. Following the opening, the Board asked Health Administrator Billie Payne to inspect the vehicles and report her recommendation next week.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Grant, Alltel, discussed his recommendations for cellular phones and pagers. Following the discussion, the Commissioners asked Grant to prepare a proposal for their consideration.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported that she has now been certified for screening for the following programs: vision, audio and tympanogram, Kan-Be-Healthy physicals, Denver II developmental, fluoride treatment for children, immunizations, HIV/STD, Family Planning. Payne noted that all the above programs are currently being offered by the health department. Payne also noted that she is handling the bio-terrorism grants and programs which previously had been contracted out. In view of the increased duties and programs, Payne requested an increase in salary. After discussion in which the Commissioners reiterated their intention to

increase the salary upon completion of certain education and training, on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board authorized a salary increase to \$32,175 per year (\$17.00 per hour) beginning with the first paydate in January 2004.

Notice was sent to the Lyon Township board that the Glasco County Club has applied for a 2004 cereal malt beverage license.

On recommendation by the Lincoln Township board and on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote, a 2004 cereal malt beverage license was issued to Matt Hood for The Rock Quarry.

The session was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. until December 29, 2003

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 29, 2003
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 29, 2003, in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary E. Fraser and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas; Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Larry Eubanks; Health Administrator Billie Payne.

Others attending were: Jake Jacobs, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director; Nancy Champlin, Martha Souchek and Kevin Pounds, Pawnee Mental Health board members.

Chairman Chartier signed the supply and expense checks.

County Attorney Robert Walsh cancelled his appointment.

Solid Waste Director Richard Mills reported that National Byproducts, a company that handles meat processing waste, will be making a final decision today (Monday) as to whether they will continue picking up the waste. Cloud County has two meat processing businesses which may be affected. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has indicated to Mills that the waste products may be delivered to the transfer station for disposal either by composting or by sending on to the landfill at Rolling Meadows. Rolling Meadows has already been informed that they may accept such waste. The Commissioners felt strongly that such waste should not be composted and discussed the measures that would be necessary to transport the waste to Rolling Meadows. Mills will report National Byproducts's decision when it is confirmed.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch reported that he has discussed with Thomas Tree Service which trees need to be removed from the Buffalo Township dike.

Asch also reported that gravel and aggregate from Alsop's has increased in price by 30 cents per ton, which increases the county share cost to \$60 per mile under the current road surfacing policy. Asch recommended that no change be made in the policy this year. The Board agreed.

Asch presented a resolution transferring funds in an amount to be determined by audit from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Road & Bridge Special Highway Equipment Fund. Resolution No. 03-43 was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas reported that there are four weed chemical accounts currently delinquent. If they continue unpaid by December 31, statutes call for them to be attached to the next tax roll as liens against the property. The Board authorized Thomas to

continue with the actions necessary to comply with statutes. Thomas reported that during the year, accounts that are unpaid after 30 days are assessed 10% interest. Many customers will pay only the principle, leaving the interest unpaid. The Board approved having the county attorney assist with collecting the unpaid interest.

After discussion and on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, Richard Radcliffe was appointed as alternate representative to the Pawnee Mental Health Board.

Emergency Preparedness Director Larry Eubanks requested the encumbrance of \$956.34 of 2004 funds for the purchase of a hand-held radio and two hand mikes. The request was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Since Eubanks will not be going to Iraq with the local National Guard unit, the Board terminated the previous appointment of Janet Eubanks as interim coordinator and reinstated Larry Eubanks as coordinator on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, the Board approved Appraiser Barry Porter's request to encumber \$3,500 of 2004 funds for the purchase of computer equipment.

Jake Jacobs, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health, reviewed 2003 statistics and services. Jacobs also reviewed the agency's response to SB 123, which requires treatment rather than jail sentences for first time felony drug offenders. Jacobs said that the agency currently has three employees who have completed the required training to provide evaluation and treatment. Others will also take the training.

The contract with Pawnee Mental Health for mental health services during 2004 was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Health Administrator Billie Payne reported on the cars offered last week for purchase and recommended the 2003 Buick Century for \$9,900 from Babe Houser's. The Board approved the purchase on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Payne discussed a proposal from Republic County regarding family planning clinics. Since Republic County is included in Cloud County's Family Planning grant, and since Republic County has recently lost the clinician who provided services at their family planning clinics, Republic County has suggested an agreement wherein Cloud County would be compensated for providing an ARNP to serve as clinician. The Board decided to defer action pending further discussion.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. The amendments added the name Walsh to reference to the county attorney and corrected the annual salary for the health administrator to \$33,150.

County Clerk Musick reported that the county has received a refund of \$3,199.00 from BC/BS. The funds are the difference between the amount required in 2003 and 2004 for advance deposit for claims payments. The required advance funding is less for 2004 than it was for 2003.

Abatement #47 in the amount of \$195.58 was allowed on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 03-44, canceling check # 002295, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 03-45, canceling check # 002195, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 03-46, designating depositories for county officers, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote. UMB Bank was named depository for the county attorney, register of deeds, sheriff and county clerk. All banks in the county were named depositories for the county treasurer.

Resolution No. 03-47, designating The Concordia Blade-Empire as the official county newspaper, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

A letter advising the Kansas Department of Commerce that the Commissioners have reviewed, approved and accepted that feasibility study recently completed by KLA Environmental Services, Inc. for the county lake project was signed by Chairman Chartier on motion by Commissioner Fraser, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Notice was sent to the Lincoln Township Board that TJ LLC, dba Uncle Gib's Barn, has applied for a 2004 cereal malt beverage license.

A 2004 cereal malt beverage license was issued to Walthers Oil Co., Inc., dba Texaco Travel Plaza, on recommendation by the Sibley Township Board and on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.