Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary E. Fraser, Members Richard Chartier and Roger C. Nelson, and County Clerk Betty Musick present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Noxious Weed Director Ron Thomas.

Others attending were: Commissioners-elect Bill Garrison and Gary Caspers; Concordia City Manager Larry Paine; Concordia City Attorney Larry Uri.

Payroll checks for all departments were signed by Chairman Fraser.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reviewed activities.

Concordia City Larry Paine and Concordia City Attorney Larry Uri presented an agreement for street annexation and improvements. The Board and Highway Administrator Andy Asch reviewed the agreement. The agreement was approved and signed by Chairman Fraser on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

The 2005 employment agreement with Andy Asch as highway administrator in the amount of $34,278.40 annually was approved and signed by all parties on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote. The amendment showed Commissioner-elect Bill Garrison as attending the meeting.

Employment agreements for 2005 for Health Administrator Billie Payne in the amount of $37,050 annually, Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson in the amount of $13.78 per hour, and Richard Mills as Solid Waste Director in the amount of $15.04 per hour were all approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Abatement #2004-86 was allowed in the amount of $7.18 on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

Noxious Weed Director Ron Thompson presented two unpaid accounts and noted that the county attorney will assist him in collection before he considers attaching them as liens to the tax roll. The Board approved.
Thomas presented a classification change for sprayer/clerical assistant Cathy Bieker from $10.00 to $10.64 per hour. Thomas noted that Bieker has completed required weed identification and control courses and the commercial applicator’s course. The change was approved on motion by Commissioner Nelson, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote.

The 2005 employment agreement with Ron Thomas as Noxious Weed Director was approved and signed on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Nelson, unanimous vote.

The session was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. until January 10, 2005.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Commissioners Gary Caspers, Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Concordia City Attorney Larry Uri; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; and Arlene Clayton.

The Board re-organized, electing Commissioner Richard Chartier as Chairman for 2005 on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote.

County Attorney Robert Walsh gave the Commissioners information about the Magistrate Judge interviews that will be held on January 18, 2005.

At Walsh’s request and on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussion of attorney client privileges. The Board recessed at 9:05 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved on motion Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch presented the bi-annual bridge inspection maps and reports.

Asch asked the Commissioners about raises for the County employees. The Commissioners will discuss this and make a decision next week. If raises are given they will be effective as of January 9, 2005.

City Attorney, Larry Uri presented annexation for streets into the City of Concordia. The streets to be annexed included Tract A: 11th Street from the hospital to the west end of Mt. Joseph Senior Center; Tract B: Country Club Drive from 13th Street to Highland Drive; Tract C: Industrial Road from Pueblo Chemical to South R/W of Santa Fe; Tract D: 11th Street from the sports complex to Industrial Road and Tract E: Industrial Road from 7th Street South. Commissioner Caspers moved to approve the annexation, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Arlene Clayton came in to give the Commissioners information on petitions and to inquire about the requirements for townships to file their financial reports.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the
Following appointments were made: County Clerk Bogart as KPERS designated agent and
County Information Officer; Commissioner Garrison to the Regional Planning Commission and
CloudCorp Board; Commissioner Caspers to the Local Emergency Planning committee, the
Community Resource Council, and the Convention and Tourism board; Commissioner Chartier
will continue on the Mid-States Port Authority Board, Juvenile Detention Board, Rural Lakes
Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) and the Juvenile (JJA)/Community Corrections
Advisory Board.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
board approved the appointment of Roger Warren, M.D. as the District Coroner.

Abatements #2004-87 and 88 were allowed in the amount of $22.42 on motion by Commissioner
Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

The Commissioners approved the payment of dues to Regional Planning dues on motion by
Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote they
Board approved the payment of dues to the Kansas Association of Counties.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the
board approved the signing of Resolution # 05-01 and authorized the Commission chairman to
sign the Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Kansas County Association
Multiline Pool (KCAMP).

Resolution No. 05-02, canceling county check #8933, was adopted on motion by Commissioner
Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Cereal malt beverage licenses were issued to Glasco Country Club and Walthers Oil Company
DBA Shell Travel Plaza on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner
Garrison, unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to January 17, 2005.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Tech; Jim Johnson, Maint. Manager; Alice Walker, Co. Treasurer; Pat Gerhardt, County Agent.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton

Minutes for January 10, 2005 meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Abatements # 2004-89 was allowed in the amount of $15.00 on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote.

Commissioner Chartier signed the final paperwork for the OCCK Community Block Grant that will be sent to the State.

The Commissioners approved the invoice to North Central Regional Planning Commission for the Rural Water District Grant.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator present a utility permit for a buried electrical line between Sec 28 & 29-5-2 (Lawrence Twp). The permit was allowed on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Asch presented an updated contract with Cook, Flatt, Strobel Engineers, P.A. for Bridge project #15C-3919-01 (County Bridge #3628) and also an agreement with GeoSystems/Kleinfelder for geological services on this bridge project. Commissioner Caspers moved to approve the contract and agreement, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

At 10:00 the Commissioners held their monthly department head meeting, which was postponed from last week.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported on the snow and ice removal.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported she would be paying out fund to the tax entities next week. She reported that 56% to 57% of taxes had been collected, this is approximately the same as last year. She is also working on budget estimates.
Pat Gerhardt, County Agent reported they are working on their winter projects and will begin working with WALK KANSAS which will begin the first part of March.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is doing the last of the updates at the Health Department and Sheriff Department. He has been updating websites. He reported that in 2004 there had been 21,528 visits to the County website and that the most visits (6,778) came from the State of California.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported that interviews for Magistrate Judge would be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, starting at 9:00.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported that flu shots are now open to the public, and there is still time to get the shot so that it will be effective before the peak flu season hits. She reported they are doing the annual Medicare required evaluation. She also reported the trees at the Service Center have been removed and the new signs are in place.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported the final construction and demolition plan had been sent to KDHE.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on snow and ice removal. Also, there is a bridge that is on the 5 year plan they will be ready to start construction on.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported they had sold enough chemical in 2004 to treat 36,000 acres of musk thistle.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff gave a reported in 2004 they had patrolled 178,551 miles. He also gave the statistics on the hours patrolled by city, etc.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the filing deadline for the City/School election in January 25, 2005. She presented information on the newly formed Kansas County Officials Association.

Arlene Clayton came in to visit with the Commissioners about the annexation with the City of Concordia and concerns about animal rights.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director visited with the Commissioners about the Republic County contract. He reported that in 2002 Republic County hauled 2693 tons to the Transfer Station and in 2004 they hauled 2719 tons.

The Commissioners approved the purchase of mini blinds for the County Clerks office. Commissioner Garrison moved, second Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote to purchase the blinds from Sherwin Williams at a cost of $88.00 per window.

The Commissioners discussed raises for county employees. After discussion Commissioner Chartier moved to raise employees to the 100% salary as shown in the position classification schedule, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote elected officials will receive a 5% raise.

The board recessed until 1:00 p.m., at which time they will tour county facilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until January 24, 2005.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; JJA/CC Director Wanda Backstrom; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; Health Administrator Billie Payne.

Others attending were: Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Richard Schultz and Daren Sanders, Miltonvale Fire District #3; Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Morris Gold and Ray Thomen, Gold-Thomen Financial Services Group; Arlene Clayton.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported that Guy Steier has been appointed as District Magistrate Judge.

He reported he is working with Pawnee Mental Health, Republic County, Belleville Police Dept., Mitchell County, Beloit Police Dept., Cloud County Sheriff and Concordia Police Dept. to implement a plan for transportation of persons to the Osawatomie State Hospital.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he is looking for a rock crusher. He reported the International Dump Truck that was purchased from Roberts Truck is in Belleville at Mid America Trucking getting the dump box installed. The new low-boy trailer that was purchased from Sellers Tractor should be here before the end of the month.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/CC Director gave the Commissioners an overview of the 3 programs available through JJA. She also presented the FY2006 Comprehensive Plan in the amount of $151,146., which was approved by the Board and signed by Commissioner Chartier on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Arlene Clayton was in to visit with the Commissioners regarding petitions.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Daren Sanders and Richard Schultz representing Miltonvale Rural Fire Dist #3 presented the grant agreement (Grant #05-PF-105) in the amount of $209,000. for the purchase of 2 fire trucks. The agreement was approved by the Board and signed by Commissioner Chartier on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board also approved an Administrative Agreement with North Central Regional Planning Commission for administrative services for the Fire District #3 grant.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director was in to ask permission to attend a 3 day conference in Newton in March, on waste management, recycling, and composting. The Board gave approval for him to attend this conference.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator was in to visit with the Commissioners concerning the Health Dept. reimbursement of benefits of Health Dept. employees. She asked if this could be changed when it is time to do the budget for 2006.

Payne also expressed concerns that the Registered Nurses and Home Health Aides would not be receiving raises since they were already at the 100% position salary. The Commissioners will look into this.

Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian presented a report for 2004 and gave the Commissioners an overview of the services offered.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Ray Thomen and Morris Gold, Morris-Gold Financial Services were in to visit with the Commission regarding business recruitment in Cloud County. They also informed the Commission about the Public Meeting at Cloud County Community College on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments to the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC). Those appointed were Bob Gering, Rural Fire Chief, FD#4; Dave Jones, Clyde Fire Chief; Billie Payne, Cloud County Health Dept.; Dan McReynolds, Cloud County Health Center; Gary Baldwin; Jeff Stricklin, Concordia Fire Chief; Richard Schultz, Miltonvale Fire Chief; Larry Bergstrom, Cloud County Sheriff; Arvid Flewelling, Rural Fire Dept. #1; SSgt. Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Burl Maley, Concordia Police Chief; Larry Brundrige, Valley Fertilizer; Andy Asch, County Hwy Administrator; Gary Caspers, County Commissioner.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the signature form to authorize a name change for authorized signers for the Rural Water District #1 grant.

Abatement #2004-95 thru 2004-97 in the amount of $751.98 were allowed on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the January 17, 2005 meeting were approved as amended. The cost of the mini-blinds for the County Clerk’s office should have been $80.00 per window instead of $88.00 per window as stated in the minutes.
Commissioner Chartier gave a report on the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting held in Junction City.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the expenditure of $700.00 to Infinitec for the payroll upgrade.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Cathy Forshee from Clerk to County Bookkeeper.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m. until January 31, 2005.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Bill Garrison and Gary Caspers and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney, Robert Walsh; Maintenance Manager, Jim Johnson; County Treasurer, Alice Walker; Highway Administrator, Andy Asch; Computer Technician, Jerry Collins.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton.

Arlene Clayton presented information on petitions and had questions concerning the wording on petitions.

County Attorney Robert Walsh and County Treasurer Alice Walker visited with the Commissioners about upcoming legislation. Walker reported the County’s share of sales tax received in 2004 was $576,460.16 and in 2003 the County received $503,916.92.

Walsh gave the Commissioners information about the School Resource Officer.

At Walsh’s request and on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous, the Board recessed into executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Also included in the executive session was Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson. The Board recessed at 9:26 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:31 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Fraser, unanimous vote, the Board approved a new hire for the Maintenance Department.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented information on the County’s snow removal, salt and sand policy.

Department payroll checks were signed and expense vouchers were reviewed.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician presented information about the contract and maintenance agreement with Infinitec for 2006.

Richard “Tex” Mills was in to confirm the Commissioners appointment with Republic and Washington County Commissioners in Belleville.

Commissioners Caspers and Garrison reported on the meeting they attended in Wichita for new Commissioners on January 27-28, 2005.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk presented the Commissioners with copies of the original personnel policy, as done by the Austin Peters Group several years ago.

The Board recessed at 11:45 to go to Belleville for a 1:00 appointment with the Republic and Washington County Commissioners.

At 1:00 Commissioners Chartier, Caspers and Garrison; County Clerk Linda Bogart; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Sherry Nelson, Secretary at the Transfer Station met with Republic County Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson; County Clerk Vicki Hall and Engineer Alvin Perez; Washington County Commissioners Gene Helms, Marcia Funke, Alison Mueller; County Clerk Louella Kern and Sandra Barnett, Washington County Solid Waste Dept. Also present was Randy Boehmke with Waste Management (Rolling Meadows). The group discussed general Solid Waste matters and possible money saving solutions for the Counties.

The Commissioners and County Clerk returned to the Cloud County Courthouse at 2:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Weed Director Ronald Thomas; Health Administrator Billie Payne. Others attending were: Darin Russell, CCCC; Deb Ohlde, Doug McKinney, Leon Atwell, John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reported on the Resource Officer for USD 333.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board signed a letter of support for the Concordia Senior Citizens Grant application for the purchase of a van for use by the Concordia Senior Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they would be receiving the dump truck and low boy trailer this week.

Asch reported on a Gravel Road Maintenance workshop to be held March 3 in Concordia by the Kansas Local Technical Assistance Program.

Asch also visited with the Commissioners regarding the 20MPH speed limit on the east/west St. Joe road.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director gave the Commissioner an update on his department. He presented the 2004 annual report for approval. The Board approved the annual report on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Thomas also invited the Commissioners to the annual Weed Conference to be held in Topeka on March 2nd.

Darin Russell with Cloud County Community College was in to visit with the Commissioners about the 40th Anniversary for CCCC.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a letter to Cloud County Convention & Tourism Committee commending their work on Tourism and also suggested they promote County-wide tourism.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported on Flu-shot clinics. She reported there is still a small amount of flu vaccine available at the Health Dept.

Payne reported on two (2) workshops she will be attending. She will attend a Forensic Epidemiology workshop on April 7 in Beloit and a Kansas WebEOC workshop on homeland security on March 16 in Salina.

Payne also asked about raises for some of her staff members. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a 3% cost-of – living raise for all employees who did not receive a raise when the salaries were increased to the 100% wage for each position.

Deb Ohlde, John Cyr, Doug McKinney and Leon Atwell with North Central Regional Planning Commission presented the Board with an overview of the services Regional Planning provides and also presented their annual report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. until February 14, 2005
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Highway Administrator Andy Asch; Clerk of District Court LeaDawn Welsh; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Health Administrator Billie Payne; Appraiser Barry Porter; Weed Director Ron Thomas; Solid Waste Director Richard Mills; County Agent Pat Gerhardt; Co. Treasurer Alice Walker.

Others attending were: Jerry Borgstadter, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers; Darin Russell Cloud County Community College; Kirk Lowell CloudCorp Director; Joe Breault CloudCorp President; Larry Eubanks Emergency Preparedness Director.

County Attorney Robert Walsh reported on an upgrade to the enhanced 911 dispatch service and the enhanced 911 wireless service. The City of Concordia has received a grant for $67,056.00 for this upgrade.

Signed Department payrolls.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Resolution #05-03 canceling check #009622 and Resolution #05-04 canceling check # 009628 were adopted on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed a contract with Doug Funk as Pharmacist for the Health Dept beginning January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed the contract with Justin Poore, D.O. as Cloud County Health Officer. The contract will run from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

The Board approved abatement #2004-98 through 2004-00124 totaling $8,375.60 on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator introduced Jerry Borgstadter with Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers from Ellsworth. Mr. Borgstadter told the Commissioners about the services available with his company such as bridge design, construction and inspection.

Asch presented two (2) utility agreements. The first was with Sprint for a telephone drop line on Iron and 160th Road and Iron and 170th Road. The second was an agreement with SBC for the installation of a telephone facility in the NW1/4 5-6-3 (West 11th St.) The Board approved the agreements on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Asch discussed a letter he received from Joe Detrixhe concerning driveway repairs at the Keith Buss residence. Asch will look into the situation since it is off county right-or-way.

Asch also discussed concerns from Jim Koch about the County snow removal policy.

The Commissioners held their monthly department head meeting.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of the District Court reported that Guy Steier will be sworn in as District Magistrate Judge on February 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. She wanted to thank Judge Eyer, Judge Bingham, and Judge Taylor for the help since Kathryn Carter resigned as District Magistrate Judge.

Joe Allen has signed the contract for Public Defender services. Regine Thompson has signed a supplemental contract for Public Defender services. Donna Long has signed a three (3) year contract as Court Trustee.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on the 911 and the wireless 911 enhancements.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported that Ken Davis is back from Iraq and will be returning to work in the near future.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported on the snow removal.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is working with the Road and Bridge Department on a data base for County bridges. He is also updating the Sheriff Department web page, it will include Cloud County’s Most Wanted.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the snow removal.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported on a Free dental clinic to be held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina on February 18–20, 2005. This clinic is sponsored by the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation. Payne reported the new Health Department signs are up and the new street sign in up. They have completed the annual employee evaluations which are required by Medicare. They have started working on the grant applications for the new grant year.
Barry Porter, Appraiser reported they are doing the final review of property and change of value notices will be mailed April 1, 2005. They are working with Rural Water District #1 to develop maps of the district. They will be receiving aerial maps from the State for rural Cloud County.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported they are working on their equipment.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he is obtaining information on markets for recyclables. He is also obtaining more information on the meeting with Republic and Washington Counties.

Pat Gerhardt, County Agent reported 4-H would be celebrating its 100th year anniversary this year. They will be conducting food safety training for restaurant managers. They are also working on the new extension district which will include Washington, Republic, Cloud and Clay Counties.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported on the scholarship given by the County Clerks’ Association each year. She handed out copies of the personnel policy for review and also a copy of the KCAMP newsletter.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported that the deadline to purchase tags for heavy trucks and trailers and also tags for persons whose name begin with “A” will be February 28th.

Darin Russell with Cloud County Community College presented a proclamation in support of the college’s 40th anniversary. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the proclamation.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director and Joe Breault, CloudCorp President presented the 2005 Funding Agreement. Commissioner Caspers made a motion to sign the funding agreement for the requested amount of $45,000.00, second by Commissioner Garrison. Commissioner Chartier voted against signing the agreement for the amount of $45,000.00. He would support the amount of $35,000.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director reported the 1988 Dodge Ram Charger, used by the storm spotters, is in need of repair. He asked the Commissioners for their opinion about purchasing a different vehicle or if he should consider making the repairs to the Ram Charger. The Commissioners suggested he check into using the pickup that was purchased with grant funds or if there is something in the grant that will not allow this.

Eubanks also reported they would be using the weather station building as a command center and office for emergency preparedness. They will be updating some of the equipment with the grant funds they received from the Homeland Security Grant.

Eubanks gave the Commissioners information on the Kansas Emergency Management Association.
The Board recessed at 12:12 p.m. They will resume at 1:00 p.m. and tour the County Yards, County Weed Dept., Transfer Station, and other County properties.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until February 22, 2005.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Richard Schultz, President Rural Fire District #3; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Dallas Nading, KNCK.

Board signed the Audit Information Form and approved the Fair Housing Notice for the CDBG Grants.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved paying the Pan American Highway dues for 2005 of $100.00.

The Commissioners discussed the Tourism Committee. The Board has had several complaints and concerns regarding the change of meeting times and lack of organized tours for sites throughout the County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the Certification of the Annual Report on Solid Waste.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Jim Anderson, Chairman of the Chemical Dependency Committee presented an overview of the Committee’s functions and presented the 2005 Funding Agreement. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the funding agreement.

Anderson also invited the Board to attend the annual Pacesetters Award Banquet to be held on March 10 at Uncle Gib’s Barn.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom and Undersheriff Donnie Kearn reported on an accident involving a patrol vehicle. The vehicle was a total loss. They will be replacing the vehicle with a 2004 Chevy Impala from Budreau Muffler & Tow for a purchase price of $11,995. A portion of the purchase price will be reimbursed by insurance.
The Board acknowledged changes for the Sheriff Dept. personnel; Ken Davis, who has returned from active duty in Iraq, from Part time Road officer to Full time Road Officer effective February 22; and Adam Sorell from Road Officer to Investigator effective February 20th and the resignation for Brad Swihart effective February 18th.

Richard Schultz, President of Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 was in to ask the Board to appoint Jason Mottin to the fire district board replacing Eddie Mottin and Robert Sulanka replacing Richard Sulanka. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous the Board approved these appointments.

Schultz also discussed the number of board members required, the fire district by-laws and a letter the Commissioners received from the Ottawa County Commissioners.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director reported he had checked on the use of the pickup that was purchased with grant funds. The conditions of the grant state, the pickup could only be used for administrative work, such as going to and from out of town meetings, and to pull the HAZ MAT trailer. If it is used for any other purpose the grant money would have to be repaid. The Commissioners suggested he ask for proposals on the purchase of a vehicle to replace the Dodge Ram Charger that is used by the storm spotters.

Dallas Nading with KNCK stopped in to thank the Commissioners for participating in coffee-time and the round table discussions. Nading also encouraged the Chairman to continue reporting the weekly Commissioners proceedings.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier reported on the Soil Conservation annual meeting held on February 17. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending a letter of congratulations to Raymond and Jolene Kindel for being awarded the 2004 Cloud County Bankers Conservation Award.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the Legislative Forum he attended on Saturday, February 19th. He will be attending a special work study session for North Central Regional Planning Commission on Thursday, February 24, 2005

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until February 28, 2005.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: County Attorney Robert Walsh; Sheriff Larry Bergstrom; Undersheriff Donnie Kearn; District Magistrate Judge Guy Steier; Computer Technician Jerry Collins; Maintenance Manager Jim Johnson; Community Corrections/JJA Director Wanda Backstrom.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton, Dolores and Maurice Landry.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported there is no uniform law that states you have to take bids for County purchases but it is good public policy to ask for bids.

Walsh will start formulating a written bid policy for the County.

Walsh discussed the Tourism Committee with the Board.

The Board received a call from the Ottawa County Commissioners regarding the letter that was sent about the appointment for Fire District #3 Board.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom and Undersheriff Donnie Kearn reported they had purchased a vehicle from Budreau Muffler since they were in need of a replacement patrol vehicle right away. The vehicle that was involved in the accident was towed in by Budreau’s and needed to be held in a secure place because of the amount of equipment that was on the vehicle. Budreau’s offered to remove the equipment from the wrecked vehicle and install it in the purchased vehicle.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator explained to the Board how his department handles bids and proposals for equipment.

Asch invited the Board to the North Central Kansas Highway Association District meeting will be held on March 24 in Junction City, Kansas.

Asch presented a utility agreement with Cunningham Telephone for the placement of a Fiber Optic Line, starting at the Mitchell County/Cloud County line East on Rock Road to 30th Road, North to Teal Road and then into Jamestown.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the agreement.
The Board may attend the yearly Aquila City/County Luncheon on March 2, 2005 at the City Hall Meeting room.

The Board adjourned at 11:58 a.m.
Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Jake Jacobs, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health; Carol Chartier and Martha Souchek boardmembers with Pawnee Mental Health; Dolores and Maurice Landry with the Travel and Tourism Committee.

Expense checks were signed.

County Attorney Robert Walsh and the Board held a preliminary discussion on a fulltime Emergency Preparedness Director position.

Walsh discussed the county’s compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act pertaining to exempt employees.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as amended. Amended to include review of expense vouchers and signed payroll checks for all departments.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the chairman sign a consent form for assignment of payment to the producer on County owned land.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the authorized signature forms for the Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 grant.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Aquila City/County meeting that he, Commissioner Garrison and County Clerk Bogart attended on March 2.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator invited the Board to the Kansas One Call Safety meeting to be held on March 17 at the American Legion Hall.

Asch reported he would be mailing proposal and bid forms next week for the purchase of a pickup.
Asch reported he would be contacting the City of Concordia concerning the Hill Street grading project.

Asch discussed the job descriptions for equipment operator and truck driver.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign a notice to the Lincoln Township Board for a Cereal Malt Beverage License application from the Sons of the American Legion.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign a Certificate of Resolution with AIG Valic for an amendment to the deferred compensation plan to be in compliance with IRS regulations.

The Board recognized the resignation of Adam Sorell as Investigator for the Sheriff’s Dept.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom and Undersheriff Donnie Kearns discussed the purchase of a central dictation system for recording of officers reports. They felt their reports would be filed quicker, save on mileage and officers time and the system should pay for itself within one year.

Jake Jacobs, Carol Chartier and Martha Souchek representing Pawnee Mental Health gave an overview of programs and services provided for children and gave an update on services provided for 2004. Jacobs reported their annual board meeting would be held in April.

At County Attorney Robert Walsh’s request and on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Also included in the executive session was County Clerk Bogart. The Board recessed at 9:36 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:40 a.m.

Maurice and Dolores Landry representing the Convention and Tourism Committee presented a Proclamation designating April as Stain Glass month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed the Proclamation.

Landry reported they will be having an open house at the churches in Clyde, Miltonvale, Glasco, Jamestown, Aurora and St. Joe on Sunday afternoon March 13 and possibly in Concordia on March 20 in honor of Stain Glass Month.

Landry gave the Commissioners copies of the minutes for the January board meeting and gave an overview of the February meeting. She reported the next meeting will be held on March 15 at Kristy’s Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until March 14, 2005.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 14, 2005
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Billy Payne, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Pat Gerhardt, County Agent; Alice Walker, Treasurer.

County Attorney Robert Walsh requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed at 9:02 a.m. and resumed at 9:12 a.m. Also included in the executive session was County Clerk Bogart.

Walsh discussed the Emergency Preparedness Director position with the Board.

Highway Administrator Andy Asch discussed the job descriptions of equipment operators and truck drivers. He also asked about the possibility of raises for the truck drivers. Commissioner Chartier was not in favor of making any changes or giving them raises at this time.

Commissioner Chartier asked Asch for a copy of the counties road surfacing policy. He asked Asch to review the policy and recommend any changes that might need to be made.

Asch discussed the speed limit thru of St. Joe, he will present a resolution next week for the change from 20MPH to 30MPH.

Asch reported on Bridge Project 15-C-386301 the deck was replaced last Monday.

Asch reported the work on Hill Street will start this week, if possible.

At 10:00 the Commissioners held their monthly department head meeting.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported mostly routine business.

Robert Wash, County Attorney reported the new Magistrate Judge has been sworn into office.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are working on the employee handbook for the new Extension District. Walk Kansas started March 13, 2005. Club Day with Republic County was held at Cloud County Community College on Saturday, March 12, 2005. They would be conducting gardening classes for Seniors starting the end of the month.
Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is updating the County web page (www.cloudcountyks.org). He is automating some forms for the Health Dept. and Sheriff’s Dept. Collins also reported the Infinitec users conference will be held May 17-19 in Topeka.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported she is working on 6 grants. They held a flu shot clinic last month at Mt. Joseph Senior Center. The Health Dept. had 457 walk-in clients for the month of February. On Tuesday April 5th the Health Dept. basement will be used as a polling place for the City/School General Election.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported his office will be finishing the property reviews in Concordia this week. The filing deadline for personal property sheets is Tuesday, March 15.

Alice Walker, Treasurer reported they will be printing second half tax notices, the deadline to pay second half taxes is May 10. Warrants for delinquent personal property went to the Sheriff last week. They will be paying out collected funds for January and February soon.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the surplus equipment was taken to the Optimist Sale.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported on the purchase of the central dictation system they will be purchasing.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are preparing for the April 5 City/School General Election.

The Board and department heads discussed revisions to the County personnel policy. The Board suggested they continue their review and report back at the next Department Head meeting with suggestions for revisions.

Cathy Feriend, Director of Club 81 gave an update on Club 81. She noted Club 81 is available for use by all Junior and Senior High Students in the County. They will be sending out fliers to all of the High Schools in the County to invite and inform those students about Club 81.

Feriend reported the average attendance for February was 97 and so far in March the average has been 111. She also reported there is no membership fee but there is an admission fee of $1.00 per person.

Feriend asks about the possibility of some financial support from Cloud County. Commissioner Chartier reported the County would usually donate to get a project going but does not usually support a Club annually.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator presented Grant Application Form for 6 grants: State Formula Grant (#1) for $7,325.00; Chronic Disease Risk Re (#2) $46,250.00; Family Planning (#5) $49,323.00; AIDS Counseling & Testing (#14) $4,501.00; Maternal & Child Health (#17)
Payne presented the seven (7) county Child Care Licensing Agreement for signature. The seven (7) counties include Smith, Jewell, Osborne, Republic, Mitchell, Lincoln and Cloud.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote for the Chairman to sign both the grant application form and the licensing agreement.

The Board approved abatements #2004-125 through 2004-00137 totaling $136.42 on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Environmental Review for RFD #3 Grant.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as amended. The previous minutes stated April was Stained Glass Month instead of correctly stating March is Stained Glass Month.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed two (2) canceled warrant resolutions. Resolution #05-05 to cancel check # 010228 issued on March 7, 2005 for $8.80 and Resolution #05-06 to cancel check #010228 issued on March 7, 2005 for $200.00.

Commissioner Caspers reported he will be attend the North Concordia Industrial Development meeting on March 15 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Commissioner Chartier reported he attended the Pace Setter Award Banques on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Uncle Gib’s Barn.

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Garrison will be attending a Financial Management Workshop in Salina on Friday, March 18.

Commissioner Garrison attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission annual meeting on March 10 in Clay Center. The speaker was Patrick Moore.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until March 21, 2005.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Nancy Owen, Personal Property Clerk; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; and Jerry Collin, Computer Technician.

Others attending were: Jacqueline Koch; Joe Strecker with EcoWater.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Tourism Committee meeting for February 15, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the March 14th meeting were approved.

Nancy Owen, Personal Property Clerk answered questions regarding abatements and refunds. The Board approved abatements #2004-138 thru #2004-139 in the amount of $100.52.

The Board received and reviewed the signed copy of the grant agreement for Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Chairman signed a Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Sons of the American Legion.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed a letter from Cook, Flatt & Strobel regarding bridge project 15C-3863-01.

Asch presented Resolution #05-07 changing the speed limit from 20MPH to 30MPH in St. Joe. Beginning approximately 170’East of the NE Corner of 28-6-3 thence East approximately 1320’ on Noble Road. Jacqueline Koch attended the meeting in support of the speed limit change. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Asch discussed the Road Surfacing Policy with the Board. He will bring more information next week regarding the cost to complete one (1) mile of road.

Asch discussed a request for a road vacation in the City of Hollis. The roads involved are the East/West Roads of Oak, Ash, Elm and Walnut; 5th St. all the way through Hollis; 2nd Street to Ash North, leaving Ash open from 2nd St. South.
Asch reported that over the weekend several trees had been cut and allowed to fall across County roads. The incident is under investigation and removal fees will be accessed if someone is identified.

Asch reported on the North Development Project meeting he attended.

Asch reported that tire bids should be returned by April 1 and the bids will be opened April 4.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the demolition project within the City of Concordia.

Mills reported Dan Koch would be in next Monday to sign the Solid Waste hauling contract, since he was unable to attend today’s meeting.

Commissioner Garrison asked if he (Mills) had received any further information concerning recycling.

Mills reported he had received a call from a rural Miltonvale resident regarding his Solid Waste billing.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented proposals for the purchase of a water softener for the Courthouse. He received proposals from Hood Heating for a 224,000 gram max capacity system in the amount of $3,499.00 w/o a meter and $4,330.00 with a meter. He received proposals from Jewell Plumbing in the amount of $5,120.76 for a system with a meter and $5,885.98 for an on demand system. Joe Strecker with EcoWater brought in and explained his proposal. He recommended an electronic demand unit that is a 300,000 grain unit for a cost of $4,813.59.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved purchasing a water softener unit from EcoWater.

Johnson also received proposals for an RO system to be installed in the employee break room. The expenses would be paid from the Employee contribution Fund. The Board suggested he survey the County employees to get their feelings and the need for this type of system.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician asked permission to attend the Infinitec Users Conference in Topeka on May 17-19. The Board approved his request.

The Board received a call from Betty Kuiken regarding the Tourism Committee Director position.

County Clerk Linda Bogart reported on the New Clerk’s School she attend on March 15 & 16.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, March 15.

Commissioners Garrison and Caspers attended a Financial Management workshop in Salina on
March 18.

Commissioners Chartier and Garrison attended the Kansas One Call meeting on March 17.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the signing of the amendments to the COBRA Flexible Spending Account with AFLAC.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 until Monday, March 28, 2005.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, Comm Corr/JJA Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diane McNichols, RN; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Jim George, George Motor Co.; Carol Miller and Shirley Stolzenburg with CASA; Nicki Taylor, Community Resource Council; Holly Brown, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Arlene Clayton, Carolee Miner, OCCK President/CEO; Patrick Wallerius, OCCK Vice President/Chief Financial Officer; Sheila Nelson-Stout, OCCK Vice President/Chief Operating Officer; Richard Schultz, President of Miltonvale Rural Fire Dist. #3; Sharon Coy and Jessica LeDuc, Blade Empire; Dolores and Maurice Landry, Lee Doyen and Susie Haver, Convention and Tourism Committee; Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian.

Signed Department Payroll Checks.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution for appointments to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. Those appointed were Holly Brown, Director Big Brothers Big Sisters; Brandi Hake, Court Services Officer; Brenda Hanson, Director of CCC, Career Center; their terms will begin immediately and run through June 30, 2006. Those appointed to fill vacated positions and remainder of terms were Doyle Alcorn, Jewell County Commissioner and Al Jo Wallace, Lincoln County Commissioner whose terms will expire on June 30, 2006. District Magistrate Judge Guy Steier was appointed to fill the remainder of a 2 year term which ends June 30, 2005.

The Board signed a letter to Betty Kuiken concerning the Tourism Director position.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator requested a classification change from truck driver to equipment operator for David Lanoue to be effective April 5, 2005. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Bids for a 2005 pickup for the Highway Department were opened:

Womack Sunshine Ford: 2005 F150 Extended Cab (3 door) $28,270.00 less trade in of $9,461.00 for a final cost of $18,809.00. George Motor Co. 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 ST Quad
Cab 4x2 $27,620.00 less trade of $11,695.00 for a final cost of $15,925.00. Babe Houser Motor Co. 2005 Chevy Silverado 1500 Extended Cab (3 door) $26,680.00 less trade in of $10,841.00 for a final cost of $15,839.00.

The Board recommended Asch review the bids and decide which vehicle would best meet the specifications.

Asch presented information on the resurfacing policy. The Board asked Asch to check with the surrounding Counties to see what type of resurfacing policy they have.

Asch discussed the road closings in Hollis. He will gather the necessary information to begin the process for closing the roads.

Asch reported he will be requesting proposals for the purchase of metal pipe in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Caspers reported on a road problem in Lyon Township (34-7-4).

Nicki Taylor, Community Resource Council presented a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed the proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the March 14 meeting were approved as written.

The County Clerk reported we have received a check for $262.80 from the Optimist Club for the sale of surplus equipment.

Abatement #2005-00140 thru #2004-00144 totaling $568.40 were approved on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

The Board authorized the County Clerk to send a letter to AFLAC to change the filing deadline for employee unreimbursed medical claims to be submitted from 90 days after the end of the plan year to 120 days.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about entertainment ideas for the Cloud County Fair. She also visited with the Board regarding the marking of the original town site of Concordia.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier reported they attended the NCK County Highway Officials Association meeting, at the new Convention Center, in Junction City on March 24.

Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian gave the Board a monthly update.

Commissioner Garrison will be attending the NCK Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, March 31.
Carolee Miner, OCCK President/CEO, Patrick Wallerius, Chief Financial Officer, and Sheila Nelson-Stout, Chief Operating Officer gave the Board an update on services provided by OCCK. They reported that OCCK serves approximately 2000 people per year in the 9 county area (Saline, Ellsworth, Dickinson, Ottawa, Lincoln, Mitchell, Jewell, Republic and Cloud counties). OCCK provides Infant and Toddler services in Cloud and Republic Counties. They participate in a statewide loan library for medical equipment and they will be starting a medical equipment recycling program. OCCK also provides public transportation services.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director was in to sign the hauling contract. Dan Koch with Koch Excavating did not come to the meeting, the contract will be signed at a later date.

Richard Schultz, President of Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 reported to the Board that the Fire District will be having a meeting Wednesday March 30 to prepare the final specifications for the fire trucks to be purchased with CDBG funds. He reported the specification information will also be available at the County Clerks Office. The Board set April 29 as the ending date to accept bids and the bid opening will be at the Commissioners meeting on May 2.

Dolores and Maurice Landry, Lee Doyen and Susie Haver representing the Tourism Committee reported Betty Kuiken will be leaving, as Director, on March 31.

Susie Haver presented the Board with a detailed accounting of the expenditures for 2004.

On motion by commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved reappointing the following representatives to the Tourism Committee (terms to expire in 2007) Dolores Landry, POW Camp; Lee Doyen, Historical Society; Sharon Dykes, Super 8 Motel; Kanu Patel, Econo Lodge.

Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Alfred Broady; Arlene Clayton, Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Dan Koch, Koch Excavating, Inc; Ronald Karn, Berry Tractor Co.

Signed expense checks.

The Board gave Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager permission to attend an ADA meeting in Dodge City on April 13.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Johnson and Alfred Broady discussed the use of the meeting room for non-denominational church services. Walsh stated the meeting room is available for the use of the public but it must be non-profit, non-political, must be an open meeting and safety rules and regulations must be followed. The Board agreed to let them use the meeting room for services.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the language and wording on petitions.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented tire bids. The only bid was received from Kansasland Tire for a total bid of $20,419.58. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous the Board accepted the bid.

Asch reported he had reviewed the pickup bids. All of the bids met the specifications but it was decided to go with the bid from George Motor Co. for a 2005 Dodge 1500 ST Quad Cab for a price of $15,925 after trade in.

Asch reported he will discuss the 5 yr KDOT project plan next Monday and the bridges to be included in the project.

Commissioner Garrison discussed removal of trees on County ROW in N1/2 1-8-2 in Oakland Twp.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed proposals he had received for vehicles. He received 3 proposals: 1995 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 4 door with 185,000 miles with a 3
year warranty for $7,000; A Nissan Xterra 4door 4x4 with 46,000 miles for $9,500; and a 2000 GMC ½T Sierra 4x4 with 74,000 miles for $14,000. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board decided to accept the proposal on the 1995 Chevy Tahoe.

Eubanks reported he would be attend an Air Mass Conference in Wichita on April 14-15 and he would be attending an Emergency Management Support Conference in Emporia on April 26-29.

Eubanks we would be receiving a Homeland Security Grant for next year in the amount of $86,203.00. Also, the 2005 State & Local Assistance Program grant would be $5,915.00.

The Board discussed the fulltime Emergency Preparedness Director position with Eubanks and County Attorney Walsh. They will present more information on the feasibility of this at a future meeting.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Dan Koch with Koch Excavating, Inc were in to sign the Solid Waste hauling contract. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted and signed the contract.

Mills reported on the Solid Waste Conference he attended in Newton.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom and Dan Dever with Marketing Concepts presented information on the educational material used in area Junior-Senior High School for drug education. He asked the Board to help purchase these materials for the schools. Since the cost is to be approximately $1800. the Board asked for a report and input from the schools as to whether the use of this material is working in the schools. Dever will get letters from the teachers and report back to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The County Clerk reported we have received a refund of $4,767.00 after the 2004 KWORCC audit was completed.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-09 to cancel check number 001313 in the amount o $323.00.

Abatement # 2004-146 totaling $1.10 was approved on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Convention & Tourism Committee held on March 15, 2005 and the special meeting held March 22, 2005.

Ronald Karn with Berry Tractor stopped to meet the Commissioners and discuss a rock crusher he Company has for sale.
Commissioner Garrison reported he had attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting held on Thursday, March 31.

The Board set the time of 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2005 to canvas votes for the City/School General election.

The Board adjourned at 11:52 a.m. April 11, 2005.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, CC/JJA Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Alice Walker, Treasurer.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton.

Signed Department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the flood plan for Cloud County. Walsh presented a Flood Plain Management Resolution for signature. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adopted and signed the Resolution.

Arlene Clayton discussed the Circus Valentine that was held at the Cloud County Fairgrounds on Saturday. She also discussed the wording for petitions.

At County Attorney Robert Walsh’s request and on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Also included in the executive session was Highway Administrator Andy Asch. The Board recessed at 9:26 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:31 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the projects to be included in the five year bridge plan: Project 15-C-3863-01 located 4 miles N and 2.8 miles West of Concordia; Project 15-C-3951-01 located 5 miles North and 1.7 miles west of Glasco (contract let date of October 2005); Project 15-C-4113-01 located ½ mile South and .8 mile West of Rice (contract let date of January 2007); Project 15-C-3919-01 located 2 Miles South and 4 ½ miles West of Concordia (contract let date of January 2008). Three additional bridges were added to the plan 1) 3 miles South and 1.7 miles West of Ames (contract let date of January 2009); 2) 4 miles South and .75 miles East of Jamestown (contract let date of January 2010); 3) 3.9 miles South and 0.5 miles East of Concordia (contract let date of January 2010). On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board approved the construction requests.

The Board approved a classification change for Graig Anderson from Construction Laborer to Truck Driver effective April 17, 2005.
Asch also discussed the increase in fuel prices. He reported to the Board a gallon of diesel purchased at the same time last year was $1.32 per gallon and this year it is $2.02 per gallon. Also unleaded gasoline purchased last year was $1.43 per gallon and this year was $1.59 per gallon.

Commissioner Garrison asked Asch what could be done about the condition of 50th Road South of Glasco. Asch reported he had looked at the road and road crews will continue working on the problem.

At 10:00 the Board held their monthly department head meeting.

Wanda Backstrom, CC/JJA Director reported that JJA/Community Corrections will have budget cuts for FY06. The amount of state and federal grant money they are receiving will be reduced.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the painting of the courtroom has been completed. He will try to have the fountain (ball) going this week if the weather permits.

Johnson reported the roof repairs were completed after the recent rains.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported on the county website. He suggested the departments might consider putting FAQ on the website.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported her department is doing Kindergarten screenings. They are preparing 3rd quarter grant affidavits which are due on April 15th and the HIPPA security plan due on April 21st.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are getting ready for their summer work.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported he is receiving phone calls, since the recent rains, regarding weed identification. They are getting ready to start spraying when the weather cooperates.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they have began to publish the Cloud County Crimestoppers they have made 2 or 3 arrests. They will possibly be remodeling the basement of the Law Center for use by the Ministerial Association and AA to meet with prisoners. They will be conducting radar certification classes on Tuesday, April 12.

Alice Walker, Treasurer reported second half tax statements have been mailed, and the filing date for second half payment is May 10. They will distribute these funds in June.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the election went well and there were no problems. They used the basement of the Cloud County Health Department for a polling place, which worked well. Cloud County will be one of the pilot counties for the new voter registration database to be implemented.
The Board reviewed the appraisal notices for County owned property in 27-7-2 (750 N 210th Rd) and 9-7-4 (876 Key Rd).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Chairman signed a Proclamation from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation designating April as Fair Housing month.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a Resolution to cancel check #009813 in the amount of $737.78.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. The proposal for the Emergency Preparedness vehicle should have said three year warranty on the transmission. The time of adjournment should have read until April 11, 2005.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until April 18, 2005.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, Com Corr/JJA Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Lee Doyen, Dolores Landry, Susie Haver, Tourism Committee Members; Joe Gerard, Arlene Clayton.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed with the Board and the Tourism Committee members the statutes regarding the collection of the bed tax and also the directors position.

Arlene Clayton discussed the entertainment for the Cloud County Fair and animal rights.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a contract for the County to supply hot-mix for the NE Development Project in the City of Concordia and the purchase of hot-mix for city streets. The Board reviewed the contract and asked Asch to bring more information next Monday.

Asch reported he met with KDOT and a representative from Campbell & Johnson regarding bridge project 15-C-3863-01.

Commissioner Caspers reported concerns about the lack of speed limit signs on Hwy 28 to Jamestown. Asch reported this is a State Highway but he will contact Leland Tice, District Highway Supervisor about the concerns he has received.

Wanda Backstrom, Comm Corr/JJA Director presented the FY06 Dept. of Corrections Comprehensive Plan for signature. Backstrom reported the plan is the same as for last year. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the plan was approved.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved applying for FY2005 unexpended prevention funds. If the funds are received they will be used to purchase material for the Parenting Classes.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff reported on the remodeling of the basement of the Law Center. When completed, it will be used for prisoner services by the Ministerial Association and AA. Bergstrom reported the cost would be approximately
$4,873.28 and asked if these expenses could come from the Special Building Fund. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the costs to be taken from the Special Building Fund.

Joe Gerard, who lives on Noble Road, visited with the Board about the trash that accumulates along the roadway due to uncovered and unsecured loads. The Board told Gerard the County does have a policy regarding secured loads and will look into the situation.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements #2004-147 thru 2004-00149 in the amount of $131.94.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioners Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Res 05-12 to cancel Check #001398 issued on April 4, 2005 in the amount of $109.50 and Res. 05-13 to cancel check #010371 issued on March 7, 2005 in the amount of $257.35.

Commissioner Caspers reported he has been asked to serve on the Chemical Dependency Committee. He has accepted this appointment.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Treasurers Bonds for Township officers.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until April 25, 2005.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Barry Porter, Appraiser.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Lowell Thoman; Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian and Gary May; Nadine Winkler, Katie Kalivoda, and Jacy Hernandez, CHS Government Students.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Signed department payroll checks.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about Jerry Moran’s Listening Tour held Friday at the Brown Grand Theatre.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the revised contract with the City of Concordia for the County to supply hot mix for city Streets. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Asch reported Cloud Ceramics has asked the County to delay the start of work on the brick plant road for approximately 30 days because of the heavy truck traffic due to the expansion project.

Asch reported Greg Dockins, Commissioners Garrison and Chartier may be attending a tour of the John Deere World Headquarters in Moline, Ill. and Davenport, Ia. On May 5-6 sponsored by Murphy Tractor.

Asch will be attending a Highway Administrators meeting in Salina April 27 – 29.

The Board discussed changing the re-surfacing policy due to the increase in gravel costs. The increase will be effective May 1 and change from $3.95 per ton to $4.05 per ton. Asch will make suggested changes to the Board next Monday.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director received 2 bids for the Ram Charger. The Board opened the bids from Kyle Krier for $225.00 and from Phil Sudduth for $234.00. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the bid of $234.00 from Phil Sudduth.
Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed a resolution from FEMA regarding the Flood Plain. He will gather the additional information requested and present the resolution for signature next week.

Barry Porter, Appraiser presented Resolution # 05-15 for the Appointment of County Appraiser and the Interlocal Agreement & Contract between Republic County and Cloud County for his services as County Appraiser from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution, Interlocal Agreement & Contract.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-14 to cancel check #001671 in the amount of $257.35.

Phil Conrad, District Sanitarian informed the Board he will be resigning as Sanitarian. He introduced Gary May who will be replacing him. Conrad presented a report on the number and status of the On-Site Permits from January 1, 2001 through April 22, 2005.

Commissioner Garrison reported he will attend the Kansas County Commissioners Association Annual Conference on May 11-13, 2005 in Topeka.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Patricia Pruitt, Isaiah Shepard, CHS Government Students; Elaine Florea; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Richard Schultz, Charles Pacey, Brent Halepeska, and Daren Sanders, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3; Jim Brandt, Kansas Truck Center; Richard Orton, Roberts Truck Center; Pat Gerhardt and Glenda Keller, River Valley Extension District.

Signed expense checks.

Abatements # 2004-150 thru #2004-152 in the amount of $920.88 were allowed on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the KWORCC 2004 Audited Financial Reports.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Janet Nease as Office Clerk in the County Clerk’s Office.

Commissioner Garrison reported he had attended the Regional Planning work study session on April 26. They discussed arranging a Leadership Conference for Groups but no decision was made.

Commissioners Garrison and Commissioner Chartier attended the Pawnee Mental Health Annual Banquet on April 26.

Commissioners Garrison, Caspers and Chartier attended the CASA Awards Banquet on Friday, April 29.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reviewed a letter from Campbell & Johnson concerning Bridge Project 15-C-3863-01.
Asch discussed the County re-surfacing policy with the Board. It was recommended to increase the land-owners share of gravel cost from $2.20 per ton to $2.50 per ton. Asch reported that gravel prices have increased 3 times since the County policy has been changed. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved in increase.

The Board recognized the resignation of Kevin Bourne as part-time custodian at the Road and Bridge Department.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported that within the next few weeks New Global Com, Inc. would be doing an electronics cleanup in Cloud County. They will be collecting computer equipment, VCR and DVD players, cameras, cell phones, sewing machines, printers, copiers, televisions. The date for this cleanup will be advertised in the local newspapers.

Doug McKinney, Regional Planning; Richard Schultz, Daren Sanders, Charles Pacey, and Brent Halepeska, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3; Jim Brandt, Kansas Truck Center; Richard Orton, Roberts Truck Center were present for the bid openings for 2 Fire Truck Cab and Chassis. Kansas Truck Center (Freightliner) presented a bid of $80,845. and Roberts Truck Center (International) presented a bid of $83,044.

Representatives of the Fire District recommended the bid of $80,845. from Kansas Truck Center. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recommended accepting the low bid from Kansas Truck Center for the 2 Fire Truck cabs and chassis. Recommendations will now be sent to the Kansas Department of Commerce for final approval.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy for the Fire District #3 and Rural Water District #1 grants.

Pat Gerhardt and Glenda Keller with the River Valley Extension gave the Board an update on the progress of the new district, which will be in place July 1.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff visited with the Board about the remodeling in the basement of the Law Center.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until May 9, 2005.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Alice Walker, Co. Treasurer.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Rick Shupe, Roberts Truck Center; Doug McKinney, Regional Planning; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Richard Schultz, and Daren Sanders, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3; Arlene Bray and Stan Tenopir, Cloud County Conservation District; Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health.

Signed Department Payroll Checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he is gathering the additional information requested from FEMA for the floodplain.

At the request of Commissioner Chartier and on motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and property acquisition. Also included in the executive session was County Attorney Robert Walsh. The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:20 a.m.

Arlene Clayton inquired about an Emergency Crisis Team in Cloud or Republic Counties. Walsh informed her of the process that needs to be followed in reporting an emergency situation.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Utility Agreement with Sprint for buried service wire between Section 15 & 22 of 7-8-5 on Hawk Road (approx. ¼ mi. West of the Jamestown/Glasco blacktop Road). On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the service request.

Asch reported they would start spraying right-of-ways this week, weather permitting. They will start the hot-mix plant and work will start on the brick plant road next week.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments of Lincoln and Oakland Township Treasurers.

At 10:00 the Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported that WALK KANSAS has ended. There were a total of 137 people who participated. The miles walked, by the participants, was equal to the number of miles across the United States nine times.

Gerhardt reported the Cloud County FCE Spring Luncheon would be held on Thursday, May 12. The program “Flour to Finish” will be presented by Rita Hosie. She is discussing the production and inspection of breads for General Mills.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is completing upgrades on County computers. He reported on the use of the County website, stating there is a link from as far away as Holland, and that students are using the website to do reports on Stain Glass and other topics.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported this week is National Nurses Week. She reported she has finished the HIPAA Security Manual and they are preparing for MCH site visit and audit next week. She reported the kindergarten physicals are complete and they have conducted immunization clinics at the High Schools.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported the property valuations have been sent out. He reported the Real Estate appeals have ended and there is one week left to appeal Personal Property Valuations.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported routine activity in the Sheriff’s Dept.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported they are ready to start spraying, whenever the weather will cooperate and they are starting to do inspections.

Alice Walker, Treasurer reported the deadline for 2nd half 2004 taxes is May 10.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are ready to begin spraying right-of-ways. They will begin work on the brick plant road and start up the hot mix plant next week.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported she and Peg Powell attended the State County Clerk and Election Officials meeting in Salina last week. They are getting ready to start budgets.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on courtroom security.

Commissioners Chartier and Garrison reported on their trip and tour of the John Deere Headquarters in Moline, Ill. and Davenport, Ia.
Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director asked permission to draft a letter to the Burlington/Northern/Santa Fe RR concerning the crossing upgrade and signal on the brick plant road. He will draft the letter and return it for the Commissioners signature.

Doug McKinney, Regional Planning; Richard Schultz and Daren Sanders representing Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 and Rick Shupe, Robert Truck Center met with the Board concerning the bids for 2 fire trucks.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board rescinded the motion made on May 2, 2005 to accept the bid from Kansas Truck Center for the purchase of 2 fire trucks. On further inspection by the Fire District Board, Kansas Truck Center could not guarantee the build and delivery date required.

The Fire District Board Members suggested the Board award the contract to Roberts Truck Center. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board moved to accept the bid of $83,044. (total bid of $166,088) for the purchase of 2 fire trucks and award the contract to Robert Truck Center. The Chairman signed the contract for this purchase.

Arlene Bray and Stan Tenopir, representing the Cloud County Conservation District presented the District’s appropriation request for the 2006 budget. The request was for $18,098, which is the same amount requested in 2005. The Board will take this request under advisement during the preparation of the County budget.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director present the State Highway contract for weed spraying on Highway Right-of-Ways. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health presented a proclamation designating May as Mental Health Month. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved and signed the Proclamation.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until May 16, 2005.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Bruce Clark; Susie Haver, Cloud County Convention & Tourism Committee.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed concerns about recent activities taking place at the Rock Quarry.

Walsh requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters. On motion from Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board recessed at 9:21 a.m. and resumed at 9:26 a.m. Also included in the executive session was Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Jim Blazek as a seasonal employee in the Road and Bridge Dept.

Asch reported they would be starting work on the brick plant road today. The first section will be closed from the brick plant west to the bridge.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented information recycling locations.

The Board approved an agreement with New Global Com, Inc. for the electronics recycling, which will be held in the near future.

Mills reported the CD Site remodeling is complete, except for the grass planting and the erosion control.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Bruce Clark were in to discuss replacing a tree on the Courthouse lawn, near the Memorial. The Board suggested they talk with Todd Whitney, from the Extension Office, to see what type of tree would be best for the space available.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements #2004-153 thru #2004-159 in the amount of $96.44.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the KCCA annual meeting held in Topeka on May 11-13.

Susie Haver, Tourism Committee stopped by to invite the Board to the NCK Tourism meeting to be held on May 19.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until May 23, 2005.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Marge Widen, Barbara Johnston, Gaye Newlin, Lincoln Township Board Members; Sharon Coy, Blade Empire; John States, President of Concordia Ministerial Assoc.; Chuck Knapp, USD 333 Board Member; Steve Champlin, CCCC; Michelle Culwell, Denise Stover, Judy Hill, USD 333 Instructors; David Redman and James Helton, Concordia Wesleyan Church; John Hake; Kyle Culwell; Patrick Wallerius, Carolee Miner, Sheila Nelson-Stout, OCCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director.

Signed Department Payroll Checks.

During public comments Michelle Culwell, USD 333 Instructor, read a prepared statement regarding the recent activities at the Rock Quarry. The group’s main concern was if the Board would establish rules and regulations regarding the minimum age for admittance and establish rules for moral conduct at the Rock Quarry.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney advised the Board not to make a decision today but they should consider all of the County options regarding this matter. Commissioner Chartier stated the Board appreciated the citizens coming in to express their concerns on this issue.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the 1st section of the brick plant road is being regraded before the lay down is started. The lay down machine that is being rented from Victor L. Phillips will be here on June 1.

Asch reported they are working on the 3rd mile of the Scottsville Road.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Kalyn Pearson as a part time custodian and the Road and Bridge Dept. at the rate of $6.00 per hour.

Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius and Sheild Nelson-Stout with OCCK were in to present the 2006 Budget appropriation request for OCCK. The request in the amount of $106,299 will represent an increase of 3% or $3,096. The Board will take the request under consideration at Budget time.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the
Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the
Board approved the accounts receivable amounts to be written off for the Health Dept. in the
amount of $14,900.32.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote for
the Chairman to sign Resolution # 05-16 this is the 2nd Resolution required for participation in
the National Flood Insurance Program.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the
Board approved Abatements # 2004-160 thru #2004-163 in the amount of $137.40.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director presented the draft of a letter to Burling/Northern/Santa Fe
Railroad and Kansas Dept of Transportation for the Railroad crossing improvements on the
Brick Plant road. Lowell will make the suggested changes to the letter and return it to the Board
this afternoon for signatures.

Commissioner Chartier gave an overview of the Mid State Port Authority. On motion by
Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved
Resolution # 05-17 for the nomination of Troy McCune and William Kaumans to serve an
additional four-year term, commencing June 1, 2005 and Von Fahrenbruch to fill the unexpired

Commissioner Caspers reported he had attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting
Held on Friday, May 20.

Gary May, District Sanitarian discussed a completion date for the waste water lagoon at
Walthers Oil Co.

The Board recessed as 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and Kirk Lowell presented the letter to the Burling/Northern/Santa Fe Railroad and Kansas Department of Transportation for the Railroad crossing improvements on the Brick Plant road.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
Board approved and signed the letter to the Railroad and KDOT for Railroad crossing
improvements.

The Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m. until Tuesday, May 31, 2005.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Matt Hood, Manager Rock Quarry; Danny McReynolds, Treasurer of Cloud County Fair Board; Scott Henderson, President of Cloud County Fair Board; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director.

The Board reviewed department expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he had received a draft of a letter from Gilmore & Bell for the Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the NorKan Fertilizer, LLC project.

Walsh will notify Gilmore & Bell of the necessary name changes on the letter and have it ready for the Board signatures next week.

Matt Hood, Rock Quarry Manager, presented a written statement concerning the Rock Quarry.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the progress of the Hill Street project and the progress on the Brick Plant road.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Robert Letourneau as a Construction Laborer for the Road and Bridge Dept., effective June 12, 2005.

Asch reported they have gone to summer hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., effective May 31, 2005. The hours will be in effect until Labor Day, September 5, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Notice of Road Vacation for the City of Hollis. (Located in the City of Hollis SW1/4 S1/2 NW1/4 9-5-2 and NW1/4 N1/2 SW1/4 9-5-2, Cloud County, Kansas all East/West Streets in the City of Hollis except Main Street and all North/South Streets (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets), except 1st Street (County Road 203rd Road) and 6th Street (County Road 200th Road) and all alleys located in the City of Hollis.) The Hearing was set for June 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room at the Cloud County Courthouse.
Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a hiring request. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Jamie Koch as a parttime corrections officer.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Tourism Committee meeting held on May 10, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the CloudCorp meeting and North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended.

Scott Henderson, President of the Cloud County Fair Association and Danny McReynolds, Treasurer of the Cloud County Fair Association presented the 2006 budget appropriation request in the amount of $33,000. The Board will take the request under advisement when the County budget is prepared.

Henderson reported the Commercial Building is being used by local auctioneers, to hold auctions, since the Armory is closed for remodeling. The Fair Association is checking into the cost of having the Commercial Building insulated so that it can be utilized year around.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director reported he had received a voice mail and letter from Shane Hennes with KDOT. Lowell reported representatives from KDOT and Burlington/Northern/Santa Fe Railroads will be in Concordia on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. to do a site visit of the crossing on the Brick Plant Road. The Board may attend this site visit.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 6, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway, Highway Administrator; Nancy Owen, Personal Property Clerk; Carol Miller, CASA Director; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: John States, Concordia Ministerial Association; Ron Elniff; Lee Doyen, Tourism Committee; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Larry Henry and Judy Womack, CASA Board Members; Nancy Jones, Don Menard and Gertrude Poe, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Jake Jacobs and Martha Soucek, Pawnee Mental Health; Arlene Clayton.

Signed department payroll and expense checks.

John States and Ron Elniff asked the Board if they had made a decision on the Rock Quarry and visited about other matters. The Board stated they have not made a decision as per the advise of the County Attorney. Mr. Elniff stated he would hate to see the Rock Quarry closed since it is a meeting place for College students and former students but they possibly need to regulate the age limit since it is a meeting place for teens and young adults.

Lee Doyen, Tourism Committee reported Barbara Henry is the new Tourism Director. He also invited the Board to the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 12:00 at the Chamber Office.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported work will be starting on the City streets this week. They will continue mowing and should finish spraying soon weather permitting.

Commissioner Caspers discussed concerns he received about property taxes on the sale of boats and campers by a licensed dealer.

Nancy Owen, Personal Property Clerk gave the Board information about boat and camper sales and licenses. Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks has told the Appraisers Office that in order to be a licensed dealer in Kansas you must sell three (3) boats per year.

Board reviewed a copy of a letter from Gary May, District Sanitarian to Debra Beems of Walthers Oil Co..
Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director presented the 2006 Funding Request for CloudCorp of $45,000. This is the same amount requested in 2005. They also requested an additional $6,000 for a potential supplemental funding request for Gold-Thomen business recruitment efforts.

The Board will take the request under advisement when doing the County budget.

Carol Miller, CASA Director, Larry Henry and Judy Womack, CASA Board Members gave a report on CASA and the number of children served. Since the program was created in 1994 they have served 243 children in 6 county area, which includes Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic and Washington Counties.

The Board will take the request under advisement when doing the County budget.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) funds to be applied for will be reduced to $4,255. This will require a match from Court Services funds on $473.00. These grant funds will be used for surveillance.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the grant.

Backstrom also presented a line item revision for 2005 for JJA Funds to be used for specific purposes such as vehicle purchase, safety training, case manager wages, computer licenses for staff, replace server and drug testing supplies.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the line item revisions.

Backstrom presented the FY06 grant conditions for JJA, which are the same as last year. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the conditions and approved having the Chairman sign.

Nancy Jones, Don Menard and Gertrude Poe with the Cloud County Commission on Aging presented a request for the Board to approve an amendment to the Commission on Aging By-laws. The amendment would reduce the number of members on the Commission on Aging Board from 22 to 15.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the amendment to the By-Laws.

Jones presented the 2006 budget appropriation request for the proceeds of 1 mill. This request is the same as last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when doing the County Budget.

Jake Jacobs and Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health presented the 2006 Budget appropriation request. They are requesting a 5% increase over last years request of $68,064.
The Board will take the request under advisement when doing the County budget.

Jacobs reported that 25% of their budget goes to Indigent services.

Commissioner Caspers reported on a meeting he attended with Senator Brownback’s Chief of Staff which was held on Tuesday, May 31.

The Board attended the site visit with KDOT and Burlington/Northern/Santa Fe Railroad representatives at the Railroad crossing on the brick plant road on Wednesday, June 1, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-17 to cancel check #002481 in the amount of $1,283.00.

The Board recognized the resignation of Janet Nease as Nelson Township Treasurer.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-18 Concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles.

Arlene Clayton reported the Morrison Cemetery looked very good for the Memorial Day Holiday. She told the Board the National Historical Preservation Society has funds available to put more buildings on the National Register. She was wondering if the Concordia High School Building might be eligible and who might be responsible to do this.

The Board recessed at 12:00 and will resume at 1:00 p.m. at the Health Dept.

The Board adjourned at 3:20 p.m. until Monday, June 13, 2005
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
June 13, 2005
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Cloud County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session of the June meeting at 9:00 a.m. on, June 13, 2005 with Chairman Richard Chartier; Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and Deputy County Clerk Peggy Powell, present.

County Staff attending was: County Highway Administrator, Andy Asch; Rob Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Barry Portor, Appraiser; Alice Walker, County Treasurer; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; and Jerry Collins, Computer Tech.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected on motion made by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Utility and Credit Card Checks were signed.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on recent activities concerning the Rock Quarry.

At the request of County Attorney Robert Walsh and on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters. The Board recessed at 9:02 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:12 a.m.

Walsh also reported he had attended the KCDAA meeting June 6th and 7th in Wichita. The meeting focused on the seriousness of drugs.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the water from recent rains filling ditches and running across roadways in the Miltonvale area.

Asch also reported that the County had hauled millings and put on the fairgrounds roads. Road work on the Scottsville road will be put on delay till after harvest.

Ash reported on the problem with soft spots on Hill Street that need to be fixed. Ash reported the problem had been brought to the cities attention.

Ash presented a Utility Agreement with Sprint United Telephone for buried service wire along county road right-of-way in SW ¼ of section 33-6-2. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the service request.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.
Barry Porter, Appraiser reported the valuations for 2005 had been certified to the County Clerk and that the office was busy with routine business.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the maintenance department had been busy painting and keeping up with the mowing.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer said everything in her office was pretty routine at this time.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported that his office is busy learning to operate the new Dictaphone. This will help his officers with the paper work.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator commended Charles Matthews, custodian for the good job he did with the painting at the Health Department. Payne also reported that her office is busy doing child health physicals.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported on the problems with Spy Ware and the upgrading of computers in the County Offices.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department had been busy with the Hill Street Road project, the Brick Plant Road project and with water filling ditches and running across roads in the Miltonvale area.

At 11:00 Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented four bids for opening. The bids were for new vehicles for her department. Bids were received from George Motor Company, Babe Houser Chevrolet Company, Beloit Motor Company, and Beloit Auto & Truck. Backstrom will return next week with her recommendation.

Billie Payne, County Health Administrator presented the School Nursing Contract for USD #334 which will run from July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006. Motion was made by Commissioner Garrison to allow for Chairman Chartier to sign the contract and motion second by Commissioner Caspers. Unanimous vote. Chairman Chartier signed the contract.

The Board approved a pay raise for Cynthia Weber, FD/Imm PH nurse from $14.94 to $15.19 per hour effective June 13, 2005.

The Board approved a classification and pay raise for Doris Bergstrom from HHA-HSHV at $8.50 per hour to Clerk WIC/HSHV at $9.00 per hour effective June 6, 2005.


The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until June 20, 2005.
The Cloud County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session of the June meeting at 9:00 a.m. on, June 13, 2005 with Chairman Richard Chartier; Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and Deputy County Clerk Peggy Powell, present.

County Staff attending was: County Highway Administrator, Andy Asch; Rob Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Billie Payne, Health Administrator & Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer Elect.

Others attending were: John L. Mosher, Mary Dean Nelson, Linda j Palmquist, Richard Wahl, Lyle Morgan, Richard Comfort, Larry Eubanks and Carl Eyman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion made by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Payroll Checks were signed for all Departments

At the request of County Attorney Robert Walsh and on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote, the Board recessed into executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters. The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. and open session resumed at 9:10 a.m. A second executive session was called for at 9:15 a.m. upon motion made by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Caspers-unanimous vote. open session resumed at 9:25 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers and second by Commissioner Garrison- unanimous vote; Chairman Chartier signed the Proposed Issuance of $3,000,000 Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series A, 2005 and Series B, 2005 for NorKan Fertilizer, LLC.

Chairman Chartier also signed the Proposed Issuance of $1,200,000 Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series C, 2005 for NorKan Fertilizer, LLC.

Resolution #05-19 was approved by the Board and signed by Chairman Chartier confirming appointments to the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion made by Commissioner Caspers and second by Commissioner Garrison-unanimous vote.

At 9:30 a.m. the hearing was held to vacate the following roads, to wit:

Located in the City of Hollis (SW ¼ S ½ NW ¼ 9/5/2 and NW ¼ N ½ SW 1/4 9/7/2), Cloud County, Kansas and all East/West Streets in the City of Hollis except Main Street and all
North/South Streets (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets) except 1st Street (County Road #203rd Rd) and 6th Street (County Road #200th Rd) and all alleys located in the City of Hollis.

John L. Mosher attended the hearing on the road vacation

The Board approved and signed for the closing of the roads on motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Caspers—unanimous vote.

Ash reported the work on Hill Street was completed as of Friday, (June 17, 2005) and work on the Brick Plant Road had started today (June 20, 2005) and would probably take two weeks to complete.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a grant application for the Cloud County Health Department.


At 10:30 Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented her recommendation for the new vehicle for her department. Upon Wanda’s recommendation the Board approved the purchase of a 2005 Chevy Trailblazer from Babe Houser Chevrolet at a price of $18,000. Motion for the purchase was made by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers—unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison to approve a line item adjustment to JJA—motion carried.

Attorney, Richard Comfort and County Attorney, Robert Walsh reported on the Juvenile Detention Center at Junction City. Comfort told how it benefits the counties with help with 10-17yr old offenders. Comfort also explained how the budget was spent. The Center serves fourteen counties in Kansas.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director requested an additional $7,000 be added to the Emergency Preparedness fund to carry him through the year. The request came due to the shortness of funds after purchasing a vehicle.

Sheryl Williams, Treasurer Elect reported that she will be looking for and has published for help in the County Treasurers Office. Salaries were also discussed.

Carl Eyman, KWORC updated the Board on the amount of claims and the causes for claims in Cloud County for 2004. Eyman reported that most claims came from the Road & Bridge Department. Eyman suggested that a Safety Coordinator might be appointed.
Commissioner Caspers reported he had attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting last Friday morning. The committee discussed the possibility of having the Highway Patrol display the roll-over car at the Cloud County Fair. They also discussed having a booth at Fall Fest to make people aware of what Chemical Dependency is and what they do to help.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until June 27, 2005.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented a Roadway Resurfacing Agreement with Burlington, Northern, Santa Fe Railroad. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the agreement.

The Board discussed rules and regulations for the Rock Quarry. Commissioner Caspers proposed the age limit to enter the Rock Quarry to be 18 years of age, with the following exceptions; school sponsored events, family events, such as wedding receptions, etc, where school officials or parents accompany those under 18 years of age or teen events where no alcohol is to be served. It is strongly suggested management of the Rock be encouraged to more closely monitor those events which could lead to the violation of any laws.

The Board tabled this until Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at which time the Board will take action on this proposal.

Commissioner Chartier presented the Emergency Operations Plan for Cloud County. He suggested having the County Attorney and Sheriff review the Plan before it is approved.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the progress on the Brick Plant Road.

Asch suggested the County purchase the 2004 lay-down machine from Victor L. Phillips. He reported the list price is $131,097, less government discounts the final cost would be $87,200. We are currently renting this machine for $6,200. per month.

Commissioner Garrison made a motion to purchase the lay down machine at a cost of $87,200. Motion was tabled until Tuesday, July 5.

Commissioner Chartier reported he had been asked about the driveway and lot at the Texaco Travel Center. Asch suggested we not get off Right of Way.
Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about United Bank & Trust (Gold Bank) and the Fall 2005 Allied Health Courses offered through Cloud County Community College.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he has completed the annual Regional Planning Report.

Mills will be writing a site rule concerning employees unloading pickups for citizens.

Mills reported he has received a letter from KDHE stating there will be one million dollars in grant money available for recycling. The Board asked Mills to look into this and call KDHE for a grant application.

The Board reviewed a letter from KDHE which will serve as the permit renewal for Solid Waste for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous minutes as written.

The Board reviewed a letter from KWORCC concerning drug and alcohol testing of employees. They will discuss this with the County Attorney before signing the agreement.

The Board reviewed a Resolution from Washington County concerning their withdrawal from the Mid-State Port Authority.

The Board approved Resolution #05-20 to cancel outstanding checks in the amount of $1,165.82. Theses checks are over 2 years old and have not been cashed.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2004-00164 through 2004-00165 in the amount of $143.12.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Trisity R. Mason as part-time Home Health Aide effective June 23, 2005 at $8.00 per hour with no benefits.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved COLA raises for State Employees for JJA/Community Corrections effective June 26, 2005. The new hourly rates are based on the State Funded pay scale.

The Board may attend the activities at Cloud Ceramics on July 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. which are part of the Kansas bus tour for Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

The Board adjourned at 11:41 a.m.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JULY 5, 2005  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on July 5, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent.

Others attending were: Sharon Coy, Blade Empire; Dave Divilbiss, Sales Representative with Victor L. Phillips; Carl Eyman, KWORCC; Larry Uri.

Signed payroll and expense checks.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported on the grant that is available for recycling. The Board gave Mills permission to contact Regional Planning for help in filling out the grant application.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Carl Eyman, KWORCC Loss Prevention Representative discussed appointing Johnson as safety coordinator for Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Johnson as safety coordinator.

Johnson requested raises for Chuck Mathews and Kent Taylor they have both completed their introductory period for their positions. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing their hourly rate to $7.00 per hour effective July 10, 2005.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Dave Divilbiss, Sales Representative for Victor L. Phillips discussed the purchase of the asphalt lay-down machine we are now renting. Divilbiss reported if the machine is purchased, Victor L. Phillips will waive any rent owed for the use of the machine. He also reported the machine will be under warranty until October 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of the asphalt lay-down machine from Victor L. Phillips at a cost of $87,200.

Asch presented proposals for the purchase of culvert pipe and supplies. The proposals received were from: DC Wholesale $6,242.14; Welborn Sales $6,282.50 and JJ Drainage $7,110.45.
Asch reported all of the proposals meet specifications and suggested we accept the proposal from DC Wholesale. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of culvert pipe and supplies from DC Wholesale.

Asch present a Right of Way use permit with Rural Water District #1 for buried waterline for service at 1516 Key Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Right of Way Use permit.

Asch reported the asphalt work should be completed on the Brick Plant Road this week.

Asch reported he received an e-mail from KDOT saying there is federal money available for repair of flood damage that has occurred to County roads. He estimated the cost Cloud County has incurred due to flood damage is $7,910.37. If the total damage in the state reaches a total of $700,000 then we could receive the Federal money.

The Board acknowledged the loss of a faithful Cloud County employee to a tragic accident last week and extended their sympathy to the family.

Susie Haver, Convention and Tourism Committee presented their proposed 2006 budget in the amount of $27,000. The total amount available will depend on the amount of guest tax received.

Larry Uri present the Board a check for $93.51, this is the balance of funds for the Marian Ellet Fountain Fund.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed at 2:33 p.m. and open session resumed at 2:43 p.m.

Walsh and the Board discussed regulations for the Rock. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the age limit to enter the Rock Quarry be 18 years of age, with the following exceptions: school sponsored events, family events, such as wedding receptions, etc. where school officials or parents accompany those under 18 years of age, or special teen events where no alcohol is to be served. Strongly suggest management of the Rock be encouraged to more closely monitor those events which could lead to violation of any laws.

Walsh will work up a resolution for signature next week.

The Board asked Walsh to check into the regulations to regulate adult book stores.

The Board reviewed a copy of a letter from Campbell & Johnson to Vincent Roofing regarding the Courthouse roof repair.

The Board recognized the resignation of Rick Radcliffe from the Pawnee Mental Health Board.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board allowed abatements $2004-00166 through 2004-00167 in the amount of $7,131.76.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent for River Valley Extension District #4 presented the Board with new their new business cards.

Gerhardt invited the Board to be VIP Judges at the Cloud County Fair on July 19, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ayres Shelterhouse.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The Board discussed temporary health insurance for deceased employees spouse. The Board agreed to pay one month premium.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until July 11, 2005.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, Deputy Co. Treasurer; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Alice Walker, Treasurer; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections/JJA Director.

Others attending were: John States, Concordia Ministerial Association; Arlene Clayton; Dana Brewer; John Denney, Pierce, Faris & Co. Chartered; Rob Unruh, Public Land Manager for Ks. Wildlife & Parks; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he and Sheriff Larry Bergstrom have reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan for Cloud County and it is ready to be given to the Emergency Preparedness Director.

The Board discussed the Resolution on regulations and fines for facilities serving alcoholic beverages in the County. Walsh recommended the Board consider a maximum fine of a $500 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

Sheryl Williams, Deputy Co. Treasurer reported she has hired JoDee LeDuc effective August 1, 2005. Commissioner Caspers moved to approved this hire. Motion was tabled. The Board suggested that a policy be made stating new employees would be subject to an introductory period the length of which would be specified by the department head. During the introductory period the employee would receive a percentage of the recommended salary for that position.

Sheriff Larry Bergstrom reported that the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) will be here on August 1, 2005 to present training for local law enforcement officers. They will conduct a public forum on August 1, 2005 from 6:30 – 9:30 at Cloud County Community College. He will have more information later.

John States, Concordia Ministerial Association thanked the Board for their proactive response on the issue of the Rock and starting to work on the issue of pornography.

States informed the Board of an informational meeting Thursday night, July 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Cook Theatre at Cloud County Community College. The speaker will be Phillip Cosby from Dickinson County.
States reported the Ministerial Association is trying to work with local businesses to comply with the State laws regarding pornography.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the four banks that have agreed to loan money for the movie theatre project.

County Attorney Robert Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:29 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:34 a.m. Also included in the session was Highway Administrator Andy Asch.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported work on the brick plant road and the entrances to the brick plant.

Asch reported the grading was completed on the Scottsville Road and they are ready to start hauling rock for the base.

Asch reported they will start work on Valley Street today and should be completed Tuesday.

The Board may attend the Waste Management Committee meeting Wednesday night, July 13, 2005.

Commissioner Chartier suggested paying tribute to employees that have died during their employment with Cloud County. The Board asked the County Clerk to check into the prices of such a plaque.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed Resolution #05-21 to designate Central National Bank as a County depository.

The Board conducted the regular monthly Department Head meeting.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported that over the last 2 months the dollar amount of mortgages filed has doubled. Ferguson reported that for the most part these are new mortgages and not due to refinancing of Real Estate property.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been working to keep the virus protection up to date on the County computers and is updating department web pages. Collins reported each time the County Most Wanted List has been updated there has been at least one arrest.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported the grant revisions for 2005-2006 have been sent in ahead of time. They have a new part-time home health aide and they are keeping very busy as they have 54 Home Health clients. Payne reported the custodian, Chuck Mathews, has finished painting the outside buildings and they look very nice.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported North Central Regional Planning will be helping to complete the paperwork for the recycling grant application.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the progress on the brick plant road.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they are getting ready for fair week. He also reported the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) will be offering training for local law enforcement officers on August 1, 2005 from 12:00 to 4:30. There will be a public forum at Cloud County Community College from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported they have sent out delinquent notices on Real Estate. Walker reported they are working with UMB and Central National Bank on their conversion. She noted that any checks issued by Cloud County prior to July 15, 2005 would need to be cashed within 60 days or they will be returned as account closed.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported on a meeting held in Hutchinson on Friday, July 8, 2005 presented by KWORCC, the Counties workman’s compensation carrier. Bogart reported she will be going to Wichita July 18-22 for user acceptance training on the new central voter registration program.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Rob Unruh, Public Lands Manager for Ks. Wildlife & Parks and Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director reported on the Jamestown Wildlife Refuge and the improvement projects that are being done there. Unruh reported they would be reapplying for a grant through North American Wetlands Conservation Council and are asking for local support in this. Lowell reported CloudCorp would be contributing $2,000 toward this local support and asked the County for $2,000 if the grant is awarded. Lowell said they would request $1,000 in 2005 and $1,000 in 2006 and only if the grant is awarded for this project.

Dana Brewer commented he is in favor of this project and in favor of the local support.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board committed the $2,000 to the Jamestown Wildlife Refuge Project in the grant is approved.

John Denney, Pierce, Faris & Co. Chartered visited with the Board about the new standards for determining Fraud. He told the Board they need to be aware of things that are out of the ordinary when reviewing the vouchers and budget reports.

Denney discussed the auditing procedures for grants. This year we will have to have a single audit since we will receive more than $500,000 in Federal grant money, due to the OCCK project and other grant money.

Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections/JJA Director presented the 2006 Community Corrections Budget. She reported there would be a shortfall from state funds for the Adult Community Corrections Program totaling $19,387.40. Cloud County’s share would be
$5,385.82. This amount would be figured into the 2006 budget if approved. Backstrom reported they will be looking at other ways to fund the shortfalls, in the future, such as fees, etc.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board approved the 2006 budget for Community Corrections.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the additional funding.

The Board adjourned at 12:12 p.m. until July 18, 2005.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 18, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Jim Bourne, Road Supervisor; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Billie Payne, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Larry Heidrick, Weis Fire Equipment Co.; Larry Bruzda, Hays Fire Equipment Sales & Service; Doug McKinney, NCK Regional Planning; Richard Schultz, Darin Sanders and Brent Halepeska, Miltonvale Rural FD #3; Doug Funk, Funk Pharmacy.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented a resolution concerning rules & regulations for establishments selling alcohol in the County. The Board suggested several changes to this resolution. Walsh will make the requested changes and return later in the morning for signatures on the Resolution.

Jim Bourne, Road Supervisor presented Right of Way and utility agreements with Sprint Telephone of Junction City and Rolling Hills Electric of Mankato. These agreements are for Project 15-C3951-02 located 5.0 miles North and 1.7 miles west of Glasco. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve these agreements and have the chairman sign.

Bourne reported the County’s part of Valley Street work has been completed. He also reported they will be pouring the 2nd ¼ of the entrance to the brick plant this morning.

Bids for the Fire Truck Equipment for Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 were opened. Bids were received from: Weis Fire Equipment Co. for $104,769 each; Hays Fire Sales and Service for $73,667 each and if 2 units are purchased the bid is $71,500 each. Fire District members recommend the Board accept the low bid of $71,500 each from Hays Fire Sales and Service.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the Fire District recommendation for the purchase of the fire equipment from Hays Fire Sales and Service.

The Board signed the contract with Hays Fire Sales and Service for the purchase of the fire equipment. The original bid bond of $7,150 received, at the time of the bid opening, was returned to Hays Fire Sales and Service at the time the contract was signed by the Board.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a preliminary copy of the recycling grant application for the Boards inspection. Mills will bring the completed application next week for the Boards signature.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, Billie Payne, Health Administrator and Doug Funk discussed storage space at the Health Dept Building. Funk would like to rent an additional 1053 square feet of space. The rent on this additional space would be $200 per month plus utilities. The Board agreed to rent the requested space and will adjust the lease agreement to reflect this new space, rent and utility amount.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved following State standard for payment of employee mileage at .40 per mile, effective July 1, 2005.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented the final draft of a Resolution for the Rules and Regulation for establishments in the County which serve alcohol. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution.

Walsh and the Commissioners made a call to Dortha Bird with KWORCC with questions regarding the post accident drug testing policy recommended by KWORCC. Walsh will work up a policy and bring it to the Board for their approval.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of JoDee LeDuc as Clerk in the Treasurers office effective August 1, 2005.

The Board recognized the resignation of Janet Nease as Clerk in the County Clerk’s office effective July 12, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a Resolution to cancel check #1511 issued on April 4, 2005 to Martin Tractor Co. for $629.35 for the reason the check was lost in the mail.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as corrected.

The Board attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting on July 13, 2005.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier attended the meeting sponsored the Concordia Ministerial Association on July 14, 2005 at Cloud County Community College.

The Commissioners will be VIP Judges at the Cloud County Fair on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until July 25, 2005.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: John and Joyce Hood; Arlene Clayton and Lori Thielen, North Central Regional Planning; Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson.

John and Joyce Hood asked if the Board would re-look at the Resolution concerning the rules and regulations for establishments selling alcohol. Hood felt it would hurt the Real Estate value of rental property in Concordia and also enrollment at the College.

The issues were discussed but no action was taken on this matter.

Arlene Clayton was in to discuss the move of the Tourism Office to the museum annex building. The Board explained the Director would have a small office in the museum annex building, they would be closer to 81 Highway and would have window space for displaying material and it will also help keep the annex open to the public.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director told the Board he will be taking sealed bids for the sale of the spray truck.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Lori Thiel with Regional Planning presented the recycling grant application to be sent to Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Board reviewed the application. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board moved to allow the Chairman to sign the grant application.

Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson told the Board he had been in touch with Vincent Roofing and they are waiting for confirmation from the manufacturer on the warranty for the Courthouse roof. Once the warranty is received he will recommend to the Board the final payment be made.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 10:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:55 a.m.
Walsh asked if his office could use part of the Diversion Funds collected to purchase computer equipment for his office. The Board had no objection to the use of funds.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave the Board a monthly update regarding waste water permits.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the hire of Lisa Widen as office clerk in the County Clerk’s office.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-24 to cancel check #002919 for $165.00 issued July 5, 2005 to Family Care Center.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-25 to cancel check #002104 for $26.34 issued May 2, 2005 to Print 5.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-26 to cancel check #001875 for $132.99 issued May 2, 2005 to Print 5.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-27 to cancel check #003108 for $30.00 to Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a Public Road Right-of-Way Use Permit with the Rural Water District. The permit is for water line to be located across Plum Road approximately 1/8 mile East of 140th Road.

The Board approved the transfer of $100,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery Fund per the audit.

The Board recognized the resignation of Darlene Schmidt as Lyon Township Clerk.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the year end 2005 year end revision for Community Corrections.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant award notification and grant condition for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. The amount to be received for the grant is $4,255.00.

Commissioner Chartier and County Clerk Linda Bogart will be attending an informational concerning ELVIS (Election Voter Information System) in Junction City on Friday, July 29.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.
The Board and the County Clerk spent the afternoon reviewing 2006 budget appropriation requests and department budgets.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Lowell Thoman; Wayne Westerman, Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A.

Signed payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed routine business with the Board. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters. The Board recessed into executive session at 9:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:30 a.m.

Wayne Westerman, Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. stopped by to introduce himself to the Board. Cook, Flatt & Strobel has done design work on County bridges that are on the 5 year comprehensive plan.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the Brick Plant road is open to the West. The full mile should be open next week.

Asch reported they are continuing to work on the Scottsville Road.

Consultant selection for Project 15-C-395101 for bridge replacement North and West of Glasco will be held next Monday.

Lowell Thoman was in to discuss the declining enrollment at Cloud County Community College. Thoman asked if the Board would be interested in participating in an inter-governmental meeting if one could be arranged. The Board felt this would be a good idea, if such a meeting could be arranged.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2004-168 and 2004-169 totaling $6,790.08.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for the approval to include $1,804 in the County Budget to be used as matching funds for Senior Care Act monies.

The Board reviewed a letter from Republic County concerning a “Reciprocal Agreement to Provide Employee Benefits.” On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote, the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Agreement.

The Board reviewed a letter from North Central Regional Planning Commission regarding the solid waste plan and certification. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2005 annual report and adopted the certification.

The Board reviewed the Lease Agreement with Funk Medical & Mobility for the lease of storage area in the basement of the Health Dept. Building. The lease will be taken to Doug Funk for approval and signature and returned for signature by the Board.

The Board recognized the resignation of Kevin Calkins as part-time surveillance officer effective July 31, 2005.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the Regional Planning meeting held on Thursday, July 28. The guest speaker was Adrian Polansky.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board attended the ribbon cutting on the 1st Street Project, after which they viewed the Brick Plant Road with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until August 8, 2005.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2005, in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Alice Walker, Treasurer; Barry Porter, Appraiser.

Others attending were: John States, Concordia Ministerial Association; Wayne Westerman, Cook, Flatt & Strobel; Ken Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers.

John States, Concordia Ministerial Association came in to inquire about the progress on the pornography issue. States asked if there was anything the Ministerial Association could do to help in this matter. Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he is still checking into this matter and what can be done.

Walsh requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:07 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:17 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator headed the selection committee for consultant selection on bridge project no. 15-C-3951-01(North and West of Glasco). Five engineering firms were considered with the results as follows: No. 1 Cook, Flatt & Strobel; No. 2 Schwab-Eaton; No. 3 Campbell & Johnson; No. 4 Bucher, Willis & Ratliff; No. 5 Kirkham Michael Associates.

Asch reported he has filled the grader operator position from within the department. Robert Putman will be filling the position.

At 10:00 the Board conducted their monthly department head meeting:

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented copies and discussed the “Post Accident Drug Testing Consent and Release” form, KWORCC is suggesting counties use. Walsh asked the department heads to look the form over and forward any comments or suggestions to him.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported they have an opening for a part-time surveillance officer.
Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are very busy with various 4-H activities. Gerhardt reported there will be an opening in there office for a full-time secretary. Brandi Bray has resigned to accept employment elsewhere.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been installing new computers in various county offices. The new DSL line needed to implement the new voter registration program is being installed. He suggested departments should backup programs that are not currently on the server.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported the delinquent real estate list will be published this week.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported residential re-inspections are almost complete and they will begin doing commercial re-inspections.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the brick plant road is now open. He has filled the grader operator position from within the department.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported on the alcohol meeting held last Monday evening at Cloud County Community College, there were approximately 60 people in attendance. Bergstrom reported he will be hiring part-time corrections officers.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the air conditioning problems have been corrected.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported on the meeting she and Commissioner Chartier attended on July 29 in Junction City. The Secretary of States Office presented information on implementation and costs of the ELVIS system. Bogart reported she and Lisa Widen will be going to Hays the week of August 22 to receive training for the new voter registration. Cathy Forshee and Peg Powell will go the Topeka the first week in September for their training.

The department head meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director present bids received for the sale of a 1978 GMC ¾ ton 4x4 pickup.

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On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper the approved the sale of the pickup for the $600.00 bid from Jim Bieker.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the resignation of Clarence Demars as President of the Aurora Cemetery District 15 Board of Directors and appointed Jane Boling to fill the position vacated by Demars.
The Board recognized the resignation of John Tobald as Summit Township Treasurer. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board appointed Larry LeDuc to fill the position of Summit Township Treasurer.

The Board recognized the resignation of Doug DeGraff as Nelson Township Clerk. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board appointed Arnold Barleen to fill the position of Nelson Township Clerk.

The Board recognized the resignation of Darlene Schmidt as Lyon Township Clerk. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board appointed Robert Smith as Lyon Township clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The Board reviewed the 2nd quarter financial statement from KWORCC.

The County Clerk reported she had received a phone call from Rhonda Montgomery with the Kansas Department of Agriculture that Cloud County has been approved to participate in the Flood Insurance Program. Citizens of Cloud County may now purchase flood insurance. The applications are available in the County Clerk’s Office.

The Board reviewed the questionnaires to County Employees concerning direct deposit of payroll checks. Since the number of yes and no responses were so close in number the Board decided to leave the payroll process as it is currently.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Mid-States Port Authority meeting and a KDOT meeting held Tuesday, August 2, 2005 in Phillipsburg. The Board felt Cloud County should continue its membership to the Mid-States Port Authority. The membership is at no cost to Cloud County.

The Board will do a letter of support for the National Orphan Train Complex to be included in the grant application for the interior construction of the Morgan-Dowell Center. The letter will be prepared and signed next week.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2005 the Board will have a work session with John Denney of Pierce, Faris Chartered to review the 2006 budget.

Commissioner Chartier and Commissioner Garrison will attend a meeting on “Basics of County Planning & Zoning” in Hutchinson on Friday, August 12, 2005.

The Board recessed at 12:00. At 1:00 p.m. the Board toured a possible facility for recycling.

The Board adjourned at 1:55 p.m. until August 15, 2005.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sherry Nelson, Secretary for Solid Waste Dept.; Billy Payne, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Kenneth Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers; Colin Hayes, Concordia Fire Dept.; Don Menard and Stacy Lynn VandenBroeder, Commission on Aging; Jeff Koch; Jim Koch; Arlene Clayton.

Payroll checks for all County Departments were signed.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and the Board discussed the meeting Commissioner Chartier and Commissioner Garrison attended in Hutchinson on Friday, August 12 concerning “Basics of Zoning and Planning”.

The Board also discussed the procedure for the sale of county equipment, which is to be sold by sealed bids. The Board felt that all bids should be presented to the County Clerk rather than to the Department advertising the sale of equipment.

Kenneth Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers presented a report on the supplemental bridge inspection of Bridge Project 15C-3863-01 for County Bridge No. 538.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has received the approved 5 year bridge plan from the State. Asch also reported there have been 2 additional bridges approved for the plan. The first is 3.0 miles South and 1.75 miles West of Ames (2009) and the second is 4.0 miles South and .75 miles West of Jamestown (2010).

Asch reported there have been problems with the roads after the rains last week. The crews will continue to work on these problems until they are corrected.

The Board reviewed a letter from Cloud Ceramics thanking the Road and Bridge Department for the work done on the brick plant road.

Sherry Nelson, Secretary of the Solid Waste Department attended the Delinquent Solid Waste Hearing. Nelson reported the deadline for payment of 2004 fees was Friday, August 12, 2005. The Board recommended they take payments received in today’s mail. If the fees remain unpaid they will be placed on the tax roll and penalties will be 50% of the amount owed.
Commissioner Caspers, second Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved adding the 2004 delinquent fees to the tax roll.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator presented the lease agreement with Funk Medical & Mobility for the use of storage space in the basement of the Health Dept. building. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the lease agreement.

Payne reported she will be sending the 6 Counties billings for the Child Care Licensing services provided by Cloud County. They will be reassessing the agreements with the other Counties for services.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 10:45 and resumed open session at 10:55 a.m. Also included in the executive session was Health Administrator Billie Payne.

Colin Haynes, Concordia Fire Department reported he is setting up classing for the State Fire Marshall on designating different types of explosive and explosive devices. Haynes asked the Board about the possibility of having a demonstration at the transfer station or at the parking lot at the fairgrounds. The Board suggested he check with the County Attorney concerning any liability that the County might incur.

Don Menard, Stacy Lynn VandeBroeder, Commission on Aging and Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board about office space for the Coordinators office. Johnson informed the Board there is space available at the Health Dept. and we are now charging $5.00 per square foot plus a percent of the utilities.

Johnson reported a tree on the North side of the Courthouse had a limb fall, nearly striking a vehicle. He felt the tree needed to be taken down before it did fall and cause some damage. The Board asked Johnson to check into this matter.

Jeff Koch and Jim Koch visited with the Board concerning the Flood Insurance Program. They asked if the Base Flood Elevation has been determined for Cloud County and if not if the Board would consider starting the process to have this done.

Arlene Clayton gave the Board information about an energy conference being held by the Kansas Corporation Commission on September 20 and 21 in Topeka.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous regular and special meetings as written.

The Board reviewed and e-mail from KDHE stating they have received the recycling grant application.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a letter of endorsement for the grant application for the Orphan Train Complex.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Capsers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-28 to cancel check #002508 for $150.00 to Kansas State University for registration to the Governor’s Conference.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-29 regarding property tax policy with respect to financing the 2006 Budget for Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-30 concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles for 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the KPERS Designation of Agent Form appointing Catherine Forshee, County Bookkeeper as an additional signer for KPERS.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-31 for 911 Emergency fees for Cloud County outside the corporate limits of the various cities.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until August 22, 2005
Adjourned session of the August meeting of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2005 in the Commissions’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison and Deputy County Clerk Peggy Powell present.

Staff attending was: County Highway Administrator, Andy Asch; and Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were Gary May, Rural Lakes Region Sanitation.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he had accepted a proposal for paint for road striping from PMSI. Asch also reported that work had begun this week on the last mile of road work on the Scottsville road.

Asch also reported that all patching should be done by next week and sealing and striping should begin mid-September.

County Budget Hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ room.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Caspers the Board approved the adoption of the 2006 Budget. Chairman Chartier signed the budget.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, reported he had received a bid from Schenk Tree Surgery in the amount of $375.00 for the removal of the Elm tree on the Courthouse lawn. Johnson was told to have the tree removed.

Johnson reported the Planned Service Agreement with Comfort Control Services LLC will end on August 31, 2005 and is in need of renewal.
Commissioner Caspers made the motion to renew the Agreement and Commissioner Chartier second. Unanimous vote the Agreement was signed by Commissioner Chartier.

Gary May, Rural Lakes Region Sanitarian, stopped by to update the Commissioners on the progress being made with the problem at Walthers Oil.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Jerry Fowler, Kirkham Michaels; Arlene Clayton.

Signed department payroll checks and reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:01 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m. Also included in the session was Billie Payne, Health Administrator.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a second 15 minute executive session to continue discussion of non-elected personnel. The Board recessed into executive session at 9:16 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:31 a.m. Also included in the session was Billie Payne, Health Administrator.

Walsh reported on a complaint from the Ministerial Association regarding pornography.

Payne reported on a meeting with the 6 counties for the child care licensing program. Cloud County will still be home county for the program and will continue to bill the other counties for services provided.

Payne reported on the Regional Immunization Conference to be held in Concordia on November 10.

Jerry Fowler with Kirkham Michaels presented information about the process for consultant selection.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has sent out 4 proposal requests for the bridge projects. Requests were sent to Bucher, Willis and Ratliff; Schwab Eaton; Kirkland Michaels; and Cook, Flatt & Strobel.

Asch reported he has received a letter from Alsop Sand Co. regarding price increases, for materials purchased for County, to be effective September 1, 2005.
The Board reviewed a letter addressed to Kirk Lowell from Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the Railroad crossing on the brick plant road. It was reported there is not enough traffic volume to be able to receive Federal funding.

Asch presented a classification change for Larry Florea from Construction Laborer to Equipment Operator. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Asch reported Larry Shuler was to go to Wichita to inspect a rock crusher. The Board suggested he negotiate the purchase price, with VanKeppel, if the machine is mechanically sound and will meet our needs.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a part-time hire for corrections officer. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Jessica Beck as part-time corrections officer effective August 29, 2005.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about codes for the historical preservation of buildings in the city and the county. She also visited about the taxes on real estate and Gold Banc.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Corrected to read Toby Nosker with KNCK was in attendance at the budget hearing, and the Board signed the County budget rather than the Chairman signed the budget.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a meeting, he attended in Beloit, sponsored by Regional Planning to discuss land use in the state and the population of Kansas.

The Board adjourned at 12:00.
Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 6, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Rob Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Jim Bourne, Road Supervisor; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Rick Breault, Jr.; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Bob Burns, Concordia Ministerial Association.

Signed expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff, Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff and Rick Breault, Jr. discussed Breault’s Cereal Malt Beverage Application for the Rock Quarry.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board for the application.

Jim Bourne, Road Supervisor presented a revised Purchase Amendment No. 1 with the City of Concordia for the asphalt supplied for the First and Valley Construction Projects.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Chairman signed the amendment.

Bourne reported they are continuing to patch roads and mowing.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

The Board reviewed a letter from Erickson Exteriors & Insulation Inc. regarding repairs to the guttering at the Weed Dept. building.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator presented question on the County Bereavement leave policy. The Board stated the policy provides for only 3 days of leave.

Payne reported the amount of the BT Grant for next year would be $18,968. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the BT Grant application.
Payne presented personnel classification changes: Connie Gallagher from Assist. Administrator/Home Health Coordinator/BT Planner to Home Health Coordinator/BT Coordinator. Doris Bergstrom, HSHV/WIC Clerk an increase of 25 cent per hour due to having completed the 3 month introductory period for that position.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the changes.

Payne reported the NIMS training and testing would be held Thursday at 12:00 at the Health Dept.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director present a letter to the Kansas Dept. of Commerce requesting they fully fund a $15,000 forgivable loan through the Kansas Economic Opportunity Initiative Fund (KEOIF) program for General Finance Inc. DBA Cloud Ceramics.

On Motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the letter of support to KEOIF.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board concerning the proposals received for the installation of a filtered water system in the employees break room. The Board suggested Johnson present the proposal to the employees and let them make the decision of which proposal to accept, since the cost would be paid by the employees.

Bob Burns, Concordia Ministerial Association visited with the Board about a planning meeting to be held Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Community Room. This meeting will be to begin the preliminary planning for the possibility of hurricane victims coming to the community.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 until September 12, 2005.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Melanie Stehno, Child Care Licensing Coordinator; LeDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Alice Walker, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent.

Others attending were: Rick Breault, Jr., Gator LLC; Les Sperling, Central Kansas Foundation. Jenna Pholman and Wayne Griffin, Platinum Services with Guaranteed Trust.

Signed department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the IRS regulation regarding employee reimbursement for meals while attending a day meeting and a revision to the county personnel policy.

Walsh and the Board visited with Rick Breault, Jr. about his cereal malt beverage application for the Rock Quarry. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the cereal malt beverage license for Rick Breault, Jr. of Gator, LLC. DBA The Rock Quarry.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator and Melanie Stehno, Child Care Licensing Coordinator visited with the Board about the Child Care Licensing program. The program provides services for a 7 county area (Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, Republic, and Smith). After discussion the Board called the Mitchell County Commissioners regarding the additional amount billed each county, due to the decrease in the state funds received. Mitchell County was billed an additional $910.60. After the explanation of rates and decrease in grant funds the Mitchell County Commissioners agreed to pay the additional fees.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a memorandum of agreement with Mitchell County.

The Board held their monthly department head meeting.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court reported the vacancies in the district have been filled and they should be back to full staff within the next two weeks.
Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported there is still an opening for a part-time surveillance officer. They will be getting ready for their first audits for the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice programs.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported they have balanced the 2004 tax year and are starting to work on the list of property to be sent to the County Attorney for the tax foreclosure sale. They will be paying out funds for the 2004 tax year soon.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported they have been very busy with Kindergarten and Child Care physicals and immunizations. They will be getting ready for the flu clinics and also an audit from KDHE.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been doing updates for the anti-virus software. He has been working with the State to get ready for the new voter registration central database and also new programs that will be implemented in the Sheriff’s Office.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported mostly routine business.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported mostly routine business. Mills reported he has received a letter regarding the recycling grant review, and they should notify him by November 1 if the grant was received.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported that Central Kansas Foundation has asked about leasing office space at the Service Center (Health Dept.). The fountain is not working due to a problem with the pump. Brad Hopkins has ordered a new pump, which should be covered under warranty.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will start sealing of roads today. The hot mix plant is not operating and it will take two or three months to complete repairs.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported on the State Fair and they will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of 4-H. Work will be starting this week on the wheat plots and harvest in the Clyde area started about a week ago. Whitney reported he has been hearing concerns about the Flood Plain issue and not being based on elevation.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they have been receiving training on the new voter registration program. Cloud County is one of the 15 pilot counties and they will be going live on the new program on September 20.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported the Rock Quarry will be opening under new management. There is a petition being circulated to call a grand jury for the situation at the College and that possibly a petition may be circulated calling for a grand jury on the pornography issue.

Commissioner Garrison reported he had attended the grand opening at the Brick Plant on Saturday.
Commissioner Chartier reported he had attended the organizational meeting on Thursday night to prepare of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported Larry Shuler, Shop Foreman had gone to Wichita last week to look at a rock crusher. No decision has been made concerning this purchase.

Asch reported they would begin sealing today. He has received an agreement from Kleinfelder through Cook, Flatt & Strobel for Project 15C4113, estimated fees for $5,940. Asch will look this agreement over and if meets specification he will sign and return.

Asch presented a new hire: Richard Walker for construction laborer for the bridge crew to be effective on September 25. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Correct spelling on the word present to presented.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, Billie Payne, Health Administrator and Les Sperling, Central Kansas Foundation visited with the Board concerning the leasing of office space in the Health Dept. building. Sperling reported they were interested in leasing 3 rooms on the second floor and ½ of the conference room in the basement for a total of 640 square feet. The monthly amount for the lease would be $480 per month plus a percentage of the utilities and internet service, to begin October 1, 2005. The Board suggested have the lease agreement completed so Sperling could take it to his Board next week for approval.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the signing of the “Condition of Participation” for Medicare.

Jenna Pohlman and Wayne Griffin of Platinum Services with Guaranteed Trust asked the Boards permission to present information to county employees on an individual basis concerning Long Term Care Insurance. The Board gave permission to contact the Department heads to make arrangements for this.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until September 19, 2005.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were: John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A.; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Lindsay Walsh and Sarah Hasenbank, CHS Government Students; Arlene Clayton.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board concerning the revised copies of the Bond Agreement and Equipment Lease received for the Nor-Kan Fertilizer Project. Walsh reported he will call Philip Lacey with Gilmore & Bell about the possibility of a conference call for next week.

Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:11 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:14 a.m.

Walsh requested a second 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:15 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:20 a.m. Also included in the executive session was the County Clerk.

John Cashatt with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. stopped by to introduce himself to the Board and give them information about his company.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Resolution #05-32 to lower the speed limit to 45 MPH on the Brick Plan Road beginning in the NW Corner, NE 1/4 of 11-6-3 thence east approximately .6 of a mile on Quail Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Anthony Pellant as part-time surveillance officer.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Catherine Forshee as County Bookkeeper effective September 30, 2005.
Arlene Clayton discussed the Child Safety Act with the Board.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended on the Open House and Live-Fire Demonstration at Fort Riley on Saturday, September 17, 2005.

The Board will be participate in KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, September 23, 2005.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed officer training and incentives for officers when they receive specialized training.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave the Commissioners an update on Walthers Oil Company and an update on other inspections in the County.

The Board participated in a conference call with the County Clerk’s Office and Election System & Software to view Cloud County’s information in the new State wide voter registration program. The County Clerk’s Office will go live with this program on September 20, 2005.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until Monday, September 26, 2005.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 26, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Greg Lagasse, Road Officer; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Michael Miller and Howard Danzig with Preferred Health Solutions.

Signed department payroll checks and reviewed expense vouchers.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director visited with the Board about the Fire Department Training which is scheduled to be held Friday at the Transfer Station site.

Mills reported the Construction/Demolition site is being reviewed by KDHE and once the site is approved the regulations will be more strict.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and the Board made a call to Philip Lacey of Gilmore & Bell regarding general information on Industrial Revenue Bonds and the issuance of bonds for the NorKan Fertilizer Project.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Department of Corrections year end report for FY05. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Chairman signed the report.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented design proposals for 2 bridges. Proposals were received from Kirkham Michaels in the amount of $69,000; Schwab-Eaton in the amount of $72,000 and Cook, Flatt & Strobel in the amount of $57,200. After reviewing the proposals Asch suggested staying with Cook-Flatt and Strobel. Asch will contact them concerning the preparation of a contract.

Michael Miller and Howard Danzig with Preferred Health Solutions gave the Board an overview of their company and explained cost management issues concerning medical insurance.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff, Greg Lagasse, Road Officer and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff visited with the Board about the possibility of an incentive plan for the officers in the Sheriff’s Dept.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a Juvenile Detention meeting held in Belleville.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board appointed Commissioner Chartier as voting delegate to the KWORCC & KCAMP annual meetings.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board appointed Commissioners Caspers as an alternate delegate to the KWORCC & KCAMP annual meeting.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the CloudCorp meeting he attended on Tuesday, September 20, 2005.

Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 3, 2005
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 3, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Billie Payne, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Glenn Sulanka; Michael Miller, Preferred Health Solutions; and Jessie Alquist, CHS Government Student.

Signed Expense checks.

The Board reviewed the medical insurance rates with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 2006. The premium information received shows a decrease in the monthly billed amount for 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Chartier as the County voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Caspers as 1st alternate to the Kansas Association of Counties meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board appointed Commissioner Garrison as 2nd alternate to the Kansas Association of Counties.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Royanne Tatro as Solomon Township Treasurer.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the contracts with Cook, Flatt & Strobel for Bridge #3640 (located 4 miles South and .75 miles East of Jamestown) in the amount of $22,900 plus geological services and for Bridge #3660 (located 3 miles South and 1.7 miles West of Ames) in the amount of $22,700 plus geological services.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the contracts with Cook, Flatt & Strobel.
Asch reported the sealing projects were completed last week and they are ready to start striping the roads. They will continue mowing throughout the County. They will be hauling rock on the last mile of the Scottsville Road.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator presented the Rehabilitation contract with Cloud County Health Center. The contract will include services for physical, occupational, and speech therapy, services for Homemaker and Home Health Aide.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract with Cloud County Health Center.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 25 cent per hour increase for Tristy Mason as part-time Home Health Aide. The increase was due to Mason having completed a 3 month introductory period.

Payne reported Diane McNichols, RN received the Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award at the KPHA meeting. McNicols will be devoting 100% of her time to the Tobacco Use Prevention Programs since receiving this award and the grant funds included with this award.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the lease agreement with Central Kansas Foundation for office space at the Health Dept.

Arlene Clayton inquired about training for Certified Nurses Aides, Certified Med Aides and Home Health Aides. Payne explained that training for Home Health Aide is through Salina Area Vo-Tech and training for Certified Nurses Aides and Certified Med Aides in through Cloud County Community College.

Clayton also visited with the Board about kennels and dog facilities in the Glasco area.

Glenn Sulanka visited with the Board regarding a variance from the Sanitary Code for Waste Water.

Sulanka also visited with the Board about fence repairs and trees needing to be cut on the County owned property near Aurora (Almon rock pit). The Board suggested he talk to the Highway Administrator regarding this matter.

Michael Miller, Preferred Health Solutions presented a web conference with Ryan Johnson regarding their cost management for health insurance. The Board stated they may be interested in the option in the future, but not at this time.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until October 10, 2005.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Alice Walker, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Curt Frasier; Bob Fifield, Farmway Coop; John Cyr, Regional Planning; Bob Johnson, Cloud County Coop; Jessica LeDuc, Blade Empire; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Arthur Thompson, Randall Coop; Jeff Bechard, AgMark.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the bomb threat at the Courthouse last week. Walsh reported on the pornography issue and the grand jury.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board granted a variance from the Sanitary Code for waste water for Glen Sulanka.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented copies of an Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services By Consultant for Bridge Project 15-C-3951-01 (North of Glasco).

Asch presented a wage change for David Lanoue from 11.56 per hour to 12.12 per hour. He has completed the introductory period for the equipment operator position. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the increase.

Asch reported they will continue mowing throughout the County and are continuing to stripe the roads.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-33 to cancel General Fund check #07839 in the amount of $57.20 to Holiday Inn West.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. (Correct spelling McNicols to McNichols.)
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Shella Thoman as County Bookkeeper in the County Clerk’s office.

The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported on the mortgages filed. The total of mortgages filed to date in 2005 is $19,781,753.81, with an average mortgage amount of $51,910.64. Ferguson reported his office has been helping the government students do research.

Alice Walker, County Treasurer reported she has balanced the books and will finish her tenure in office today. Sheryl Williams will be sworn in as County Treasurer at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court reported their case load is down and they are doing mostly routine business.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney stated everyone will miss Alice Walker when she retires and he has enjoyed working with her. Walsh reported the case load in the County Attorney’s office is down also. He also suggested we work with KWORCC to develop a new safety plan for emergencies.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been helping with the new voter registration program and will be helping with new programs in the Sheriff’s Dept. He reported on visits to the County website. During the 1st half of 2005 their have been 18,193 visits averaging 100 visits per day. In 2004 there were a total of 21,528 visits averaging 58 visits per day.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported 356 visits to the Health Dept. last month. Payne reported they are working on grants. The Health Fair will be October 19 at the National Guard Armory and they will be giving flu shots from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. They are also in the process of setting up other clinics.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported they had a visit from KDHE for the Construction/Demolition Site. Danny Marcotte will be going to training for the operation of the Site. Mills reported they are getting ready to burn the tree pile.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the sealing projects are done and the Bridge North of Glasco is coming up for repairs.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported their case load is down and mostly routine business.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the boiler at the Courthouse is ready to go and they are working on the boiler at the Health Dept. Johnson reported the ball (water fountain) is working again.
Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they have gone live with the Statewide Voter Registration Program and are continuing to do routine clean up of the files preparing for the elections next year. They are working on valuations and getting ready to set levies. They have received the automated licensing equipment from the State for fish and game licenses.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported they have finished their first audit and should receive the audit report within 90-120 days. She is working on budgets for the next fiscal year with the case being down this will affect the funding for her office.

Curt Frasier reported on the $8,000,000. proposed expansion and tax abatement for Ag-Mark. The public hearing will be held on October 24, 2005 at 10:00.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp, John Cyr, Regional Planning, Bob Fifield, Farmway Coop, Jeff Bechard, President of AgMark each presented information on AgMark and the Nor-Kan Fertilizer Facility.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 until October 17, 2005.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 17, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were:

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session for attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:20 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board moved to sign a General Release Agreement.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Wanda Backstrom as JJA/Corrections Director for the 12th Judicial District effective July 1, 2005. Backstrom will continue her duties as Chief Court Services Officer.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Carol Fahring from Clerk to Deputy County Treasurer effective October 11, 2005.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility permit agreement with Sprint for buried cable across Teal Road approximately ½ mile west of 290th Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the agreement.

Asch and the Board discussed complaints received about the speed limit and commercials semis using Rock Road (the Parallel).

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager discussed the employee Christmas dinner to be held on December 19, 2005.

Johnson discussed the purchase of walkie-talkies for his Department. The Board gave approval for the purchase.

Johnson also discussed the air conditioning and heating system.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Greg Lagasse from Fulltime Road Officer to Parttime Road Officer in the Sheriff’s Department.

The Board approved adding Shella Thoman as an additional signer for KPERS.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board reappointed Genevieve Jones to a 3rd term on the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. The term will begin on January 1, 2006 and run through December 31, 2007.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 until October 24, 2005.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Mark Paul; Bob Fifield; Curt Frasier; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; John Cyr, Regional Planning; Carrie Williams; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor.

Signed department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the resolution for NorKan Fertilizer and also the grand jury.

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Representative stopped by to introduce himself to the Board and give general information regarding his company.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he will be sending out bid sheets for motor graders today. The bid sheets will need to be returned to the Highway Department by November 10, 2005 with the bid opening to be held Monday, November 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Asch reported the Scottsville road is complete and they will start working on Noble Road east of Highway 81 (Pipeline Hill Road) next week.

Asch reported he has received a concern from a citizen stating he will not pay his gravel bill until the gravel string is taken care of. Asch will be viewing the road today and will check with the County Attorney.

Mark Paul, Bob Fifield, Curt Frasier, Kirk Lowell, John Cyr, Carrie Williams and Toby Noskar were present for the Public Hearing for AgMark concerning the proposed issuance of $8,000,000 Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds with a 10 year ad valorem tax exemption on property constructed or purchased with the proceeds of such bonds.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-34 for the advisability of issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds in the amount of $8,000,000 for AgMark.
Bob Fifield reported to the Board they are planning to have an Open House on November 15, 2005 for the NorKan Fertilizer facility.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-35 to issue Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series, A 2005, Series B, 2005 and Series C, 2005 for NorKan Fertilizer, LLC and the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

The Board signed a letter appointing Genevieve Jones to a third term as Cloud County’s representative to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. Her term will be effective January 1, 2006 and run through December 31, 2007.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a Proclamation from Meadowlark Hospice proclaiming November as National Hospice Month in Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director visited with the Board about the possibility of adding a 12 foot addition on the North side of the office at the Transfer Station. The Board advised Mills to draw up plans and expected costs for this addition and report back to them next week.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until October 31, 2005.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were:

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reviewed proposed changes to the deferred compensation plan and discussed the grand jury.

Walsh and Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the recycling grant with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way use permit with SBC for a buried phone line across 150th Road (1 mile South of Quail Road on 150th). On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch discussed the fence repairs and tree removal at the Aurora Rock Pit. The Board and Asch will view the property next Monday.

Asch reported he will be running notices regarding electric fences on Right of Way this week.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the addition to the office at the transfer station. The Board advised Mills to advertise for proposals for this addition.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-36 for reconfirming that a regional economic development organization has been developed as required, for the purpose of qualifying Cloud County as a designated nonmetropolitan business region and Resolution #05-37 for Support of Regional Strategic Plan and Regional Incentives.

The Board recognized the resignation of Brad Hopkins as a part-time surveillance officer.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-38 to cancel check #07816 for $1.48.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Adjourned as 11:45 a.m.
Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Gail Revell; Travis Lawrence; Ron Buckland; Arlene Clayton.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:04 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:14 a.m. Also included in the executive session were the County Clerk, Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Gail Revell.

Walsh requested a second 10 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:15 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m. Also included in the executive session were the County Clerk, Richard Mills and Gail Revell.

Walsh requested a third 10 minute executive session to discuss employee-employer negotiations and to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:29 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:39 a.m. Also included in the executive session was Richard Mills.

The Board requested an executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:41 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:51 a.m. County Attorney Walsh was included in the executive session.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Road Right of Way Permit with Rural Water District #1 for laying a water line across Oat Road east from 140th Road about 800-1000 feet. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch presented Resolution #05-39 for Authority to Award Contract for Commitment of County Funds on Project 15-C-3951-01. Low bidder on the project was Reece Construction Co., Inc. of Scandia. The estimated cost for construction engineering and contingencies will be $24,700.00. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution.
Ron Buckland visited with the Board about the amount of commercial truck traffic on Rock Road and the speed they travel. Asch reported speed limits signs have been posted for 55 MPH. The Board asked Asch to contact the Sheriff’s Dept. and have them start patrolling the road more often. Asch will also contact Republic County concerning the process used for posting County roads to prohibit Commercial truck traffic.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager present proposals for the Employee Christmas Dinner. Johnson received 2 proposals: Larry John Doyen DBA Texas Red’s Catering at $5.25 per person and Swanson Corporation from Cloud County Community College at $8.95 to $12.95 per person depending on the menu chosen. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the proposal from Larry John Doyen at $5.25 per person.

Kelly Davert, Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative presented the 2006 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal. Davert reported that the renewal showed a 2.08% reduction in the rates for 2006. She also stated the County could further reduce it’s premiums by changing from the traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield network to the Blue Choice network. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Blue Choice Plan for 2006.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 11:02 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:07 a.m.

The Board reviewed the Quarterly Reports for Community Corrections/Juvenile Justice and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a wage increase for JoDee LeDuc, who has finished her introductory period as Clerk in the County Treasurer’s Office.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved 3 Resolutions for cancelled checks. Resolution # 05-40 in the amount of $14.00 to Press Express: Resolution #05-41 in the amount of $165.60 to Card Member Services and Resolution # 05-42 in the amount of $15.24 to Blue Stem Auto Body.

Board approved and signed Bond Agreements for the sale of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 for NorKan Fertilizer LLC.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about recommendations for nominees for the Kansas Wildlife Federation Conservation Education Award.
The Board gave the County Clerk, Linda Bogart permission to select, order and procure HAVA compliant voting equipment for Cloud County.

The Board recessed at 12:00 and will resume at 1:00 p.m. to travel with the Highway Administrator to the Aurora Rock Pit to look at the trees and fence on the property, and also view a bridge near Ames.

The Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until November 14, 2005
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Jan Price, Deputy Co. Appraiser; Sheryl Williams, Co. Treasurer; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary; Diane McNichols, Health Nurse.

Others attending were: Erin Vance and Jessica Stover, CHS Government Students; Dave Devilbiss, Victor L. Phillips; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Co.; Adam Hoffman, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.; Cathy Feriend, Chrissy Feriend and Rodney Hake, Cloud County Health Promotion Coalition Youth Division.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the contract between KDHE and Cloud County for the acceptance of the Recycling Grant.

Rob Walsh, County Attorney reported the grand jury is set for December 13, 2005 for jury selection and John Bork from the Attorney General’s office will assist him.

Walsh discussed the acceptance of the recycling grant.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved cost of living increases for State employees in the Court Services Office.

The Board discussed a variance for a septic tank replacement for Bill Valcoure.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented 3 bids for motor graders. Bids were received from Victor L. Phillips for a Case 865 DHP of $130,475 with trade; Martin Tractor Co. for a Cat 12H00 for $183,916 with trade; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. for a John Deere Model 670D for $151,950. with trade.

Asch asked for time to check the bids to be sure they meet requirements & specifications. He will bring his recommendation back to the Board on November 28, since the Board will not be in session on Monday, November 21, 2005.
During the regular monthly department head meeting Carl Eyman with KWORCC presented information on Bomb Threats and Terrorism.

Cathy Feriend, Diane McNichols, Chrissy Feriend, and Rodney Hake with the Cloud County Health Promotion Coalition Youth Division requested support for the Great American Smokeout Day in Cloud County on November 17, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board signed a proclamation to designate November 17 as the day of the Great American Smokeout in Cloud County.

Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary was in to discuss the recycling grant.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director presented specifications for a pickup for his department. Thomas will mail specifications to the dealers in Cloud County and request they be returned to the County Clerks office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2005 to be opened by the Board on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

The Board discussed the bid process and decided all bids requested should be turned in at the County Clerk’s office rather than to the department requesting the bids.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a personnel classification for Chad Barton as a part-time road officer effective November 28, 2005. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Bergstrom and Kearn discussed the dispatch service.

The Board will not meet on Monday, November 21, 2005 as they will be attend the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Topeka.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until Monday, November 28, 2005.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 28, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Christa Bergman, CHS Govt. Student; P.J. Owen; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Dave Devilbiss, Victor L. Phillips Co.; Adam Hoffman, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.; Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor Co.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the Solid Waste hauling contract, the recycling grant and the acquisition of land.

Mills presented the proposals for the addition to the transfer station office, because of the cost it was decided not to do the addition at this time.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed the commercial truck traffic on Rock Road (the Parallel). The Board discussed the possibility of passing a resolution to restrict commercial truck traffic on Rock Road.

The Board discussed the grader bids that were opened last week. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of a CASE 865 DHP from Victor L. Phillips for $142,475.

The Board discussed the fence and trees on the Aurora Rock Pit property.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported he had been elected to the Board of Directors for the Cloud County Historical Society. The Historical Society Board asked Ferguson to present an updated job description for the museum curator to the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Julie Tyler as an RN at the Health Department, effective December 5, 2005, approved a classification change for Cynthia Weber as PHN Coordinator effective November 28, 2005 and signed a Condition of Participation, Home Health Agencies.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Lisa Widen to Deputy Election Officer effective November 28, 2005.

The Board recognized the resignation of Dr. Larry Dragone as County Coroner for Lincoln County.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a variance for a septic tank replacement for Bill Valcoure.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the cancellation of outstanding Treasurer checks totaling $3,013.10.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-44 to cancel check # 08444 in the amount of $229.98 and Resolution #05-45 to cancel check # 08380 in the amount of $406.00.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

Gary May, District Sanitarian discussed a meeting with Walthers Oil Company regarding the waste water system.


Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director requested approval to apply for FY2005 DOC unexpended funds in the amount of $12,357.92. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the request.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the grant application for FY2007 Prevention Plan for JJA Intake Follow Up Services in the amount of $51,157.00.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved applying for unexpended funds in the amount of $5,000 for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

The Commissioners reported on the Kansas Association of Counties meeting they attended last week.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 5, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Member Gary Caspers and County Clerk Linda Bogart present. Commissioner Bill Garrison was not in attendance, due to illness.

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

Others attending were: Gail Revell; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Richard Schultz, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3; CHS Government Students Alisha Shuler, Amber Marcotte, Candice Knudsen, Charissa Howarth, and Nathan Bulthaup.

Signed department payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed acquisition of property for recycling.

Walsh also discussed limiting and restricting establishment of adult stores.

Walsh reported the grand jury selection will begin on December 13, 2005.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution #05-46 A Home Rule Resolution Prohibiting Certain Thru Truck Traffic On Cloud County Highways, In Cloud County, Kansas. The Resolution states it is unlawful for a person to drive any truck on the following county public highways in Cloud County, Kansas, unless said vehicle has an entry point onto the highway that is on private property adjoining said county highways, or destination point that is on private property adjoining said county highways: Starting at the intersection of Rock Road (Cloud County Road 360) and 40th Road (Cloud County Road 765), thence East 7 miles to the intersection of Rock Road (Cloud County Road 360) and 110th Road (State Highway 9).

Asch will place appropriate signs along the mentioned roads indicating “NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC.” Violations of this resolution shall be punishable in accordance with penalties established by law for conviction of a Class B non-person misdemeanor, and a minimum fine that shall be imposed by a court for the violation of this resolution shall be $250 per violation.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a Personnel Classification change for Graig Anderson for a 42 cent per hour increase due to having completed his 6 month introductory period as a Truck Driver.
Asch reported concerns he had received concerning trees on Right Of Way in 8-6-3 Lincoln Township.

Asch discussed the condition of the fence at the Aurora Rock Pit, he will visit with the tenant, Glen Sulanka.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser presented plans for the replacement of existing office furniture with a new panel system with a counter top.

The Board discussed the purchase of HAVA compliant voting equipment. The total cost for the purchase of: 9 E S & S AutoMark Voter Assist Terminals; 9 Model 100 Precinct Scanners; Training; Upgrade to Model 150 Central Count Machine; and miscellaneous supplies will be approximately $105,000. The State of Kansas has received Federal Funds and has allotted each County funds based on their ideal number of polling places and total number of registered voters. Cloud County has been allotted $48,000. toward the purchase of its HAVA compliant equipment. The Board recommended accepting the interest rate of 4.95% for a 3-year term in the amount up to and not to exceeding $70,000 from United Bank & Trust to finance the balance of this purchase.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported Shawn Shuler would like to rent another room, for additional office space, in the Health Dept. building. The Board approved this request.

Payne presented a corrected front page of the BT grant, which included a place for the Chairman’s signature. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign this corrected page.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-47 canceling check #08519 in the amount of $838.59.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2005-00053 thru 2005-00055 totaling $199.58.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director asked the Board to schedule a public hearing for the Cloud Ceramics property tax exemption. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier the Board set December 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. as the date of the public hearing.

Richard Schultz, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 reported that Jason Mottin and Tom Smith have resigned from the Fire District Board. The Fire District Board recommended appointing Darin Sanders and Angela Scott to fill the vacated positions. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the recommendations.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Sibley Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage application for Walthers Oil DBA Concordia Texaco Travel Plaza.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign Resolution # 05-48 to approve the KWORCC By-Law changes.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the RC&D meeting he attended in Washington, Ks. on Tuesday, November 29.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until December 12, 2005
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 12, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, Co. Appraiser; Ron Thomas, Weed Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Billie Payne, Health Administrator; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Sheryl Williams, Co. Treasurer; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Pete Stephens; Kenny Blair and Toni Sinker, Cook, Flatt & Strobel; Arlene Clayton; Roger Nelson.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the recycling grant and the Grand Jury which is scheduled to begin on December 13.

The Board requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:19 a.m.

Walsh and Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the Resolution for commercial truck traffic on Rock Road. The Board asked the County Attorney about the possibility of amending the wording of the Resolution for clarification of its intent.

Asch reported work will start today on Bridge Project 15-C3951-01 (North of Glasco). Asch stated the engineers estimate for this project was $175,500 with the county share being $38,600. The final bid on the project was approximately $111,000 with the county’s share being $24,700.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp presented the Record for Public Inspection for the Cloud Ceramics project. The information will be on file in the County Clerk’s Office.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were amended to read: on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote to approve Resolution 05-47.

The Board reviewed and implemented the amendments to the Deferred Compensation Plan Documents for both Valic and Nationwide to comply with the new IRS Regulations which take effect on January 1, 2006.

Roger Nelson stopped by to visit with the Board.
The Board conducted their regular monthly department head meeting.

Barry Porter, Co. Appraiser reported the personal property statements will be sent out before January 8, 2006.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the rising fuel costs have been a problem this year. Asch reported at of the end of October fuel costs are approximately $20,000 higher than at the end of each of the past two years.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported there was no fall treatment season this year and they will probably be busy in the spring.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he has talked to the State and we should be receiving the recycling grant money within 2 to 3 weeks. The Board gave Mills permission to close the Transfer Station on Christmas Eve.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator reported the Health Department has approximately 50 doses of adult flu vaccine left, which will be offered on a first come first served basis. Payne reported they also have 180 doses of children’s flu vaccine left.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported he needed the sign up sheets returned for the employee Christmas dinner, which is Monday, December 19th.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are getting ready to start their winter programs in January. Gerhardt reported the 4-Hers made Christmas stockings on Friday night, as a service project. The stockings will be included in the community Christmas baskets.

Sheryl Williams, Co. Treasurer reported they are busy collecting property taxes. First half taxes are due by December 20th.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/DOC Director reported they are down one surveillance officer. The position will not be filled until after January 1.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported Kenneth Davis will finish his training at the Law Enforcement Academy on December 23.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the voting equipment has been ordered, with an expected delivery date of April or May. If installation and training are complete, the equipment will be used for the August 2006 primary election.

The Board discussed the telephone system with the department heads.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:50 a.m.
Ron Thomas, Weed Director was in for the opening of the pickup bids for his department. Bids were received from Womack Sunshine Ford for a 2006 Ford 3/4T 4x4 in the amount of $19,639.00; George Motor Co. for a 2006 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 in the amount of $21,835.00; Babe Houser Motor Co. for a 2006 Chevy Silverado ¾T 4x4 in the amount of $20,186.93.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of a 2006 Ford 3/4T 4x4 pickup from Womack Sunshine Ford for the price of $19,639.

The Board acknowledged the termination of Anthony Pellant as a part-time surveillance officer.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements totaling $331.46.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on Friday, December 9.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended on Thursday, December 8 at Beloit.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board concerning wind energy.

Pete Stephens stopped by to visit with the Board.

Kenny Blair and Toni Sinker with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P. A. stopped by to visit with the Board.

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County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Billie Payne, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Don Kling, Cloud Ceramics; Janet Lowell, Central National Bank; Branden Belvill and Dustin Hittle, CHS Government Students.

Signed department payroll checks.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the Resolution concerning truck traffic on Rock Road. Asch will publish a notice in the newspaper stating the Resolution will be rescinded.

Asch presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Cloud County Rural Water District #1 for a buried waterline across Eagle Road and west of the intersection of 140th Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch reported the new grader was delivered last week and the crews were out doing snow removal over the week-end.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:17 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:27 a.m.

Billie Payne, Health Administrator presented the 2006 employment agreement with Justin M Poore, D.O. as Cloud County Health Officer. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the employment agreement.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Trisity Mason as part-time Home Health Aide effective December 30, 2005.

The Board requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 9:32 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:47 a.m. Also included in the session was the County Attorney and Billie Payne.
The Board accepted the resignation of Billie Payne, Health Administrator to be effective January 2, 2006.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Chartier opened the public hearing for the property tax exemption for General Finance Inc. DBA Cloud Ceramics.

Don Kling with Cloud Ceramics stated he was very appreciative of all the help during this project. Kling reported that during the course of this project, approximately $6 million was spent locally. They have hired 7 new employees and will possibly be hiring part-time employees, as well.

Janet Lowell, Central National Bank felt this is a very worthwhile project and is very much in support of the project.

At 10:20 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 05-49 regarding the “Finding of Fact” with Respect to Property Tax Exemption for General Finance Inc.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 05-50 exempting certain property in Cloud County from adValorem taxation for economic development purposes, with regard to the Cloud Ceramics project.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director presented the 2006 Funding Agreement for CloudCorp in the amount of $45,000. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Funding Agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a contract with Pierce, Faris Chartered of Hutchinson, Ks. for audit services.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Walthers Oil Company DBA Concordia Travel Plaza.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Notification to Solomon Township board for the Cereal Malt Beverage application for the Glasco Golf Club.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.

The Board discussed the NACO prescription drug discount card program.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2005-00067 thru 2005-00079 totaling $713.00.

The Board hosted their annual employee Christmas dinner beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m. until Tuesday, December 27, 2005
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 27, 2005 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Richard Chartier, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Luke Garrison; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Buckland; Larry Bergstrom, Emergency Preparedness Director; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Solid Waste hauling contract, commercial truck traffic on Rock Road and the grand jury.


Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Buckland and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed the Resolution regarding commercial truck traffic on Rock Road that was rescinded.

Commissioner Chartier explained the Resolution was rescinded because of a misconception by County residents. The Resolution was to restrict commercial truck traffic on Rock Road only and not all County Roads and the Board felt the language was vague.

Ron Buckland explained it is dangerous for county residents and school buses because of the speed the trucks are traveling on Rock Road. Buckland feel this is a very dangerous situation and would like to see something done before someone is seriously injured.

The Board suggested Asch have the Resolution be reworded and presented for their approval.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-51 for the Transfer of Funds from the Road and Bridge to the Special Machinery Fund with the amount to be determined by the annual audit.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director presented Resolution #05-52 for the transfer of funds in the amount of $7,000. from the Weed Fund to the Weed Capital Outlay Fund. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved this transfer.
Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director requested the Board encumber $1,200. for the purchase of office equipment to be used in the Emergency Operations Office. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the request.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-53 designating the Concordia Blade Empire as the Official County Newspaper.

Resolution #05-54, designating depositories for county officers, was adopted on motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote. Central National Bank was named depository for the county clerk and sheriff. Citizens National Bank was named depository for the county attorney. United Bank & Trust was named depository for the register of deeds. All banks in the county were named depositories for the county treasurer.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff requested encumbered funds from the sheriff department budget in the amount of $72,820. The funds would be used to purchase 3 patrol vehicles; 8 rifles for patrol vehicles; 8 digital in-car video systems; GPS for patrol vehicles and replacement windows, replace and repair soffit and guttering at the law center.

The Board will consider their request along with requests from other county departments.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator returned with a new Home Rule Resolution #05-55. The Resolution will prohibit Commercial Truck Traffic starting at the intersection of Rock Road (Cloud County Road 360) and 40th Road (Cloud County Road 765), East 7 miles to the intersection of Rock Road and 110th Road (State Hwy 9). On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the new Resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the following 2005 encumbered fund requests:

- County Treasurer $5,770.00 for office furniture & equipment
- County Clerk $3,000.00 for office furniture & equipment
- Special Building $4,500.00 variable speed for cooling tower & thermostats
- Election $20,000.00 equipment upgrade & purchase
- Appraiser $17,000.00 office furniture & equipment, GIS enhancement
- Sheriff $72,820.00 patrol vehicles & equipment, building upkeep
- Courthouse General Expense $26,642.10 purchase checks and match funds for grant
- Maintenance $10,700.00 lawn mower with snow blower attachment

Gary May, District Sanitarian visited with the Board about the possibility of introducing a requirement for inspection of property, for compliance to the sanitary code, when the ownership of property is transferred. May reported other counties have implemented this policy and it has identified problems which can be handled between the parties involved in the ownership transfer.
May reported he is in the process of checking older permits to see if all work has been completed satisfactorily.

May also reported he has been reviewing the sanitary code and private water codes and Cloud County has 1 minor conflict in the code. Sec. 2-45 states well separation of 100’ from a septic tank and the Table 1 shows well separation of 50’ from a septic tank. He will send a revision for the code.

May also suggested the Board may want to adopt a policy stating work should be completed within one year after the receipt of a permit and if it is not completed the applicant would need to reapply and pay an additional fee.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed the 2006 Pawnee Mental Health contract in the amount of $67,668.00.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage License application by Rick Breault, Jr. of Gator LLC. DBA the Rock Quarry.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Juvenile Detention meeting he attended on Wednesday, December 21, 2005. Chartier reported the committee will be rotating their meeting place and the meeting will be held in Concordia on June 21, 2006.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.