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, 2006 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; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Ronald Thomas, Weed Director.

Others attending were: P.J. Owen, Owens Trucking, Inc.; Lowell Thoman; Amy Buckland; Lisa Helton; Arlene Clayton.

Signed Department payroll checks.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented the hauling contract with Owen Trucking Inc. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2006 Employment Agreement with Richard Mills as Solid Waste Director.

Amy Buckland and Lisa Helton were in to visit with the Board about when the Resolution regarding commercial truck traffic on Rock Road would be in affect. Andy Asch, Highway Administrator explained the Resolution was published in the Blade on Friday. Once it is published and the utility locations are marked then his department could put up the necessary signs, which should be within the next day or two.

Asch presented the Board with notification to rescind Resolution #05-46 (the first Resolution regarding commercial truck traffic on Rock Road) effective December 19, 2005.

Asch reported his department is doing routine winter work.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2006 employment agreement with Andy Asch as Highway Administrator.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. Larry Bergstrom, Emergency Preparedness Director it should read Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 2% cost of living increase for County employees, to be effective, January 8, the first day on the next pay period.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Rose Ann McGannon, part-time clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2006 employment agreement with Jim Johnson as Maintenance Manager.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about Congressman Jerry Moran’s visit to Miltonvale.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Glasco Golf Club.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-01 concerning waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

The Board tabled the signing of the 2006 Employment Contract for Weed Director Ronald Thomas. The Board asked Thomas to contact Bill Scott with the Kansas Board of Agriculture and ask if he would be available to come and visit with them and answer questions they have about Weed Department regulations.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing the base wage for fulltime maintenance employees to $8.00 per hour, effective the 1st day of the next payroll period.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 until Monday, January 9, 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 9, 2006 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; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Ron Thomas, Weed Director.

Others attending were: Gail Revell; Hanah Revell; Michael Herrs.

The Board reorganized, electing Gary Caspers as Chairman, nomination by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented a Real Estate purchase agreement with Gail Revell in the amount of $65,000. for the purchase of property and equipment to be used for recycling.

After discussion, Commissioner Chartier recommended paying Revell $18,000 as a down payment for the property and having the State conduct a Phase I examination, since this was a former grain elevator. If the State finds no problems, during their examination, the balance of $47,000. will be paid.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to have the Chairman sign the purchase agreement and check to Gail Revell.

Walsh discussed the grand jury.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented 4 Resolutions for the removal of weight limit signs. Resolution 06-02 for Bridge No. 632 located between Section 2 and 11-6-3, which spans East Oak Creek; Resolution 06-03 for Bridge No. 817 located between sections 17 and 20 8-1, which spans Chapman Creek; Resolution 06-04 for Bridge No. 538 located between Sections 7 and 18-5-3, which spans an unnamed Creek; Resolution 06-05 for Bridge No. 6515 located between Sections 16 and 21-6-5, which spans White Creek.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to approve the Resolutions to remove the weight limit signs.

Asch discussed the 5 year bridge plan.

The Board held their monthly department head meeting.
Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported his office had done business with over 100 financial institutions during the last year.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported routine business. He reported the Governor is backing a bill to exempt newly acquired commercial equipment and machinery from the tax rolls. This would have the potential of affecting Cloud County by reducing revenues by approximately $470,000.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are getting ready for the installation of the new counters in the County Treasurer and County Clerk’s offices.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been doing backups and will be doing some rewiring in the Treasurers office after the new counters are installed.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported routine business at the Transfer Station and they will be starting with recycling.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director reported he has been doing annual reports and repairing and getting the spray equipment ready for the spraying season.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported routine winter work and they will be doing some tree cutting.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are doing year end reports. Bogart reported she has contacted Twin Valley Telephone concerning updating the phone system.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a meeting conducted by Farm Bureau regarding the feasibility of an ethanol plant in Cloud County.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented an estimate to repair the damage to a trailer that was involved in an accident. Mills reported the estimate for repairs would be $4,224.66, which would be covered by insurance. He also reported the trailer floor needs to be repaired which would cost approximately $15,000.

Mills presented a specification sheet for the purchase of a new trailer from Wilkens Walking Floor Trailers of Stockton, Kansas. The cost of a new trailer is $51,996.00 less trade-in of $13,372.35 for a total cost of $38,623.66. The insurance money will also be applied to the purchase of the new trailer.

The Board gave Mills to purchase the new trailer if he has the money in his budget.

Mills discussed recycling with the Board and will set up a time later to start meeting with the Board on a weekly basis.
Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager told the Board that he is scheduling safety meetings on office ergonomics and harassment, with KCAMP and KWORCC, on January 25.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements # 2005-00095, 2005-00096, 2005-00098 totaling $212.34.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-06 to cancel check # 09421 in the amount of $508.80

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the last meeting as amended. (Employment agreement for Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager was approved on motion by Commissioner Casper, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote).

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Brian Marks as a driver for Field Services effective January 5, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Rick Breault, Jr., of Gator LLC DBA The Rock Quarry.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring of Kim Mathews as a Home Health Aide, effective January 6, 2006.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and will resume at 1:00 p.m. at the Health Department.

The Board resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the Health Dept. to visit with employees.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 16, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician.

Others attending were: Kevin Riddle, IT Specialist; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director.

Signed Department payrolls.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he is still waiting on the Phase I examination to be completed by the State on the recycling property. When Walsh receives confirmation the Phase I examination is complete and no problems were found, the balance of the purchase price will be paid to Gail Revell.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2005-0097, #2005-00099 thru 2005-00110 totaling $856.15.

The Board reviewed Commissioners Committee appointments for 2006. Commissioner Garrison was reappointed to the Regional Planning Commission and CloudCorp Board.

Commissioner Chartier was reappointed to the Mid-States Port Authority Board; JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board; Rural Lakes Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Commissioner Caspers was reappointed to the Community Resource Council; Convention & Tourism Committee and Tobacco Coalition Advisory Board.

All of the Commissioners will serve on the Solid Waste Committee; Health Advisory Board and the Sanitary Code Committee.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Tobacco Coalition Advisory Board meeting he attended on Wednesday, January 11.

All of the Commissioners attended the Health Advisory Board meeting held on January 12, 2006.
Commissioner Garrison reported on the CloudCorp meeting he attended on January 10, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-07 to cancel check #09660 in the amount of $83.63 to Rod’s Thriftway.

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

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the grant conditions for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) for approval. Backstrom reported, when the grant conditions are signed they will receive an additional $5000. in funding. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant conditions.

Backstrom presented the FY07 JJA Core Program Grant Application in the amount of $151,146. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the JJA FY07 Core Grant Application.

Backstrom reported they will be advertising for a part-time surveillance officer again.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented an insurance release form for signature. Mills reported when the release form is returned to the insurance company, we will receive a check for $6500. to cover the damages and for down time for the trailer.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment authorizing Mills to sign paperwork required for the recycling grant.

Mills discussed the purchase of the North Central Recycling Center property and equipment, which includes 2 balers, glass crusher, pallet jacks, and Gaylord boxes.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director reported Jim Koch, Chairman of a steering committee, has asked CloudCorp to help fund a formal feasibility study for an ethanol plant in Cloud County. The total cost of the study would be approximately $50,000. Lowell requested the Board contribute $5,000 toward the cost of the study. The CloudCorp Board will be contributing $5000. toward this study and he will be visiting with the Concordia City Commissioners, in the near future.

Lowell reported Roger Nelson, a CloudCorp Board member, will be their representative on the steering committee.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, with a vote of 2 yes and 1 no, the Board will honor the funding request. Commissioner Chartier opposed the funding request. Chartier felt this is a good project, but feels private money should be used to finance the study and not taxpayers dollars.
Jerry Collins, Computer Technician and Kevin Riddle, IT Specialist visited with the Board about the Courthouse internet service. They reported we are getting more and more web based programs and the current system is getting slower. Riddle suggested going to DSL service with SBC for the Courthouse building only. The cost would be approximately $79.99 per month for 6 months and $89.99 per month after the promotion period. The Board gave approval to proceed with the DSL proposal presented.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until January 23, 2006.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 23, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Ron Thomas, Weed Director.

Others attending were: Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Arlene Clayton; Bill Scott, Ks. Dept of Agriculture; John Anderson and Deb Whitmer, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment; Robbin Cole and Martha Soucek, Pawnee Mental Health.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported the State has not completed the Phase I examination on the recycling property.

Walsh reported he has visited with the Sheriff’s Department about patrolling Rock Road.

The Board visited with Walsh concerning the appointment to the 12th Judicial District Nominating Commission. The position, currently held by Doug Musick, will be up for appointment in March 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-00111 thru 2005-00114 in the amount of $219.84.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-08 to cancel check #9825 in the amount of $34.10.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed a letter from Joe Detrixhe, in regards to putting millings on the road in front of his house. The Board has denied requests of this type in the past, and felt this is not a policy they want to start, because of the maintenance problems that could occur.

Asch reported crews are cutting trees in the Aurora area.

Commissioner Caspers reported he participated in KNCK Coffetime on Friday.
Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission reported several grants have been received in Cloud County, Glasco will receive a grant for their Fire Station; Clyde and Miltonvale will each receive housing grants.

Ohlde reported that Rural Water District #1 is requesting an extension on their grant. They are having problems finding a location for a new well, which will allow for Senior Water Rights.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant extension for Rural Water District #1.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a personnel classification sheet for a new hire. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Terri L. Smock-Smith as an equipment operator at the recycling center to be effective January 24, 2006.

Mills reported on a meeting he attended in Manhattan on Thursday, January 19, 2006 concerning e-waste.

Mills reported he will put a notice in the newspapers asking citizens not to leave things at the recycling center until it is cleaned up and we are ready to accept recyclables.

Gary May, District Sanitarian visited with the Board concerning fees and inspection on transfer of property. The Board advised they would not make changes to the policy without visiting with the Sanitary Committee first.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board regarding the feasibility study for the ethanol plant.

Commissioner Chartier reported he attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City on Wednesday, January 18.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. and will resume at 1:00 p.m.

The Board resumed open session at 1:00 p.m.

Ronald Thomas, Weed Director and Bill Scott, Kansas Department of Agriculture visited with the Board about the statutory requirements for the Weed Dept.

John Anderson and Deb Whitmer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment visited with the Board about the Health Department.

Robbin Cole, Interim Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health and Martha Soucek visited with the Board about the services provided by Pawnee in Concordia, Cloud County and the 10 counties served in this area.

The Board adjourned at 2:50 p.m. until January 30, 2006.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 30, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Bob Gering, Joe Detrixhe and Kent Otott, Rural Fire District #4.

Signed department payroll checks and review expense vouchers.

The Board requested a 5 minute executive session with Robert Walsh, County Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:10 a.m.

Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session with Robert Walsh, County Attorney to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m. Also, included in the session was Ronald Thomas, Weed Director.

The Board asked Walsh to start the process of combining the Road and Bridge Department and the Weed Department to be effective January 1, 2007.

Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:32 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:37 a.m. Also, included in the session was Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2006 employment agreement with Ronald Thomas, Weed Director.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Joint Road Waterway Use Permit for Norman Cleveland for the South Side of SE ¼ of 25-6-1 (Shirley Twp). On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch discussed the traffic on Rock Road.
Asch reported the Kansas Highway Officials meeting will be held on March 23, 2006 in Mankato.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of J. Bradley Lowell to the 12th Judicial District Nominating Commission. The term of office for the new appointment will be March 6, 2006 through March 1, 2010.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported Ron Elniff had called the Appraisers office to compliment the County on its website, he found it very helpful and contained good information.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented 2 proposals for the purchase of a used skid loader to be used at the recycling center. Proposals were presented from Concordia Tractor Inc. for a 2002 John Deere 260 for $23,495. and from Martin Tractor Company for a 2003 Cat for $27,630.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of the 2002 John Deere skid loader from Concordia Tractor for $23,495.

Mills presented a bid for restroom, electrical, and heating and cooling system repairs at the recycling center office. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Roger’s Electric in the amount of $11,260.71 and taking the cost of repairs from the Special Building Fund.

Bob Gering, Rural Fire District #4 Fire Chief, reported that Joe Detrixhe will be resigning his position as Secretary of the Fire District Board. Kent Otott has agreed to fill the vacated position on the Board.

Commissioner Chartier stated he appreciated all the volunteer service provided in the Rural Fire Districts.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Kent Otott on the Rural Fire District # 4 Board.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director reported their will be required NIMS (National Information Management System) training on March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. held at Cook Theatre at Cloud County Community College.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a request to hire Julie M. Sallman as a part-time Road Officer for the Sheriff Dept., to be effective on January 30, 2006 at $8.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Jarrod B. McIntosh as a part-time surveillance officer to be effective February 27, 2006 at $10.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a salary increase for Dawn Blazek, as per the State non-judicial pay plan, from $11.10 per hour to $11.93 per hour.

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

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2005-00115 , #2005-00118 thru #2005-00127 totaling $2,103.36.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the employment agreement with Doug Funk as Pharmacist for the Cloud County Health Dept.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

Signed expense checks.


On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a Lease Agreement for space at the Service Center (Health Dept.) with Meadowlark Hospice.

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

Commissioner Chartier reported on the NCK Regional Hospital Drill he attended in Salina on February 1, 2006. The drill, sponsored by the North Central Kansas Hospital Region and Kansas Homeland Security, was conducted to evaluate county and regional emergency response plans.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, presented a utility agreement with Arvine Hiner for a buried electrical line 170’ N of Rock Road on N 262nd Road. One motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Agreement.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed the buildings at the recycling facility. Lowell reported a manufacturing company has approached him about renting or leasing the building that will not be used for recycling. Mills stated he will have to check with KDHE and see if the provisions of the grant will allow this type of arrangement.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff gave an update on his department.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.
The Board and several department heads were to have a conference call and webex presentation with Jarrod Ewell with Public Surplus, but due to technical difficulties the presentations was postponed until next Monday, February 13, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Sheryl Williams, Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; Ron Thomas, Weed Director.

Others attending were: Jeff Thoman; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Karrissa Brecken and Jennifer Sudduth, CHS Government Students.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on the progress of the grand jury.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved implementing a 30 day burning ban for Cloud County, to be effective February 13, 2006. The resolution and proclamation will be signed next Monday.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Tobacco Coalition meeting he attended Wednesday, February 8, 2006. During the meeting they viewed a video on smoking and cancer that will be shown to high school students in the county.

Commissioner Caspers reported on a meeting he attended on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 with the CloudCorp Executive Board and city officials. During the meeting they conducted a conference call with Gold Thomen on potential manufacturing possibilities for Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board signed Resolution #06-09 to appoint Laura Noblejas, Outpatient Therapist at Pawnee Mental Health Services to the Juvenile Justice/Community Corrections Advisory Board as the Community Mental Health representative to replace Steve Cohen, who has moved out of the area.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported bridge project 15C-3951-01 has been completed. The bridge is located approximately 4 miles north and 1 mile west of Glasco on Iron Road.

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

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-131 thru 2005-134 totaling $261.55.
The Board recognized Jim and Mara Del Demars as being the recipients of the Cloud County Bankers Award at the Soil Conservation Annual Banquet held Thursday, February 9, 2006.

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

Fran Garrison served cake, punch and coffee to celebrate Commissioner Garrison’s birthday.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported change of value notices will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Personal Property sheets and Ag Value forms have been mailed out.

Sheryl Williams, Treasurer reported delinquent Personal Property notices have been mailed. The Treasurers office will be installing a financial management program next week which will allow them to enter their daily transactions on the computer. Williams will be attending a training class for new County Treasurers in Topeka on February 14-17.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has completed the wiring for computers in the Treasurers office and Appraisers office since both offices have installed new front counters. On February 17th Cloud County will be changing to SBC DSL internet service.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported he will be getting proposals for the well and for a variable speed motor on the cooling tower.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported the Recycling Center is officially open as of 8:00 a.m. today.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department is cutting trees and screening rock at the rock pit.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported this is the 60th anniversary for the Conservation Service. Whitney discussed upcoming meetings and the monthly newsletter for the Extension District.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are working to get bar codes on the voter registration cards, so they can begin scanning them into the new voter registration program.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Mid-States Port Authority meeting he attended.

The department head meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

Jeff Thoman visited with the Board concerning a bicycle rack he would like to donate to the County for use at the Courthouse. The Board approved the donation.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a request for a new hire. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved
the hire of Larry Sulanka, at $10.00 per hour, as an equipment operator at the Recycling Center, to be effective February 13, 2006.

Mills asked permission to attend the yearly Solid Waste Conference to be held in Great Bend. The Board gave approval for him to attend.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director visited with the Board about the west building at the Recycling Center and the possible uses of that building.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #06-10 to cancel check # 100115 in the amount $960.00.

Ron Thomas, Weed Director presented the Weed Department annual report. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the report, which will be sent to the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture.

Thomas discussed the cost share percentage for chemicals purchased by county residents. The Board suggested leaving the cost share at 15% as it has been in the past.

Thomas presented the agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to treat noxious weeds on Right of Ways. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the agreement.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the 40 million gallon ethanol plant being built in Phillipsburg by Prairie Horizon Agri-Energy.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Board resumed at 1:00 p.m. with a conference call and web presentation with Jarrod Ewell of Public Surplus. The presentation gave the Board and department heads information for regarding the sale of surplus equipment on line.

The Board adjourned at 1:50 p.m. until February 21, 2006.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Jeff Widen, Performance Lawn & Rental; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

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 Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-11 to cancel check number # 100226 issued to the Blade Empire in the amount of $26.97 on February 6, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #06-12 to cancel check # 100300 issued to the State of Kansas in the amount of $390.00 on February 6, 2006.

The Board recognized the resignation of Jean Darnall as Solomon Township Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board signed Resolution # 06-13 for the thirty (30) day Burning Ban effective February 13, 2006 thru March 15, 2006.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on the progress of the Grand Jury.

Walsh requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:30 a.m. Also included in the session was Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented information on a 1997 Koberg Rock Crusher from Berry Tractor Co., Salina, for $130,000. The Board recommended the purchase if it meets the necessary specifications and if parts and service are available.
Asch reported Bridge Project 15C-3951-01 has been completed and the road should be open by the end of the week. Asch presented Resolution # 06-14 for the Removal of Weight Limit Signs for the Bridge. Bridge # 7513 is located between sections 15 and 22 7-5 which spans Fisher Creek.

Commissioner Garrison reported concerns he has received about trees at 110th and Deer Road. Asch advised he would look into the matter.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported Jim Lervold had visited with him concerning a fence on the SE Corner of County property. Lervold asked if the County would pay for ½ the cost of the materials to repair the fence. Lervold would pay ½ the cost of the materials and furnish the labor to repair the fence. The Board approved this request.

Mills requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss the acquisition and sale of property. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 10:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:15 a.m. Also included in the session were Robert Walsh, Terry Ferguson, and Barry Porter.

The Board asked Mills about the possibility of having a Grand Opening at the Recycling Center in conjunction with Earth Day.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on Friday, February 17. The Committee discussed applying for a grant to be used for local youth organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, SADD, and after Prom parties, in the County.

Commissioner Chartier and wife; Commissioner Garrison and wife attended the Pace Setter Award Banquet on Thursday, February 16.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting he attended in Junction City on Wednesday, February 15.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-00136 thru 2005-00147 totaling $1,116.52.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Jeff Widen, Performance Lawn and Rental presented a proposal and estimate for a pump installation, wiring and a sprinkler system for the Courthouse lawn at a cost of approximately $45,000.

Widen recommended Johnson contact Peterson Irrigation and have them test pump the well before any decision is made.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness presented the State and Local Assistance Grant Application for Board approval. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant application.
Eubanks discussed the NIMS training and how it affects any and all grant applications made within the County.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until February 27, 2006.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, RN Health Dept.

Others attending were: James Hedstrom, Cellular One; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Brittney Dorman, Kyle Lervold and Alicia Callihan, CHS Government Students.

Signed Payroll Checks and review expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on the procedure for the sale of county property.

Commissioner Garrison reported he has received calls concerning commercial truck traffic on Rock Road. Walsh will contact the Sheriff’s Department concerning this matter.

The Board signed letters to Dr. Paul Nelson and James Douglass to congratulate them for being the recipients of the 2005 Pacesetter Award, given by the Community Resource Council, Chemical Dependency Committee.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-00151 thru 2005-00153 totaling $116.94.

The Board approved the Cloud County Fair Housing Notice to be published in the Blade Empire.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Catherine Davis, as Tax Roll Maintenance Clerk, at $11.65 per hour, to be effective March 13, 2006.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the county nepotism policy.

Asch presented a proposal for a computer program for the Road and Bridge Department, cost of the program and 1 year of support would be $5750. They would also need to replace 2 computers to be able to have the necessary operating system for this program. The Board approved the
purchase of the program and computers if there are sufficient funds in the Road and Bridge Dept.
budget.

Asch reported he had informed Berry Tractor that Cloud County would purchase the rock
 crusher, discussed at last weeks meeting.

Asch presented a utility permit for Brian Dorman for a buried phone line 48’ South of Rye Road
along 200th Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison,
unanimous vote the Board approved the utility permit.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a summary of the 2005 receipts and expenditures
for the Solid Waste Dept.

Mills reported he would be getting proposals for windows and for shingling the roof at the
Recycling Center.

Mills reported that on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. representatives from the Kansas
Dept. Health & Environment will be here to inspect the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the North Central Regional Planning meeting he attended on
Thursday, February 23, 2006.

James Hedstrom, Cellular One presented a proposal for cell phone service.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented information on suggested changes to the Sanitary Code,
if approved the change would require inspection of property at the time of transfer of property.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director visited with the Board about the NIMS
training to be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Cook Theatre at Cloud County
Community College. If this training is not completed it would affect the possibility of receiving
State and Federal Grant money, by all taxing entities within the County.

Eubanks is trying to create a Threat Assessment Team, this will offer training for officials as to
their responsibilities in the event of a disaster.

Eubanks is also trying to formulate a Foreign Animal Disease Plan.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported Dan Eigsti with the United Methodist Youthville of
Salina is interested in renting 2 of the South rooms in the basement of the Health Dept. The
approximate monthly rent would be $229.50 per month, plus 1% of the utilities.

Johnson reported the Optimist Sale will be held on March 11 and asked if the Board wanted to
take any surplus property to the sale. The Board suggested Johnson go through the property and
if there is anything that can not be used by another Department, he should take it to the sale.
Proceeds from the sale of any property would go to the General Fund.
Cynthia Weber, RN visited with the Board about the Health Administrator position, and stated she would be interested in the position. The Board reported they would advertise the position and she should send in a resume.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Randy Sorell, Corrections Sgt.; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician.

Others attending were: Dean Holbert; Brad Smith, Alan Snyder; John Walker with Walker Construction; Dave Smith; Don Walker; Bryant Thurston.

Signed Expense Checks.

Brad Smith, Dean Holbert, Alan Snyder, John Walker, Dave Smith, and Don Walker visited with the Board about the Resolution concerning commercial traffic on Rock Road and the problems being caused for the local farmers and contractors.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported his department has patrolled Rock Road a total of 65 hours since January 1st.

The Board agreed to look into this matter further and see what can be done to resolve the problem.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 10 minute executive session at 9:43 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:53 a.m. Also included in the executive session was Sheriff Larry Bergstrom, Undersheriff Donnie Kearn and Corrections Sgt. Randy Sorell.

Bergstrom and Kearn discussed various situations concerning the Rock Quarry.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility agreement with Cunningham Telephone, of Glen Elder, for burial of fiber optic lines from 40th Road East on Rock Road to the Concordia City limits and another from Jamestown North on 40th Road and East on Vine Road to 80th Road.

Asch presented a utility agreement with Rural Water District #1 for a water line across Key Road at 1334 Key Road.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved both utility agreements.

Asch reported the Bi-annual bridge inspections would be conducted this year and he will be requesting proposals.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the buildings at the Recycling Center. Mills presented 2 proposals for shingling the roof of the scale house. Proposals were presented by Blochlinger Construction for $1,260.00 and Geisler Roofing for $1,214.00. Since the dollar amount of the proposals were so close, Mills will visit with both contractors and see when work can be started, before a decision is made.

Mills asked the Board for an increase of $.25 per hour for Sherry Nelson, Office Clerk at the Transfer Station, raising her hourly rate from $12.75 to $13.00. Nelson will be doing the recordkeeping that will be necessary for the Recycling Center, as well as her regular duties at the Transfer Station. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the increase to be effective March 6, 2006.

Mills reported he will be meeting with the Jamestown City Council, on March 13th and with the Miltonvale City Council on March 20th to discuss recycling.

Bryant Thurston stopped by to visit with the Board about Rock Road.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the 2005 audit information form, for grant funds received.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Patricia Dowlin, as Solomon Twp. Treasurer and LeRoy Wolf as Solomon Twp. Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2005-00154 thru #2005-00158 totaling $1494.00.

The Board received a plaque from Blue Cross Blue Shield recognizing Cloud County’s 23 years of continuous coverage with their Company.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-14 to cancel check #100482 in the amount of $287.22 and Resolution #06-15 to cancel check #100084 in the amount of $2,405.43.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician visited with the Board about his position as Computer Tech.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved having the County Clerk sign the application to the Board of Tax Appeals for personal and real estate property tax exemption for NorKan Fertilizer.

Robert Walsh and the Board visited about the Resolution for Commercial Truck Traffic on Rock Road. The Board will continue to work to find a solution to the problem.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until March 13, 2006.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Barry Porter, Appraiser, Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Cynthia Weber, R.N.; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Bev Mortimer, Superintendent USD 333; Dannie Kearn, Transportation Director USD 333; Arlene Clayton.

Signed Payroll Checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Dannie Kearn Transportation Director with USD 333 and Bev Mortimer, Superintendent USD 333 visited with the Board about the Resolution concerning commercial truck traffic on Rock Road. They discussed several incidents that have happened involving school busses and the safety issues involved.

Walsh reported on the grand jury and it has been extended for 90 days.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Scott Moore as a part-time Corrections/Road Officer to be effective March 4, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage License application by the Sons of American Legion.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility agreement with Dennis Reedy for a buried electrical line West of 180th Road approximately 840’ on Plum Road between Sections 13-6-3 and 24-6-3. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the agreement.

Asch will attend the Bureau of Local Projects meeting on Thursday, March 16th in Salina.

Asch will start working on the 5 year Bridge Plan this week.

The Board conducted their monthly Department Head meeting.
Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported her office had completed the training for the new escrow program. This service will be offered starting with the next tax year, in December. They will be printing second half tax statements next week which will be mailed out the 1st part of April.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported his department will start waxing the floors of the Courthouse. He reported they will be doing the hallways on the weekend, starting in about 2 weeks.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been working with the new computer programs at the Sheriff’s Dept. Collins reported that after the last “Most Wanted List” was posted on the County Website there were 2 arrests. He will be doing program updates at the Health Dept. next week.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported routine business in his office. Porter reported he has received several compliments on the new office furniture and counters that have been installed in several of the offices.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported they are ready to ship a load of textiles and glass this week and a load of cardboard next week.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are ready to start their grading jobs. Asch is working on the 5 year Bridge Plan.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they will be getting digital cameras for the patrol vehicles.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they will be participating in a Mock Election on March 13 – 15, which will be a trial run for ELVIS, the new Statewide voter registration program.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported on the 4-H Club Day, for the four county district, that was held on Saturday at Cloud County Community College. Gerhardt reported Walk Kansas started today and there are 12 teams signed up.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported on a Chemical Dependency Committee meeting to develop a Drug and Dangired Children Protocol for dealing with children in the meth environment.

Commissioner Chartier commented he felt the cameras being purchased for the patrol vehicles was a very good idea.

The department head meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-00159 thru 2005-00164 totaling $78.73.
Commissioner Caspers reported all of the Commissioners, Linda Bogart, Sheryl Williams and Terry Ferguson had all attended the NIMS training on Monday, March 6, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved an addendum to the Section 125 Plan to allow a grace period of 2 months and 15 days after the end of the plan year to incur expenses before the forfeiture rule applies.

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 reported Geisler Roofing has completed the work on the roof of the Scale House at the Recycling Center.

Mills reported he will meet with the Jamestown City Council on March 13 and with the Miltonvale City Council on April 3 to discuss recycling.

Cynthia Weber, RN from the Health Dept. presented the Health Dept. grant application for a total amount of $271,138. The programs and amounts included in the grant are: State Formula $36,216; Chronic Disease Risk $70,394; Family Planning $61,752; AIDS Counseling and Testing $3,833; Maternal & Child Health $19,023; Child Care Licensing & Reg $37,139; Immunization Action Plan $42,781. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant application.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the upkeep at the Morrison Cemetery and the ethanol plant.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a classification change for Julie Sallman from part-time Road Officer to a fulltime Road Officer to be effective March 13, 2006. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Bergstrom reported Kale Fraley is resigning as Road Officer to be effective March 19, 2006.

Bergstrom reported they will be hiring Van Meter & Associates to update their Standard Operating Policies and Procedure manual for the Sheriff’s Dept.

The Board adjourned at 11:52 a.m. until March 20, 2006.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds.

Others attending were: Jim Coash, Aquila

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2005-165 thru #2005-00167 totaling $69.82.

The Board noted the ban on open burning has expired and will not be extended at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign a zoning request, regarding improvements at the Alltel tower site on Quaint Road.

The Board recognized the resignation of Kale Fraley as Road Officer at the Sheriff’s Dept. effective March 19, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Julia Tyler, RN at the Health Dept., raising her hourly rate from 15.30 to 15.76 per hour. Tyler has completed her 3 month introductory period.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Sons of the American Legion.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the 5 year bridge plan.

Asch reported the utility agreement with Dennis Reedy presented last week had an incorrect road name. The name of the road should have been Plum Road instead of Oat Road.

Asch reported KDOT and Cook, Flatt & Strobel will be conducting a field check for Bridge Project 15C391901 located 2 miles South and 4 ½ miles West of Concordia on March 22.
Jim Coash, District Manager of Aquila visited with the Commissioners about the work they will be doing on the substation located near Jamestown on Trail Road from 40th Road to Highway 28. The Board gave permission for the Highway Dept. to provide barricades to close the road during the week of April 3-7, while the work on the substation is being done.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he will meet with the Aurora City Council on April 19 to discuss recycling.

Mills reported they will need to purchase hydraulic side shift forks for the skid loader, this will allow for easier loading of the bales and boxes of recycled materials. Mills has visited with Concordia Tractor about trading the stationery forks for hydraulic side shift forks, at a cost of $3,175 with trade.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds visited with the Board about a meeting held on Saturday, March 18, 2006 by the Cloud County Historical Society Board Members, at which time they discussed the mural for the Museum Annex Building.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a Juvenile Detention meeting he attended on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Westmoreland, Ks.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the Kansas Methodist Youthville would like to negotiate the price per square foot for rental of office space at the Health Dept. building. Currently space is being rented for $8.50 per square foot, the Youthville group suggested $8.00 per square foot. The Board did not want to make changes in the price per square foot because of the possible problems it would cause in the future.

The Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until Monday, March 27, 2006.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 27, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, RN Health Dept.

Others attending were: Jim Anderson, Chemical Dependency Committee; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

Reviewed expense vouchers and signed payroll checks.

The County Clerk reported receiving a check in the amount of $128.62 for the surplus items sold at the Concordia Optimist Sale.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous voted the Board recessed into executive session at 9:06 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:21 a.m. Also included in the executive session was the County Clerk, Linda Bogart.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a personnel classification change for Larry Florea to increase his hourly rate from $11.14 to $12.36 per hour. Florea has completed his six month introductory period as heavy equipment operator. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the change to be effective March 5, 2006.

Asch discussed 3 unpaid accounts for gravel totaling $163.18.

After discussion of the 5 year bridge plan, the public hearing was set for April 10, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

Asch reported he will be sending out bids specifications for tires around April 10, bid opening was set for April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Chartier discussed the North Central Kansas County Highway Officials Association meeting that he and Asch attended on Thursday, March 23 at Mankato.

The Board discussed the NCK Area Study Session with State Officials meeting they will attend on Monday, April 3, 2006 in Belleville.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Cloud County.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director discussed the progress at the Recycling Center. Mills also noted the need for stock trailers to be used for recycling.

Mills stated the Coca Cola Distribution Center and the Thrift Shops in Superior and Hebron, Nebraska will be using the Recycling Center.

Mills will be attending the Recycling, Compost, E-Waste Conference in Great Bend on March 28-31.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-16 appointing Kim W. Cudney as Acting Cloud County Attorney.

Jim Anderson, Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee presented the 2006 Funding Agreement in the amount of $11,000. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the funding agreement.

Gary May, District Sanitarian discussed waste water issues in Cloud County.

May and the Board will meet with the Sanitary Code Committee on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss changes to the Sanitary Code.

The Board requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 11:33 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:48 a.m. Also included in the session was Cynthia Weber, RN.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commission Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Cynthia Weber as Cloud County Health Administrator, with a six month introductory period. Weber’s salary is to be $35,000 per year.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote to approve Resolution #06-17 to cancel check #100693 in the amount of $13.55.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Oath & Bond for Patricia Dowlin as Solomon Twp. Treasurer, and the Oath & Bond for Joyce Peterson as Lincoln Twp. Treasurer (this oath was missed being signed last year).

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2005-00168 thru #2005-00175 totaling $3,298.04.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the Lease Agreement with the United Methodist Youthville for rent on office space at the Health Dept.

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

The Board adjourned at 12:06 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 3, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Jason Garwood, Jace Cave, Michael Lynn, Cyle Odette, Chance Bieker, Trevor Snyder, Luke Schmidt, Brian Forshee, Chris Kearn, Teri Trost, Anthony Monroe, Kyle Pearce, CHS Government Students; Carol Miller, CASA; Carol Whitley, Pawnee Mental Health; Nancy Reynolds, Frank Carlson Library; Michael Angell, KVC; Nicki Taylor-Morris, Cloud County Resource Council; Diana McNichols, Health Dept.; Holly Brown, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Rose Splichal, Court Services; Cathy Feriend, Club 81; Patricia Gerhardt, Extension District.

Signed expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Health Administrator contract and the progress of the Grand Jury.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board appointed Commissioner Chartier to be Cloud County’s representative on the NCK Regional Homeland Security Council.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-18 to cancel check # 100981 in the amount of $27.01.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-19 Ordering Preparation for Tax Foreclosure Sale.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a personnel classification change for Lisa Widen from Deputy Election Officer to Deputy County Clerk/Deputy Election Officer, changing her hourly rate from $11.65 to $12.36.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the Sanitary Code Committee meeting held March 28, 2006.

The Board discussed the 2 “Housekeeping Changes” recommended by Gary May, District Sanitarian and Committee members.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported on the weed training he attended last week and unpaid gravel accounts.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported Governor Sebelius and her advisory Board will be here sometime in April to tour the Recycling Center.

Mills reported on the Recycling meeting he attended in Great Bend, and they will be ready to ship the first load of textiles this week. They are in the process of planning for an open house at the recycling center on April 22nd in conjunction with Earth Day.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the employment agreement with Cynthia Weber as Health Administrator.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the NCK Regional Planning Commission meeting he attend in Beloit on March 30. The dues for 2007 will be changing, Cloud County’s dues will be increased by $90.

The Board set the canvass for the Concordia and Miltonvale City General Elections for Friday, April 7, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed a Proclamation to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cloud County.

The Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. The Board and County Clerk traveled to Belleville for a luncheon and study session with State Officials. Also, attending were officials from Republic and Jewell Counties, as well as Representatives Clay Aurand, Joann Freeborn, Sharon Schwartz.

Topics discussed included the best way to communicate with our legislators, exemption on equipment and machinery, eminent domain and consolidation issues.

The Board and County Clerk returned to the Cloud County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m. The Board adjourned at 2:35 p.m. until Monday, April 10, 2006.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and Deputy County Clerk Lisa Widen present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Barry Porter, Appraiser, Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; LeaDawn Welch, Chief Court Clerk.

Others attending were: Ashley Istas, Teri Trost, Chad Palmquist, CHS Government Students.

Signed Payroll Checks and reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed a tax lien on a bankruptcy case.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. One motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous voted the Board recessed into executive session at 9:17 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:22 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented his 5 year Bridge Plan. One addition to the plan was for January of 2011- Location Description – 3.9 miles South and 0.5 miles East of Concordia.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman Gary Caspers to sign the 5 year Bridge Plan.

Asch will attend a certification class on April 19, 2006 for requirements needed to assume the Weed Directors Position the first of 2007.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a personnel classification change for Andy Asch, Highway Administrator to increase his salary rate by 10% making his annual Salary $40,046.24. The increase is due to his taking on new duties learning to be Weed Director.

Commissioner Chartier complimented the Road and Bridge Department for the work done in Colfax Township.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the 
Board approved Chairman Gary Caspers to sign the Miltonvale Rural Fire Grant.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the 
Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and of the County Canvass that took place 
on Friday April 7, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the 
Board approved Abatement #2005-176 totaling $1,076.98.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported that Roger Demanette has almost completed his 
work at the Recycling Center.

Mills also reported that he is doing research on the grinding down of plastic in order to alleviate 
the storage problem. He also noted that Champlin Tire Recycling will take all the milk jugs that 
the Recycling Center gets after they are bailed.

The Board conducted their monthly Department Head meeting.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported that they were the hosts for the District Meeting on 
Friday the 7th. 43 Treasurers and Register of Deeds attended.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported that the waxing of the Courthouse hallways is 
completed and they will begin on the offices. Johnson also reported that he has got the variable 
speed motor in the tower so now he will be able to fire up the air conditioning if the weather 
dictates.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has finished the update to the Cloud County 
Web Site which is  www.cloudcountyks.org.  Collins said that he has added a page for the 
Drivers License office.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported routine business in his office. Porter also commented that there 
has been 6.3 million dollars of new construction in Cloud County for the year 2005.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported that he has gained the thrift shop in Belleville as a 
recycling customer. Mills also said that the Recycling Center has a Grand Opening Scheduled 
for April 22nd.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that in the last 3 to 4 weeks he has had alot of signs 
vandalized.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they should have the new Digital Vehicle Camera’s in this 
week. Bergstrom said they are also looking into the possibility if they can connect the Radar 
Guns to the Camera’s. Sheriff Bergstrom also stated that his new employee, Julie Sallman, will 
be attending the Academy in May.
Lisa Widen, Deputy County Clerk reported that Linda Bogart, County Clerk, is away this week at the 2nd year County Clerk Certification School. Widen also reported that the new Election equipment will be arriving late May or 1st of June.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported that mortgage activity is picking up.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported that the Grand Jury is still going on.

LeaDawn Welch, Chief Court Clerk reported that the cost to date for the Grand Jury to the County is at $4,500.00.

The department head meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until April 17, 2006.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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 and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Lee Doyen, Tourism Committee.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board concerning a bankruptcy case and the progress of the grand jury. Walsh reported the 4th Graders, from Concordia Elementary School, will be in the Courthouse on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. to attend a mock trial.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported on the County Clerk Year 2 certification school she attended in Wichita last week.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has checked on the price of chemical to be used for the spraying of County right of way. The prices he received were: UAP Timberland $11,904.00 and VanDeist $13,162.80. Asch reported he will be ordering from UAP Timberland this year.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the salary increase for Asch, raising his salary from $36,816.00 to $40,026.24 per year. The increase was made because he is receiving training and will be assuming the additional duties of Weed Director as of January 1, 2007.

On motion by Commissioners, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. The correction should read approved a personnel classification change for Andy Asch, Highway Administrator to increase his salary by $3,210.24, which is equal to 10% of the Weed Directors salary for 2006.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported they would be having an Open House at the Recycling Center of April 22, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Mills will appear on KNCK’s Thursday morning spotlight, this Thursday, April 20th to discuss recycling and the Open House. The Board gave Mills permission to take their place on Coffeetime on Friday, April 21st.
Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the Kansas Soybean Association and the wording on petitions. Clayton also gave the Board information about the Tour and Concert to be held in June at the Tallgrass Nature Preserve in Strong City, Ks.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff asked the Board for suggestions on the best way to recruit officers for his department. Bergstrom also presented information on the number of cases that were worked by each county in the 12th Judicial District during 2005.

Lee Doyen, of the Tourism Committee presented a request to appoint Don Kayser, representing the Holiday Inn Express, to fill an unexpired term on the Tourism Board. The position is currently held by Kanu Patel, representing Econo Lodge, whose term will expire December 31, 2007. Doyen also requested the reappointment of Larry Sorell of Rustic Remembrances of Glasco and Patricia Lynch of Cottage on the River, Simpson to 3 year terms ending December 31, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments.

The Board donated the framed picture of County courthouses in the State to the Cloud County Historical Museum.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until Monday, April 24, 2006.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 24, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/DOC Director; Kevin Riddle.

Others attending were: Gary May, District Sanitarian; Richard Schultz, President Miltonvale Rural FD # 3.

Reviewed expense vouchers and signed department payroll checks.

Commissioner Caspers gave a report on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting held Friday, March 21, 2006. The Committee discussed the possibility of having an Inservice to inform area residents about meth labs and meth use. Also, the Committee will be conducting meetings to decide the best way to help children who are living in a drug environment.

Commissioner Chartier gave a report on the North Central Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council meeting held Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in Clay Center.

Commissioner Garrison gave a report on the Bio-Diesel meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Dennis Hupe, Director of Kansas Soybean Association was the guest speaker.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2005-00177 thru 2005-00179 totaling $1,044.23.

The Board opened tire bids at 9:30 a.m. Bids were received from Thompson’s OK Tire, Beloit and Commercial Tire, Salina. There were no bids from local vendors. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having Andy Asch, Highway Administrator go through the bids and accept the lower bid for each type of tire.

Asch presented a Public Road Right of Way Use Permit with Leonard Reedy for a buried water line across 200th Road approximately 3906’ South of Teal Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

The Board discussed chemical prices and the current purchase policy for chemicals at the Weed Department.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director complimented Asch and the Highway Department for their help at the Recycling Center.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (Commissioner Garrison’s name was omitted from a motion regarding the minutes of previous meeting.)

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the Lease Agreement with Early Headstart for office space at the Service Center (Health Dept. building).

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported on the Open House held at the Recycling Center on Saturday, April 22, 2006. Mills reported they will have a load of textiles ready for shipment.

Mills discussed the fuel situation at the Transfer Station.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported on “Ladies Night Out” to be held May 4, 2006 at the Catholic Parish Hall. The Health Department received a $500 grant from the Avon Foundation and the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, Salina, to sponsor this event to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. The Health Department will accept reservation through this week.

Weber discussed the 2005 Medicare Audit that was conducted in April.

Weber presented an amendment to the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Local Contract to include Pandemic Influenza. Cloud County will receive an additional grant in the amount of $4,644.00. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous the Board approved having the Chairman sign the amendment.

Weber presented a personnel classification for the hire of Kay Berk as RN Coordinator Health Care Services, to be effective May 1, 2006, at a rate of $15.30 per hour with a six month introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring request.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented information regarding salaries and benefits for officers. The Board will study the information and take the request under advisement.

Bergstrom presented a personnel classification for the hire of Florian Winkler as a part time corrections officer, to be effective April 24, 2006, at a rate of $8.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented information on the number of permits issued during the last year and discussed the meeting with the Sanitary Code Committee.
Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director introduced Kevin Riddle who will be the new Director effective July 1, 2006.

Backstrom presented the FY07 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan, which is the same amount requested last year. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign.

Backstrom presented the Interlocal Agreement for Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice Services for the 12th Judicial District. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to have the Chairman sign the agreement.

Richard Schultz, President of Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 stopped by to tell the Commissioners they will be going to Hays to pick up the 2 Fire Trucks on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Commissioner Garrison reported he will be attending the KCCA meeting in Manhattan, May 10-12.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Signed department expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported on the grand jury progress and discussed the city and county procedures for transporting prisoners.

On motion by commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolutions # 06-20 to cancel check #100307, Resolution #06-21 to cancel check #100339, Resolution #06-22 to cancel check #100230, Resolution #06-23 to cancel check #101186, Resolution #06-24 to cancel check #101078 and Resolution #06-25 to cancel check #101191.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the letters of engagement with Gilmore & Bell to serve as Bond counsel on the AgMark project.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a Proclamation designating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Cloud County.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Kenneth Davis as Road Officer for the Sheriff’s Dept effective April 21, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a personnel classification change for Lisa Widen, changing her hourly rate to $13.73 per hour, due to completing her 9 month introductory period.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department will start spraying this week, if weather permits. Asch will be sending out bid specifications, within the next couple of weeks, for the purchase of 2 pickups.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the Farmway Coop annual meeting he attended on Thursday, April 27.

All of the Commissioners and their spouses attended the Pawnee Mental Health annual meeting held on Tuesday, April 25.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director visited with the Board regarding the grinding of plastic and the possible purchase of a grinder. Mills reported on the safety inspection at the Recycling Center.

The Board gave Mills permission to lease a baler for baling aluminum and steel cans from Sunoco Paper Co. of Hutchinson, Ks. for $1.00 per year.

Mills reported that since the Recycling Center has opened they have shipped 2 loads of paper products totaling 71,202 lbs.; 2 bales of shredded paper weighing 2,150 lbs.; 1 load of textiles; and 3700 lbs of ground glass.

Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health presented a Proclamation designating May 2006 as Mental Health Month in Cloud County. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Souchek reported they are in need of someone to serve as an alternate on the Pawnee Mental Health Board and asked the Board for any recommendations.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a new hire for Marleen Parker as RN/BT Coordinator/Home Health at a rate of $15.30 per hour with a 6 month introductory period, to be effective May 15, 2006. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission stopped by to visit with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until May 8, 2006.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, County Clerk Linda Bogart and Deputy County Clerk Lisa Widen present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Lea Dawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Gary Reynolds

Gary Reynolds stopped by to ask if the open burning ban was still in effect. The Board informed Reynolds it was not in effect but it would be a good idea to call the Rural Fire Dept. to let them know of the burn.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and attorney client privilege. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m. Linda Bogart, County Clerk was also included in the session.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Trever Patton, Outpatient Therapist at Pawnee Mental Health Services, as Community Mental Health Representative to the 12th Judicial District Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board.

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 Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a contract with KleinFelder for boring services on Bridge Project #15C-3919-01 located in the SW1/4 10-6-4 in the amount of $5,900 with additional charges of $23.00 per foot in excess of 65 feet.

Asch reported they were wanting to do road overlaying this year but with the oil and gas prices going up it may only be possible to do patching on county roads.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Kenneth Asch as part time utility worker, at a rate of $8.00 per hour, to be effective May 15, 2006.
At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted their monthly Department head meeting.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court reported on the progress of the grand jury and she is getting ready to work on budgets.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they are still needing to hire deputies. The department has 4 full time deputies and they should have 8 full time deputies.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported there is still a leak at in the Courthouse roof. He has contacted Eric Johnson with Campbell and Johnson concerning this and Johnson will contact the roofing company to get this taken care of.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported she has 1 more grant to write and gave a report on the JJA/DOC combined audit that was conducted in September.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is working at the Sheriff’s Dept. to upgrade computer files.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported the Health Dept. has a supply of vaccine for MMR, which is available for $10.00. Weber reported there have been no confirmed cases of mumps in Cloud County.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have been spraying and reported concerns regarding the costs of fuel.

Commissioner Chartier gave a report on the Mid States Port Authority meeting he attended.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff visited with the Board about the possible ways to recruit deputies and also transporting prisoners.

Commissioners Garrison and Chartier reported they attend the Dig Safe “One Call” meeting held at the American Legion on Wednesday night, May 3, 2006.

Commissioner Garrison attended the open house of the new ICU unit at Cloud County Health Center, Sunday, May 7, 2006.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Grand Opening at the new theatre Thursday night, May 4, 2006.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until May 15, 2006.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Fran Garrison.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into executive session at 9:03 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:13 a.m. Also, included in the executive session was the County Clerk.

Walsh discussed problems that have been reported at the Rock Quarry.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported pickup bids will be opened next Monday, May 22, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

Asch asked the Board for permission to have the Road and Bridge mechanics service the Weed Dept. equipment. The Board gave permission and told Asch to keep track of the cost and the time, so the Road and Bridge Dept. could be reimbursed.

Asch presented prices for sealing oils from SemMaterials and Asphalt & Fuel Supply:
SemMaterial prices for: CRS-1H $1.219 per gal. 
SS-1H $ 1.272 per gal. 
CRS-1M $ 1.369 per gal. 
MC-3000 $1.824 per gal. 
MC-800 $1.872 per gal. 

Asphalt & Fuel Supply prices for: PG 64-22 $1.454 per gal. 
MC-3000 $1.952 per gal. 
MC-800 $1.952 per gal. 

Asch reported, that due to the price of oil, they may have to cut back on the number of miles to be sealed and overlayed this year.

Asch reported he had reviewed the tire bids and the total of the purchases from each company that submitted bids: Thompson’s OK Tire $13,620.62 and Commercial Tire $2,979.54. There were no local bidders.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported Meyers Recycling of Newton, Ks. will purchase baled plastic for $.11 per pound or $220 per ton. Mills reported that because of the strict regulations for grinding of plastic, as well as the cost of a grinder, it will be better to bale the plastic received at the recycling center.

Mills will meet with the Glasco City Council on June 6 to discuss recycling.

Mills reported that since the recycling program has started we have saved approximately $3,000 on the cost of hauling waste from the transfer station to Topeka.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2005-00185 in the amount of $173.84.

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

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the “Ladies Night Out” Cancer Awareness Program sponsored by the Cloud County Health Dept. and Avon. Clayton felt the event very informative and reported she had visited with the Health Administrator about the possibility of having a similar event for Heart Disease.

Clayton gave the Board information on the Midland Hospice Center in Topeka.

 Commissioner Garrison gave a report on the KCCA meeting held in Manhattan, on May 10-12.

The Board continued their discussion on the salary schedule for the Sheriff’s Dept. and possible ways of recruiting officers.

Fran Garrison visited with the Board about putting up “No Smoking Signs” close to the elevator entrance and the east basement entrance to the Courthouse.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until May 22, 2006.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 22, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Jimmie Workman, Jr.; Arlene Clayton.

Signed Department payroll checks.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board concerning the use of the meeting room.

The Board discussed the possibility of employees donating leave time to another employee in the case of sickness or disability. The Board felt that since Cloud County has the short term disability insurance in place this would not be an advisable policy to begin at this time.

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

The Board opened bids for 2 pickups for the Highway Department. Bids were received from:

Womack Sunshine Ford for 2-2006 Ford F150 pickups in the amount of $14,875 per vehicle for a total of $29,750 with an estimated delivery date of 8-10 weeks.

George Motor Company for 2-2007 Dodge Ram pickups (bids were for 2007 model pickups since they were unable to provide the 2006 model) in the amount of $16,820 per vehicle for a total of $33,640 with an estimated 60 day delivery date.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the bid specifications were for the purchase of 2-2006 pickups. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase from Womack Sunshine Ford.

Asch presented two (2) Right of Way Use Permit applications with Rural Water District #1 for buried waterlines.

  The first permit is for buried waterline across Oat Road East of 140th Rd. about 1300 ft.
  The second permit for buried waterlines at the following locations:
    160th Road on the North side of Noble Road
    Noble Road on the East side of 150th Road
150th Road new West Quarter Corner of 27-6-3
Milo Road on the East side of 145th Road
145th Road near Center of 33-6-3
135th Road on the North side of Noble Road
Plum Road on the East side of 130th Road
130th Road near the West Quarter corner of 8-6-3
Quail Road on the West side of 130th Road
120th Road on the South Side of Rock Road
155th Road approximately 1,350’ South of Iron Road
Diagonal crossing of intersection of 190th Rd and Iron Road
Teal Road approximately 60’ East of the North Quarter corner of 25-5-5
Rock Road on the West side of 130th Road (near NE corner of 6-6-3)
In east right-of-way of 130th Road from approximately 330’ north of Plum Road to
approximately 820’ north of Plum Road

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
Board approved both Right of Way Use Permits.

Asch visited with the Board about Weed Dept. matters.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff updated the Board on personnel
matters at the Sheriff’s Dept.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about various matters.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator gave a report on the activities at the Health Dept.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
Board approved having the Chairman sign the Hazardous Material Employer Certification for
Cynthia Weber.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
Board approved signing the authorization for the Home Health Agency to operate in Cloud
County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the
Board approved job title changes, to be effective May 14, 2006, for Julia Tyler from IMM,
PHN, MCH to RN/IMM, MCH Coordinator and for Edythe Koerber from RN/Public Health to
RN/Home Health.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the
Board approved classification changes and hourly rate changes for Diane McNichols from
RN/Public Health Educ/Tobacco to RN/Public Health Coordinator/Educator with a rate increase
from $15.76 per hour to $15.87 per hour; Diana Gering from RN, Public Health Nurse to
RN/Home Health Coordinator with a rate increase from $15.76 to $16.02 per hour.
On motion by Commissioner Charter, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Diana Gering and Diane McNichols to act as Administrator/Supervisors in the absence of Health Administrator Cynthia Weber.

Commissioner Caspers gave a report on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting and their discussion on meth labs and drug endangered children in Cloud County.

Commissioner Garrison gave a report on the Cloud Corp meeting he attended May 16th. He reported the feasibility study on the ethanol plant has been completed.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until Tuesday, May 30, 2006.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 30, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Donald N. Dean, Campbell & Johnson, Engineers; Jeff Bechard, AgMark, LLC; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Arlene Clayton.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed problems at the Rock Quarry.

Walsh requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 15 minute executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign Resolution # 06-27 granting Twin Valley Telephone, Inc., the right to construct, install, maintain and operate a telephone, cable television and digital data system within Cloud County.
RESOLUTION NO. 06-27

A RESOLUTION GRANTING TO TWIN VALLEY TELEPHONE, INC., ITS AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A TELEPHONE, CABLE TELEVISION AND DIGITAL DATA SYSTEM WITHIN CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS.

Section 1. That the franchise, right and license to construct, install, maintain and operate a system (hereinafter the “system”) for the transmission of voice communications, television programming, visual images, audio, data and/or other information or content, now in existence or to be constructed in the future within Cloud County, Kansas, (hereinafter “County”) be, and the same is hereby granted to Twin Valley Telephone Company, Inc., (hereinafter “TVT”) a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Kansas, and to its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns for a period of ten years, commencing June 1, 2006.

Section 2. That the terms hereof shall be of no effect within the corporate limits of any city in this county that has adopted or adopts during the term thereof (including during any extension hereof) an Ordinance granting to TVT a franchise to provide the services authorized hereby within such City.

Section 3. That the term of such franchise, right and license aforesaid shall extend without further affirmative action by the County or by TVT for an additional period of ten years commencing June 1, 2016 unless either the County of TVT gives written notice to the other not later than December 1, 2015 of an intent not to extend the same, such notice to be given to the County by delivery to the County Clerk or to TVT by delivery to such company’s registered office.

Section 4. That in the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of said system, TVT, its successors or assigns, are hereby given the right, permission and authority to have the use of the public roads and rights-of-way of said County; provided, that the same shall be so used as not to interfere with the public for the purpose of travel or public purposes; and provided further, that whenever it becomes necessary for TVT to tear up or dig into any public
roadway, it shall first obtain permission to do so from the County, and the grantee shall at its own expense repair and replace any such street, alley or sidewalk to County specifications by the said grantee; provided further, that whenever it becomes necessary to change or alter the grade of any public roadway, the County shall have the right to require the said TVT to remove its line, poles and cables so that they will in no way hinder such change in grade, and all such work or removing or changing the lines, poles and cables shall be done at the expense of TVT, provided further that in the laying of facilities underground by the said grantee, they shall be laid in such a manner as not to obstruct or interfere with water pipes, drains, sewers, or other structures already installed, and that all such work shall be done under the supervision of said grantor, and upon the completion of the facilities installation, TVT shall furnish the County, a reasonably accurate diagram showing the nature and location of all such facilities; and at any future time when the location of any such facilities are changed, or additional ones installed, then it shall be the duty of the grantee to notify the grantor of such changes so that the diagram can be changed, corrected or kept current.

Section 5. That all the rights, powers and privileges conferred by this Resolution are granted by the County, and accepted by TVT, upon the express condition that the said TVT, its successors and assigns, shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless the County against all claims for damages which may result from the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the said system.

Section 6. That permission is hereby granted to TVT to trim trees upon and overhanging public roadways and rights-of-way and public places of said city so as to prevent the branches of said trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of the company; all of the said trimmings to be done under the supervision and direction of any city official to whom said duties have been or may be delegated, the expenses thereof to be borne by TVT.

Section 7. That nothing herein shall be construed as giving to TVT, or its successors or assigns, any exclusive privilege, nor shall it affect any prior or existing rights of TVT or any affiliate to maintain a telephone or telecommunications system within the County.
Section 8. That the right, powers, limitation, duties and restrictions herein provided for shall inure to and be binding upon the parties hereto and upon their respective successors or assigns.

Section 9. That in consideration for this franchise, TVT, its successors or assigns, agrees to pay to the city an annual fee of ONE DOLLAR ($1.00), with the first payment due on the 30th day of June, 2006 and continue on a like schedule for every year during the term of this franchise including any extension pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

Section 10. That said TVT shall have sixty (60) days from and after the approval and passage of this Resolution to file its written acceptance thereof with the County Clerk; and that failure of said TVT to file its written unconditional acceptance of the Resolution with the County Clerk within sixty (60) days after its approval and passage as aforesaid shall be deemed as a rejection thereof by the said TVT.

Section 11. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon its publication in the official city paper once a week for two consecutive weeks following its final passage, provided that TVT shall have filed its written acceptance with the County Clerk as aforesaid.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioner of Cloud County, Kansas, this 30th day of May, 2006.

Gary Caspers  
Chair

ATTEST;

Linda Bogart  
County Clerk
Donald N. Dean, Campbell & Johnson, P.E. gave the Board an update on the new federal regulations for bridge inspections.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will begin summer hours this week.

Asch presented the 2007 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the plan.

Commissioner Chartier reported he attended the LEPC meeting on Wednesday, April 24. Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented an informational program on the Pandemic Flu.

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

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Comm Corrections Director present a grant application for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) for $3,867 with a county match required of $430. The grant funds will be used for surveillance. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant application.
Commissioner Garrison reported on the North Central Regional Planning Commissioner meeting held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at Advanced Manufacturing Institute in Manhattan.

Jeff Bechard, AgMark gave an update on the 3 phases of the AgMark Project. Bechard presented Resolution #06-28 to authorize the Issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series 2006A and 2006B in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $5,000,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006A AND SERIES 2006B (AGMARK PROJECT) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $5,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL GRAIN HANDLING AND STORAGE FACILITY; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO SEPARATE BOND AGREEMENTS, THE FIRST BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY, COBANK, ACB, DENVER, COLORADO, AS FISCAL AND PAYING AGENT, FARM CREDIT LEASING SERVICES CORPORATION, AS TENANT/PURCHASER OF THE SERIES 2006A BONDS, AND AGMARK, LLC, AS SUBTENANT, AND THE SECOND BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY, AGMARK, LLC, AS TENANT/PURCHASER OF THE SERIES 2006B BONDS, AND COBANK, ACB, DENVER, COLORADO, AS FISCAL AND PAYING AGENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO LEASE THE EQUIPMENT FOR SUCH FACILITY TO FARM CREDIT LEASING SERVICES CORPORATION FOR SUBLEASE TO AGMARK, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR SUCH FACILITY BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND AGMARK, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO EFFECT THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS HAS FOUND AND DETERMINED:

A. Cloud County, Kansas (the “Issuer”) is authorized by the Kansas Economic Development Revenue Bond Act, as amended, as codified in K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq. (the “Act”), to acquire, construct, improve and equip certain facilities (as defined in the Act) for commercial, industrial and manufacturing purposes, to enter into leases and lease-
purchase agreements with any person, firm, or corporation for such facilities, and to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of such facilities.

B. The Issuer’s governing body has heretofore determined by Resolution No. 05-34 that it is desirable in order to promote, stimulate and develop the general economic welfare and prosperity of the Issuer and the State of Kansas that the Issuer issue its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 and Series 2006B (AgMark Project) dated as of their Issue Date in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $5,000,000 (collectively, the “Bonds”), for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping additions to an existing commercial grain handling and storage facility (the “Project”), as more fully described in the Bond Agreements and in the leases authorized in this resolution for lease to AgMark, LLC (“AgMark”) with respect and to the real property, building and improvements purchased with the proceeds of the Series 2006B Bonds. To Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation (“Farm Credit Leasing”) and with respect to the equipment purchased with the proceeds of the Series 2006A Bonds.

C. The Issuer’s governing body finds that it is necessary and desirable in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to execute and deliver the following documents (collectively, the “Bond Documents”):

(i) a Bond Agreement (the “Bond Agreement”), between the Issuer, Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation, and CoBank, ACB, Denver, Colorado (“CoBank”) providing for the sale of the Series 2006A Bonds by the Issuer to Farm Credit Leasing Services, and

(ii) a Bond Agreement (the “Bond Agreement”) between the Issuer, Co Bank and AgMar, providing for the sale of the Series 2006B Bonds by the Issuer to AgMark; and

(iii) a Lease (the “Building Lease”) with regard to the Series 2006B Bonds, with AgMark, under which the Issuer will acquire and construct the Project and lease it to AgMark in consideration of Basic Rent and other payments.
D. The Issuer’s governing body has found that under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-201a Second, the Project purchased or constructed with the proceeds of the Bonds is eligible for exemption for ad valorem property taxes for up to 10 years, commencing in the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued, if proper application is made. The Issuer’s governing body has further found that the Project should be exempt from ad valorem property taxes for a period of 10 years. Prior to making this determination, the governing body of the Issuer has conducted the public hearing and reviewed the analysis of costs and benefits of such exemption required by K.S.A. Supp 12-1749d.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Definition of Terms. All terms and phrases not otherwise defined in this resolution will have the meanings set forth in the Bond Agreements, the Building Lease and the Equipment Lease (collectively, the “Leases”).

Section 2. Authority to Cause the Project to be Purchased and Constructed. The Issuer is authorized to cause the Project to be acquired, constructed and equipped in the manner described in the Bond Agreements and the Leases.

Section 3. Authorization of and Security for the Bonds. The Issuer is authorized and directed to issue the Bonds, to be designated “Cloud County, Kansas Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A and Series 2006 B (AgMark, LLC)” in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $5,000,000. The Bonds will bear interest at various stated rates and will be in such principal amounts, will mature, and will have such other redemption provisions, including premiums, will be in such forms and will be issued according to the provisions, covenants, agreements and other terms as are set forth in the Bond Agreements. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project. The Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from revenues generated from the Building Lease and the Equipment Lease. The Bonds will not be general
obligations of the Issuer, nor constitute a pledge of the faith and credit of the Issuer, and will not be payable in any manner by taxation.

Section 4. Authorization of Bond Agreements. The Issuer is authorized to enter into the Bond Agreements with the Bank, AgMark, CoBank and Farm Credit Leasing Services Corporation in the forms approved in this resolution. The Issuer will issue and sell the Bonds and provide for payment of the Bonds and interest thereon from the revenues derived by the Issuer under the Leases and other moneys as described in the Bond Agreements, all on the terms and conditions in the Bond Agreements.

Section 5. Authorization of Leases of the Project. The Issuer is authorized to enter into the Leases with the Tenant in the forms approved in this resolution. The Issuer will acquire, construct and equip the additions to the Project and lease it to AgMark and to Farm Credit Leasing according to the provision of the Leases. The proposed sublease of the Equipment from Farm Credit Leasing to AgMark is approved by the Issuer.

Section 6. Execution of Bonds and Bond Documents. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is authorized and directed to execute the Bonds and deliver them to the Bank for authentication on behalf of the Issuer in the manner provided by the Act and in the Bond Agreements. The Chairman or member of the Issuer’s governing body authorized by law to exercise the powers and duties of the Chairman in the Chairman’s absence is further authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Bond Documents on behalf of the Issuer in substantially the forms presented for review prior to adoption of this resolution, which forms are approved with such corrections or amendments as the Chairman or other person lawfully acting in the absence of the Chairman my approve, as evidenced by his or her signature. The authorized signatory may also sign and deliver such other documents, or certificates as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution and the Bond Documents. The Count Clerk or the Deputy County Clerk of the Issuer is hereby authorized and directed to attest the execution of the Bonds, the Bond Documents and such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution under the Issuer’s corporate seal.
Section 7. Tax Exemption; Payment in Lieu of Taxes. The project will be exempt from ad valorem property taxes for 10 years, commencing in the calendar year after the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued. The Tenant must prepare the application for exemption and submit it to the Issuer for its review. After the review, the Issuer will submit the application for exemption to the Cloud County Appraiser for review and transmittal to the State Board of Tax Appeals. The Issuer is authorized to enter into the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes in substantially the form presented for review prior to adoption of this resolution.

Section 8. Pledge of the Project and Net Lease Rentals. The Issuer hereby pledges the Project and the net rental generated under the Leases to the payment of the Bonds in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1744 in the manner described in the Bonds and the Bond Agreements. The lien created by the pledge will be discharged when all of the Bonds have been paid or deemed to have been paid under the Bond Agreements prescribing them.

Section 9. Further Authority. The Officials, officers, agents and employees of the Issuer are authorized and directed to take whatever action and execute whatever other documents or certificates as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this resolution and to carry out and perform the Issuer’s duties with respect to the Bonds and the Bond Documents.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect after its adoption by the governing body of the Issuer.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Cloud County, Kansas this 30th day of May, 2006.

Gary Caspers
Chairman

Bill Garrison
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution for the issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for AgMark, LLC.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director invited the Board to a presentation by Horizon Wind Energy Project on June 8th and 9th to be held at the Majestic Theatre.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented personnel classifications for Greg Lagasse from parttime road officer to fulltime road officer and the hiring of Christopher Paul Huber as fulltime Road Officers at $12.51 per hour, to be effective May 30, 2006.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about various items.

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 5, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Janet Price, Deputy Appraiser; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court.

Others attending were: Jeff Thoman, Sr. Examiner for DMV; Carol Miller, CASA Director; Robbin Cole and Martha Souchek, Pawnee Mental Health; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius and Shella Nelson-Stout, OCCK; Larry Eubanks, Concordia Fire Chief/Emergency Preparedness Director; Arlene Bray and Jeff Morgan, Cloud County Conservation District.

Signed payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various issues with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-29 casting its ballot for the appointment of Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-Large for positions 2 and 6, respectively, for terms beginning June 1, 2006 and ending May 31, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-29
WHEREAS, on the 19th day of May, 1980, Resolution No. 16 was passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Cloud County, Kansas, reciting the need for the establishment of a Joint Port Authority to insure the continued availability of rail service to the inhabitants of Cloud County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Cooperative Agreement attached to said resolution as Exhibit “A” was approved and executed by this Board and the boards of county commissioners of the various other counties who were parties thereto, thereby establishing a Joint Port Authority pursuant to K.S.A. 12-3405 et seq., as amended, to be known as the Mid-States Port Authority (MSPA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 3 of said Joint Cooperative Agreement, Cloud County, Kansas, is entitled to cast a ballot for directors-at-large on MSPA’s Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer have been serving as Directors-at-Large for positions 2 and 6, respectively, on the Board of Directors of MSPA with the full knowledge and approval of this Board, for terms expiring May 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer have been nominated by the Board of Directors of MSPA to serve additional four-year terms, commencing June 1, 2006; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cloud County, Kansas, that:

1. Cloud County hereby casts its ballot for the appointment of Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-Large positions 2 and 6, respectively, for terms beginning June 1, 2006, and ending May 31, 2010.
2. This Board, by unanimous agreement, hereby approves and ratifies all actions of Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer as Directors on MSPA’s Board of Directors taken prior to this date.

Dated: June 5, 2006

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CLOUD COUNTY

Gary Caspers

Bill Garrison

Richard Chartier

Attest:

Linda Bogart

County Clerk

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Rural Water District #1 for a buried waterline across Rock Road for 1303 Rock Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Right of Way Use permit.
Asch discussed various matters for the Weed Dept. and Road and Bridge Dept.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Janet Price, Deputy Appraiser discussed the process to apply for a tax exemption for 2 of the buildings at the Recycling Center.

Mills reported they will be shipping another semi-load of paper next week. This averages approximately 1 load of paper being shipped per month.

Mills reported he will meet with the Glasco City Council on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss recycling.

Jeff Thoman, Senior Examiner with DMV visited with the Board about the possibility of semi’s parking on the East side of the Courthouse, on Broadway Street, while the drivers are doing business in his office.

Carol Miller, CASA Director gave a report on CASA activities for the past year. Miller told the Board that CASA has been selected to receive a grant from the National CASA and National Jewelers Association in the amount of $10,000. There were only 2 CASA offices, in Kansas, that were selected to apply for this grant.

Miller presented the 2007 Budget appropriation request for Cloud County, in the amount of $14,000. The Board will consider this request when preparing the County budget.

Robbin Cole, Director of Pawnee Mental Health and Martha Souchek, Board Member presented a report on the services provided by Pawnee Mental Health in 2005. Cole presented the 2007 budget appropriation request in the amount equal to 1 mill plus an additional 5 percent. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.
Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director presented information on the activities and projects CloudCorp is working on at this time. Lowell presented the 2007 budget appropriation request in the amount of $45,000, which is the same funding amount of last year. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and will resume 1:00 p.m.

Session resumed at 1:00 P.M.

Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius, and Shella Nelson-Stout with OCCK gave an overview of OCCK services and programs. Miner presented the 2007 Budget appropriation request of $108,425, which is an increase of 2% increase or $2,126.00. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented the 2007 Budget appropriation request for the Cloud County EMS Association in the amount of $10,000., this is the same funding request as last year. Eubanks also presented the 2007 Budget request for Emergency Preparedness in the amount of $14,000, which is an increase of $2,000. The Board will consider both requests when preparing the County budget.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court presented a request for a change in the amount paid per day for jury duty. Currently, the daily rate paid for jury duty is $10 per day, which has not been increased since 1971. Welsh requested an increase from $10 per day to $20 per day, to be effective July 1, 2006, due to a recent change in legislation.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing the amount paid for jury duty from $10 per day to $20 per day, effective July 1, 2006.
Welsh present the 2007 budget request for the District Court in the amount of $102,700. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Arlene Bray and Jeff Morgan, Cloud County Conservation District presented the 2007 budget appropriation request in the amount of $20,759.51, an increase of $2,661. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

The Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m. until June 12, 2006.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 12, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, Treasurer; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were:

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

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the listing of account receivable write-offs for the Health Dept. in the amount of $17,845.52.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the AgMark bond closing forms.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right Of Way Use Permit with Brad Berk for buried water line across 165th Rd. approximately ½ mile South of Oat Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Right of Way Use Permit.

Asch reported they will start the hot mix plant this week and start patching County roads.

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

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported they have received 25 Home Health referrals since April. The Health Dept. will be conducting a tabletop exercise on Pandemic Flu before August 1st.

Sheryl Williams, Treasurer reported 95% of the 2nd ½ taxes have been collected and delinquent personal property notices have been mailed.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the hot mix plant will be started this week and they are spraying right of ways.
Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he is doing upgrades and updates on the computers. Infinitec will be doing an upgrade to the website, allowing us to post more information regarding County offices.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment will be requiring each county to have a way to collect Household Hazardous Waste. Mills reported he will be working on the permit renewal for the Transfer Station, this month.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported we are still having problems with the Courthouse roof and he will be contacting the Company.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they are still trying to work out issues regarding the transport of prisoners to the State Hospital. At the present time they are spending approximately 80 hours per month making these transports.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they have completed the User Acceptance Testing on the new voting equipment. Bogart and Lisa Widen, Deputy Co. Clerk will be attending training next week in Wichita.

The Department Head meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director will be checking further with KDHE regarding the requirements for a Household Hazard Waste facility and will report back to the Board when he has more information.

Commissioner Caspers will attend a tabletop workshop concerning Public Water Supply Systems at Concordia City Hall on June 12th.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier will attend the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission luncheon in Beloit on June 12th.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 a.m.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 19, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members 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: Gary Reynolds; John Denney, Pierce, Faris, Chartered & Co.; Ron Phillips, Rural Lakes Region; S. Sgt. Jake Millas, Kansas Army National Guard; Mary Dean Nelson, Treasurer, Dana Brewer, President, Linda Palmquist, Curator and Aline Luecke, Secretary of the Cloud County Historical Society; Stacy Vandenbroeder, Don Menard, and Gertrude Poe, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Edna Charbonneau, American Legion Auxiliary.

Signed department payroll checks.

The Board discussed a letter received from AT&T regarding the removal of the pay phone located in the East entryway of the Courthouse. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the removal of the pay phone.

Gary Reynolds visited with the Board about the regulations concerning the sanitary code when there is a sale of property. The Board informed Reynolds they have had a meeting with the sanitary code committee and it was the feelings of the committee that no changes were necessary to the code, regarding inspection at the time of a sale of property.

The Board acknowledged the elimination of the Secretary II position in the 12th Judicial Field Services Offices, effective June 30th. The position is currently held by Joy Marks.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Kevin Riddle as JJA/Community Corrections Director, effective July 1, 2006, at a rate of $17.20 per hour. Riddle will replace Wanda Backstrom, who has resigned to become the Chief Court Services Officer.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 20205-00186 in the amount of $64.12.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting as presented.
John Denney, Pierce, Faris Chartered & Co, the County Auditor visited briefly with the Board about any concerns they might have about the county audit being conducted this week.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department should finish spraying today. They are still patching Union Road to the east and hauling rock on Noble Road east.

Asch discussed the weed problem at the Aurora Rock Pit.

Commissioner Garrison reported a stop sign is down at 170th Road and Eagle Road.

Ron Phillips, Rural Lakes Region visited with the Board about the annual meeting held June 9th in Junction City. Commissioner Chartier stated he felt they would have better attendance at their annual meeting if it were held earlier in the year.

Phillips reported on the budget shortfall for the Rural Lakes Region, which is a 6 county region including Morris, Clay, Cloud, Washington, Geary and Marshall Counties. Phillips suggested 3 options to take care of this shortfall and fund the 2007 appropriation request. 1) an increase in each counties yearly contribution 2) a full permit fee increase 3) a combination of county contribution and fee increase.

The Board felt the best option would be the combination of county contribution of $2,029.17 and an increase of fees. The fees would increase for a new system from $100 to $200; a replacement system from $50 to $100; a well permit from $25 to $50; and Septic Inspection from $100 to $150.

S Sgt. Jake Millas with Kansas Army National Guard presented the 2007 Budget appropriation in an amount the Board would consider appropriate. The Board will take the request into consideration when preparing the County Budget.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on Friday, June 16th and also the Tabletop workshop he attended at City Hall on Monday, June 12th.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier attended the NCK Regional Planning Committee meeting on Monday, June 12th in Beloit.

Mary Dean Nelson, Treasurer; Dana Brewer, President; Linda Palmquist, Curator; and Aline Luecke, Secretary of Cloud County Historical Society gave a report on the activities at the museum and the wall design project being planned. The group presented the 2007 Budget appropriation request in the amount of $40,000. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County Budget.

Stacy Vandenbroeder, Don Menard, and Gertrude Poe with the Cloud County Commissioner on Aging gave a report on the activities at the Center and presented the 2007 appropriation request, in the amount equal to 1 mill. The Board will consider the request when preparing the county budget.
Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported the grand jury is complete.

Edna Charbonneau, American Legion Auxiliary gave the Board information concerning a project to construct a “Cloud County Wall of Heroes”. Charbonneau asked if this could be constructed at the site of the Veteran’s Eternal Flame on the Courthouse grounds. The Board felt this would be a worthwhile project and asked Charbonneau to return with more information.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until Monday, June 26, 2006.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 26, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Jim Johnson, Jim Anderson, Jodi Beisner, Diane McNichols, Brenda Haag, Community Resource Council; John Forshee, Calvin Schultz, Justin Rice, Kansas Crossroad Resource Conservation & Development; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Susie Haver, Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee; Carl Eyman, KWORCC.

Reviewed expense vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison the Board moved to approve the list of appointments to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The motion carried. Commissioner Chartier abstained since he is on the list of appointments.


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

The Board sent a Thank You card to Doris Bergstrom for providing the cinnamon rolls for the monthly Board meeting of the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting held in Concordia on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported routine business in his department.

Arlene Clayton asked the Board for information concerning the appropriation request submitted by the Commission on Aging.

Clayton presented the Board with information on the Flint Hills Tourism Coalition.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director provided plans for the recycling booth at the Cloud County Fair.

Jim Kerr, Jim Anderson, Jodi Beisner, Diane McNichols and Brenda Haag with the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee presented a Proclamation to recognize July as “Stamp Out Meth Month” in Cloud County. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed the Proclamation.

John Forshee, Calvin Schultz and Justin Rice with the Kansas Crossroad Resource Conservation and Development Area presented an appropriation request for 2007, leaving the amount of the request up to the Board. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave his monthly report regarding inspections and permits.

Susie Haver, Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee gave a report on the Committees activities, and brought a copy of “The Kansas Guidebook” by Marci Penner for the Board to see. Haver presented the 2007 Budget for the Committee. The Board will take the budget into consideration when preparing the County Budget.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician asked the Board about having a link on the County website for the NCK Saddle Club and presented information on the recycling survey that is now available on the website at cloudcountyks.org. The Board gave permission for Collins to put a link on the County website.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The Board resumed open session a 1:00 p.m.

Carl Eyman, KWORCC presented information on Cloud County’s loss experience for workers compensation for the last 6 years.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the contract for the West Nile Virus grant in the amount of $4500. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the agreement.

Weber presented the Memorandum of Agreement for the Child Care Licensing Program. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Agreement.

Weber gave a report on the activities at the Health Dept.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and the Board visited about the maintenance department painting the park benches located around the Courthouse square. The Board also requested a frame be made for the County Road map that is on the wall in the Commissioners room. The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.
Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 3, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Danny McReynolds, Treasurer and Scott Henderson, President, Cloud County Fair Board; Arlene Clayton.

Signed department payrolls and expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2006-000187 in the amount of $109.70.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-30 to cancel check #101844 in the amount of $240.50 and Resolution #06-31 to cancel check #102377 in the amount of $46.17.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved raising the mileage rate, to be reimbursed, to 30 ½ cents per mile for motorcycles and 43 cents for privately owned automobiles. This will conform to the State mileage reimbursement rate.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported routine business for his department.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the FY07 Funding Request and Grant Conditions. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to allow the Chairman to sign the Funding Request and Grant Conditions.

Danny McReynolds, Treasurer and Scott Henderson, President of the Cloud County Fair Board gave a report on the Fair Board activities and upgrades that are planned to the buildings and the Fair Grounds. They presented the 2007 appropriation request in the amount of $33,000., this is the same amount that has been requested for the past 2 years. The Board will take the request under consideration when doing the County budget.
Arlene Clayton discussed various topics with the Board.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a new hire request for Nathan Gentry, as a fulltime Road Officer, to be effective June 3, 2006, at a rate of $12.51 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Bergstrom discussed the transport of prisoners and reported there were 3 prisoner transports on June 30, 2006 for a total of 1376 miles.

The Board worked on department budgets and appropriation requests as time allowed.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until Monday, July 10, 2006.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 10, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Sheryl Williams, Treasurer; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Carol Miller; and Arlene Clayton.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board about various matters.

Walsh reported the 12th Judicial District Nominating Committee will meet on August 29th to interview applicants for the District Judge position. The Committee will select 2 or 3 candidates whose names will be submitted to the governor for final appointment.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed a letter of intent to allocate funds in 2007 for the Senior Care Act for North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a personnel classification change for Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper who has completed her 9 month introductory period.

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

Commissioner Chartier reported on the North Central Homeland Security Council meeting he attended on Friday, July 7th in Lincoln, Kansas.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are still patching roads in the St. Joe area and hauling rock between Noble & Oat Road. Asch reported there had been vandalism at the Hot Mix Plant. Asch reported he has received his certification for Commercial Pesticide Applicator License.

The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds reported that over $200 million in mortgages have been filed over the past 7 years, which reflects an increase in fees collected from $58,000 to $99,000 over the past 7 years.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court reported September 23rd will be Judge Tuggle’s last day as District Judge.

Welsh reported the Adjutant General’s Office and the U S Marshall’s Office will be conducting security assessments on Courthouses across the State later this year.

Sheryl Williams, Treasurer reported delinquent real estate notices have been sent. As of July 1st there is no longer a fee charged for vehicle registrations done by mail. The State has also increased the fees the County receives for each vehicle registration from $3.00 to $5.00.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the benches around the Courthouse square have been painted.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported the MOST WANTED List on the County Website is averaging 1 to 2 arrests each time it is updated. Collins reported there have been 39, 631 visits to the County website, at www.cloudcountyks.org, from January 1st thru June 30th.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported they will have a recycling booth at the fair. They have been working on a new Construction/Demolition pit at the transfer station.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department has been patching asphalt roads. Asch reported the Weed Department will be sending letters to property owners concerning weed problems.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported on a meeting that was held concerning prisoner transports. The Sheriff’s Department will be doing Parking and Security at the Cloud County Fair next week.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported grant applications are due next week. The Health Department will be having a booth at the fair next week and conducting a Pandemic Flu workshop on July 31st.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they have been working on budgets and preparing for the August 1st primary election.

Commissioner Chartier reported on the Homeland Security Council meeting held at Lincoln, Ks.

Commissioner Caspers reported he felt the County website (www.cloudcountyks.org) was very informative.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:30 a.m. The Board resumed open session at 10:35 a.m.
The Board reviewed the 2006 Annual North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved and signed the certification concerning validation of the 2006 Annual Review of the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and the Board set August 21st at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time for the Delinquent Solid Waste Hearing.

Mills presented copies of the responses to the Recycling Survey that was posted on the County Website. Mills also discussed the recycling booth that he will have at the fair.

Carol Miller visited with the Board concerning the condition of the road passed her house at 1436 Trail Road. The Board advised her to visit with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator to see what can be done.

Arlene Clayton discussed various topics with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:43 a.m. until July 17, 2006.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Deb Ohlde and Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission; Daren Sanders and Richard Schultz, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3.

Signed Department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various topics with the Board.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Chartier reported they have received calls about abandoned vehicles in the County and asked Walsh if there is anything that can be done about this issue. Walsh reported he would check into the matter.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #06-32 to cancel check # 102094 in the amount of $9,390.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Mitchell County Rural Water District # 3 for a buried waterline across Hawk Road approximately ¼ mile east of 65th Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Right of Way Use Permit.

Asch asked about renting a grader to the Racing Association for upkeep at the race track on the County Fairgrounds. The Board felt this would not be a good practice to start.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he has been talking with KDHE about the recycling grant.

Commissioner Chartier reported he has received a request for longer hours at the Transfer Station. It was decided to extend the Wednesday night hours until 8:00 p.m., effective July 19, 2006, for a two month trial period.
Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning reported Rural Water District #1 had successful bid openings on Thursday night, July 13th. Low bidder was Ditch Diggers from Salina with a bid of $662,431.30.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the twelve (12) month extension, as requested, for Rural Water District #1.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the low bid from Ditch Digger of Salina for the Rural Water District project.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Richard Schultz and Daren Sanders, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 appeared for the Final Public Hearing for the Rural Fire District #3 grant closing. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Grant Close-Out Transmittal Form.

Commissioner Chartier commented the Fire District did an excellent job doing the planning and purchase of the two fire trucks.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of the District Court asked if the air conditioning had to be shut down over the week-end with the current weather conditions. The Board will check into this.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician gave the Board a report on the costs to upgrade to a new IBM Server. Collins will continue to check on this and report back to the Board with final costs.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the JJA Grant Award Certificate for signature. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the certificate.

Riddle, also, presented the 2007 DOC Budget. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the budget.

Commissioner Garrison gave a report on the OCCK Picnic in the Park held on Thursday, July 13th to celebrate the signing of the American with Disabilities Act.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until July 24, 2006.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Marge Higgins and Marilyn Bogart, Secretaries Sheriff Dept.; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician;

Others attending were: Carmen Johnson, United Bank & Trust; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp; Dana Brewer; Jim Koch, Ethanol Coalition.

Carmen Johnson, United Bank & Trust presented the paperwork for the lease purchase of the new voting equipment. The total amount to be financed, including interest, is $39,264.23 to be financed for a total of 3 years, with an annual payment of $13,088.08. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Resolution # 06-33 and the Lease Purchase Agreement with United Bank & Trust.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented Resolution # 06-34 Ordering Preparation for Tax Foreclosure Sale. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Resolution.

The Board signed a letter to North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for the 2007 match monies for the Kansas Senior Care Act Incentive Fund.

Dana Brewer reported the Cloud County Historical Society has raised approximately 70% of the money needed to complete the mural on the museum annex wall.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 30 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. Included in the session were Dana Brewer and Kirk Lowell. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 30 minute executive session at 9:12 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:42 a.m.

The Board requested a 2nd executive session for 30 minutes to continue discussion of land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 30 minute executive session at 9:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:15 a.m. Also included in the session were Dana Brewer and Kirk Lowell.

The Board requested a 3rd executive session of 30 minutes to continue discussion of land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison,
unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 30 minute executive session at 10:16 and resumed open session at 10:46 a.m. Also included in the session were Dana Brewer and Kirk Lowell.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented information about the well testing at the Transfer Station. KDHE will be here August 1st to re-test the well. The Board approved having the old landfill site surveyed by Campbell and Johnson Engineers, as requested by KDHE.

Mills presented a personnel classification change for Teri L. Smock-Smith, who has completed her 6 month introductory period, changing job titles from laborer at $10.00 per hour to Equipment Operator at $12.36 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change to be effective July 24, 2006.

Marilyn Bogart and Marge Higgins, Secretaries at the Sheriffs Department visited with the Board about raising their salary to $13.50 per hour. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a personnel classification change for Kim Mathews, who has completed her 6 month introductory period, from $8.25 per hour to $8.67 per hour, to be effective July 9, 2006. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Weber gave a report on the Family Planning Clinic partnership with Republic County and the use of grant money for both Counties. Health Dept. personnel will be helping with athletic physicals next week.

Jerry Collins visited with the Board about the cost of replacing the counties server and the process of financing the purchase.

The Board signed letters to notify the bidders on the Rural Water District project that Ditch Diggers of Salina was the successful bidder.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approve Resolution # 06-35 to cancel check #051243 in the amount of $629.50.

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

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on Friday. They will be sponsoring a workshop on meth and meth labs on September 5th at CCC.

Commissioner Caspers commented the flower boxes at the Veterans Eternal Flame Memorial has been cleaned and look very nice. He wanted to thank Jim Bourne for doing this project.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and traveled to Salina to tour the OCCK facility.
The Board returned to the Courthouse at 5:25 p.m. and resumed open session.

The Board requested a 30 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and resumed open session at 6:50 p.m. Also included in the session were Robert Walsh, Kirk Lowell, and Dana Brewer.

The Board requested a 2nd 30 minute executive session to continue discussion on land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into executive session at 6:51 p.m. and resumed open session at 7:21 p.m. Also included in the session were Kirk Lowell, Dana Brewer and Jim Koch.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until July 31, 2006.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner; Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers; Arlene Clayton.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2005-188 through 2005-190 totaling $ 265.16.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson discussed the warranty on the Courthouse roof. Jim Johnson reported the leak appears to have been fixed, but he wouldn’t know for sure until it rains again. Eric Johnson recommended the Chairman sign the Warranty and pay the retainage amount less $500. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Warranty and release all of the retainage fee, except $500.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the policy for rock and gravel.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Andy Asch as County Weed Director, to be effective July 31, 2006.

The Board received notification from Funk Pharmacy they are giving 60 days written notice they will no longer be renting space in the Health Dept. Building. They are planning to relocate sometime between September 1st and November 1st.

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

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board about a frame for the County Map in the Commissioners Room. After reviewing the cost, the Board decided to install a new map in the frame that is already on the wall.

Johnson also asked about raises for two of the maintenance personnel. The Board will consider the request.
Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting in Beloit on Thursday, July 27. They discussed GIS (Global Information System) and how it would work for the Counties.

Arlene Clayton wanted to commend Andy Asch and the County Highway Dept for the excellent condition of the roads in Cloud County and felt they do a very good job.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician presented the proposal from Infinitec, for the purchase of the computer server. The amount to finance is $120,306, plus interest of $12,537.30 for a total of $132,843.30 with a yearly payment of $44,281.10, this will be financed for a 3 year period. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing Jerry Collins to sign the proposal summary with Infinitec for the purchase of the new server.

The Board will canvass votes on Friday, August 4, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 11:07 a.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 7, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator/Weed Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner.

Signed Department expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-36 to cancel check # 103289 and Resolution #06-37 to cancel check #103287.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the work session held on July 28, 2006 and the regular meeting held on July 31, 2006 as written.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Pandemic Flu workshop he and Commissioner Garrison attended Monday, July 31, 2006.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator/Weed Director presented a Joint Road-Terrace Use Permit with Rene C. Charbonneau for the S1/2 SE1/4 21-6-1. Asch presented a Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit with Leonard Reedy for the SW 1/4 4-6-4. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved both permits.

Asch reported he will be sending out proposals for the Bi-annual bridge inspections.

Asch reported Greg Askren has a culvert under his driveway that is washing out and he had asked if the County would repair this. The Board felt since this is 75’ outside of the Right of Way it is not the Counties responsibility to make the repairs.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported the geologist with KDHE was here Tuesday to re-test the well at the Transfer Station.

Mills reported another load of cardboard was shipped last Tuesday. Mills asked the Board if they had objections to his purchasing the Ford pickup which is on loan from the Highway Department to the Recycling Center, for $800. The Board gave the okay for the purchase.
Linda Bogart, County Clerk thanked Mills for his help in delivering the voting equipment to the polling sites and picking up the equipment after the Election.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m. until August 14, 2006.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Patricia Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Marge Higgins and Marilyn Bogart, Secretaries Sheriff Dept.; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Kevin Riddle, JIA/Community Corrections Director; Thomas Tuggle, District Judge; LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court.

Others attending were:

Signed Department Payroll Checks.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the Tax Foreclosure Case was filed in District Court on Thursday, August 10, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board signed a letter of support for the Enhanced 911 Grant Application, being made by the City of Concordia.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 4th, Board of Canvassers, and the August 7th regular meeting as written.

Terry Ferguson, Register of Deeds requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 9:15 and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m. Also included in the session was the County Clerk.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator invited the Board to attend a Grader Demonstration in Osborne on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Asch and Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board about the repair of the parking lot at the Health Department building. Asch will provide the Board with an estimate of the costs of patching and sealing the parking lot.

Asch reported he had sent out proposals for Bridge Inspections.
At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court reported Judge Tuggle will be retiring September 23rd. A retirement reception will be held on September 4th.

Welsh reported the Kansas Adjutant General’s Office and Department of Homeland Security have agreed to conduct court security assessments for county Courthouses. A preliminary meeting will be held September 12th at 2:00 p.m. and the on-site survey is scheduled for November 15th at 1:30 p.m.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are getting ready for the State Fair and their fall programs.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the roofing company had completed their last inspection on the Courthouse roof and the warranty is complete. Johnson reported Carl Eyman, with KWORCC, will be conducting safety meetings on Thursday, August 17th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will start their sealing projects around September 1st. Asch reported he had ordered a tanker of diesel fuel at a cost of $3.03 per gallon, last year it was $1.65 per gallon.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported the volume at the recycling center is increasing. They will be closing the construction/demolition pit, at the Transfer Station, and getting ready to open a new pit.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been updating the web-pages for the County Clerk’s Office and the Sheriff’s Dept. and will be updating the Weed Dept. web-page soon. Collins asked the department heads to provide him with information that could be added to the Counties web-site at www.cloudcountyks.org. Collins reported the upgrade to the county server would be installed on September 16-17.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported his department provided 200 hours of security at the Cloud County Fair.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator discussed the Pandemic Flu tabletop exercise. The Health Department helped with athletic physicals and they have been doing school physicals. Weber reported there will be a seminar on Meth at Cloud County Community College on September 5th.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the election went well. They are starting to prepare for the November Election.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported there are persons needing to do Community Service hours and suggested working with County Department, if they are in need of extra help.

The Board resumed open session at 10:50 a.m.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a personnel classification change for Larry Sulanka due to his completing his introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the change from Laborer at $10.00 per hour to Equipment Operator at $12.36 per hour.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Terri Smock-Smith, effective August 25, 2006.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board conducted the 2007 Budget Hearing, there was no one in attendance. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2007 Budget.

LeaDawn Welsh, Clerk of District Court invited the Board to a “pre-assessment meeting” concerning Court Security to be held on September 12th at 2:00 p.m. The Kansas Adjutant General’s Office and the Department of Homeland Security will conduct an on-sight visit on November 15, as part of the Kansas Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Project.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director and Judge Tuggle discussed an update that was needed to the Inter-local Agreement. The Board will consider the change and report back to them next week.

Marge Higgins and Marilyn Bogart, Secretaries at the Sheriff’s Dept. visited with the Board about their request for an increase in their hourly rate. No action was taken.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.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 21, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Allen and Mary Hillegas.

The Board signed Resolution #06-38 regarding the adoption the 2007 Budget.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 20 minute executive session at 9:02 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:22 a.m. Also included in the session was Richard Mills.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented the service agreements with Comfort Control Services, LLC for the Courthouse, in the amount of $1,759.00 and Health Dept., in the amount of $1,432.00. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the service agreements.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the cost estimate, of $23,850.29, for patching and sealing the parking lot at the Health Dept. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Highway Dept. repair the parking lot and the cost will be taken from the Special Building Fund.

Asch reported they will only be sealing approximately 15 miles of roads this year, due to the cost.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted the 2005 Delinquent Solid Waste Hearing. Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary presented the list of delinquent accounts. The Board instructed Nelson to accept payments through August 21st. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board closed the hearing and the delinquent amounts will be added to the tax roll.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-39 to cancel check #103535 in the amount of $75.97 and Resolution #06-40 to cancel check # 103501 in the amount of $1,500.00.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (The date of Judge Tuggle’s retirement reception is to be October 4th rather than September 4th)

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed the Community Corrections program. The Board decided to make no changes to the Inter-local agreement.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee he attended on Friday, August 18th and the Meth Awareness Seminar to be held at Cloud County Community College on September 5th.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a grant application in the amount of $3600 for underage drinking. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the grant application.

The Board reviewed the contract with SBC Global Services, Inc dba AT&T Global Services. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the contract with SBC Global Services, Inc. dba AT&T Global Services for long distance service, at a rate of $.042 per minute for Interstate calls and $.068 for Intrastate calls.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the resignation of Jane Richard, due to retirement, effective May 22, 2006.

Weber presented the “Memorandum of Agreement with Republic County” for Family Planning Services. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing of the “Memorandum of Agreement with Republic County”.

Weber presented the cost for the renovation of the bathrooms on the main floor of the Health Dept. building, in the amount of $1,236.52, with County employees doing the renovation work. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the request, with the cost to be taken from the Special Building Fund.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. until August 28, 2006.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Commissioner Candidate; Jerry Jones; Nathan Smith and Cody Owen, CHS Government Students; Josh Meyer, Steve Williams and Deal Williams, Cloud County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited; John Ritchey, District Representative of Ducks Unlimited; and Rob Unruh, Ks. Wildlife and Parks.

The Board reviewed department expense vouchers and signed payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported that Terri Smock-Smith would like to visit with the Board regarding her resignation. Walsh has set September 5th as the time for that visit.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved a letter of support for the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging’s application for funds for the Kansas Accessibility Modification Program (KAMP).

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-41 to cancel check #103187, in the amount of $36.00.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the KWORCC annual meeting held November 21, 2005. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved nominating Commissioner Chartier as voting delegate at the KWORCC annual meeting to be held, Monday, November 20, 2006 in Topeka.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Garrison as alternate voting delegate at the KWORCC annual meeting to be held, Monday, November 20, 2006 in Topeka.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 21st meeting as written.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Jerry Jones, Rice, Ks. visited with the Board about the possibility of the County installing street lighting at the corner of Rye Road and 200th Rd. in Rice. Jones felt if the lighting was installed it would make it safer for the residents, due to the increased traffic to the stone arch bridge and the farmers taking equipment to and from the fields.
The Board wanted to discuss this before making a decision and asked Jones to come back next week.

Asch reported he had sent out the Bridge Inspection Proposals. Schwab-Eaton and Kirkham-Michael declined to send proposals. A proposal was received from Campbell and Johnson Engineers for a cost of $35.72 per bridge, there are a total of 267 bridges to be inspected, for a total of $9,537.24. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approve the proposal submitted by Campbell & Johnson Engineers.

Asch received a request from Larry Remmenga and Benson Keil to vacate a portion of 180th Road, beginning ¼ mile South of SE Corner of 19-5-2. The Board asked the County Clerk to start the process for this road vacation.

Asch reported his department would return to regular hours next week.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported the results of well testing were back and everything is okay and it will not have to be retested again until 2011.

Mills reported he has been approached by the Rural Fire District about using or leasing the building at the Old Transfer Station site to house the District’s Fire Trucks. The Board suggested Mills arrange a meeting with the Fire District Board Members to discuss this matter.

Rob Unruh, Department of Wildlife & Parks; John Ritchey, District Representative for Ducks Unlimited, Steve Williams, Josh Meyer and Dean Williams with the Cloud County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited visited with the Board about the grant received and the improvements that are being made at the Jamestown Wildlife Area. The group presented the Board with a print, which was commissioned by Harold Roe, entitled “Jamestown Rediscovery” for their support in this project.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner; Terri Smock-Smith; Jerry Jones; Arlene Clayton.

Signed department expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 30 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 30 minute executive session at 9:02 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:32 a.m. Also included in the session were Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and Terri Smock-Smith.

The Board recognized the resignation of Christopher Paul Huber, as fulltime Road Officer, and Octavia Avery, as part-time Corrections Officer, at the Sheriff’s Dept.

Jerry Jones came in to inquire about the Boards decision regarding last weeks request for lighting at the corner of Rye Road and 200th Road. The Board felt this could set a precedence and was not something they wanted to do at this time.

Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner, asked if the Stone Arch Bridge is considered a Tourist Attraction for Cloud County, and if it is would they possibly be interested in helping with the light installation. The Board suggested he check with the Tourism Committee.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (The name of Dean Williams was misspelled).

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the list of approved bridges on the 5 year bridge plan. The following Bridges were included in the plan: Project 15-BRO-C-4113-01 located 0.5 miles South & 0.8 miles West of Rice; Project 15 BRO-C-3919-01 located 2.0 miles South & 4.5 miles West of Concordia; Project 15-BRO-C-4253-01 located 3.0 miles South & 1.75 miles West of Ames; Project 15 BRO-C-4233-01 located 4.0 miles South & 0.75 miles West of Jamestown.
Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented the resignation of Kent Taylor, Custodian to be effective September 11, 2006. The Board acknowledged the resignation.

Johnson asked the Board if they wished to continue the “No Soliciting” Policy that was implemented previously. The Board decided to continue the policy.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until September 11, 2006.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent, Kevin Riddle, JJA/Comm. Corrections Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Amy Smith and Tiffani Ottens, CHS Government Students.

Signed department payroll checks.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Tourism Committee meeting held Friday, September 8th. Marci Penner with the Kansas Sampler Foundation was in attendance and asked in Cloud County would host the Kansas Sampler Festival in 2008 and 2009. The Sampler Festival has never been held North of I-70.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Jana Roush as part-time clerk in the Register of Deeds office, effective 9-5-06, at $8.00 per hour.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Utility Agreement with AT&T, formerly SBC, for a buried cable along the North Right of Way of Gold Road, from intersection of Gold Road and US Hwy 81 to approximately 800 feet West of 135th Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote, the Board approved the Utility Agreement.

Asch reported they will finish their sealing projects this week.

Asch presented a Notice of Road Vacation beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 Northwest 1/4 Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, thence North between Sections 19 and 30 Township 5 South, Range 2 West and Section 24 and 25, Township 5 South, Range 3 West to the Republican River. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Notice of Road Vacation.
At 10:00 the Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported they will be parking 2 of the vehicles, that are not being used, at the County Yards, until it is decided if they will keep the vehicles or sell them. Riddle reported they will be fueling their vehicles at the County Yards and reimbursing the Highway Dept for the fuel rather than use credit cards.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will finish sealing this week and the Hot-mix Plant has been repaired and should be running next week.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported she is working with the school children and is doing a program on elderly.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported she attended an Infinitec training class in Topeka on year end tax processing and on the new Homestead Refund process.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff summarized some of the new laws that have been passed. Bergstrom reported they conducted 2 Sheriff sales this morning.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported the Maternal Child Health site visit was conducted on September 1st. Weber reported the Health Dept. will be receiving an award at the Immunization Conference on September 19th.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported today is Kent Taylor’s last day of employment. Johnson reported they will be replacing a motor in the heating and cooling unit at the Health Dept.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reminded the Dept. heads they will be replacing the County Server on September 16 & 17 and Jerry Collins has asked for all computers in the Courthouse to be shut down on Friday evening. Bogart reported she and Cathy Davis will be attending Infinitec training classes in Topeka on Wednesday and PVD November abstract class on Thursday in Salina. They are waiting on the certified list of candidates from the Secretary of States Office and when it is received they will begin work on ballots and publications for the November election.

Commissioner Caspers reported the Kansas Sampler Foundation has asked if Cloud County is interested in hosting the Kansas Sampler Festival in 2008 and 2009.

The Board resumed open session at 10:40 a.m.

Sherry Nelson, Solid Waste Secretary presented a new hire for the Recycling Center, to be effective September 25, 2006. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Michael Hake, as a laborer, at $10.00 per hour with a 6 month introductory period.
Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager discussed the opening in his department. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Troy Shepard as Custodian at $7.20 per hour with a 6 month introductory period.

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m. until Monday, September 18, 2006.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner; Larry Remmenga; Roberta Lowery, Susie Haver and Barb Henry, Tourism Committee.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m. Also included in the session was Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Walsh discussed various other topics with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier the Board approved Resolution # 06-42 to cancel check #103195.

The Board signed a letter of congratulation to David and Stacy Forshee for being selected as Kansas Farm Bureau Family of the Year.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Larry Remmenga visited with the Board about the Notice of Road Vacation, as he will be unable to attend the hearing next week.

Commissioner Chartier reported on 2 road problems that were reported to him. The first at the Intersection of Oat Road and 270th Road there is a narrow box culvert which is to narrow for large trucks to make a turn. The second problem is on 270th Road, South of Lark Road where there is a drainage problem with water across the road. Asch will check into these road problems.

The County Clerk reported there will be mandatory NIMS Training for all county employees on October 18, 2006 at Cook Theatre at Cloud County Community College.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on Friday, September 15.
The Board received a request for a Release of Tax Lien for the property located at 1601 Lincoln and 222 E. 16th St., Concordia, in the amount of $596.80. The Board denied the request.

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

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a letter from Waste Management stating effective November 1, 2006 Rolling Meadows RFD will be raising their gate fees. The current rate of $16.58 per ton plus state and county fees will increase by $3.00 per ton to a total of $19.58 per ton. This will increase Cloud County’s cost by approximately $24,000 per year.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented a personnel classification change for Brian Miller from Road Officer, at $12.51 per hour, to Investigator, at $13.30 per hour, to be effective September 17, 2006. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Bergstrom reported they have received a $3,600 KDOT Safety Grant from the Department of Revenue Alcohol and Beverage Division, to be used for extra patrol hours for alcohol prevention.

Julie Sallman graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy on September 8, 2006 and Nathan Gentry is attending the academy and has 8 weeks of training remaining before his graduation.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board appointed Richard Chartier as voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in Topeka. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Garrison as alternate voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in Topeka.

Susie Haver, Roberta Lowery, and Barbara Henry with the Convention and Tourism Committee presented information about the Kansas Sampler Foundation and the Kansas Sampler Festival. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter of support, to be included with the application, to the Sampler Foundation for consideration of Concordia and Cloud County as the possible sight of the 2008 and 2009 Sampler Festival.

County Clerk Bogart presented a classification change for Catherine Davis, who has completed her 6 month introductory period, with a change from $11.65 per hour to $12.94 per hour.

The Board reviewed the 2006 Procedural Compliance Review Checklist for Cloud County from the Kansas Department of Revenue.

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until September 25, 2006.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 25, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Arlene Clayton, Mike Tholstrup and Kent Otott, Rural FD # 4 Board Members.

The Board signed Department Payroll checks and reviewed department expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney stopped in and told the Board he had 2 jury trials today and would not be able to stay for his appointment.

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

At 9:30 a.m. the Board conducted a Public Hearing for a Road Vacation, no one was in attendance. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Road Vacation for the following location:

From the Southwest Corner of the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ , Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, thence North between Sections 19 and 30, Township 5 South, Range 2 West and Sections 24 and 25, Township 5 South, Range 3 West to the Republican River.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director reported Everton Energy is ready to start drilling water test holes in Cloud County. The Board made a call to Bob Vincent, with Groundwater Associates of Wichita who is the hydrologist representative for Everton Energy, for information concerning this process. Vincent reported drilling would be conducted along Plum Road from N 160th Road East to N 200th Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing Everton Energy to do the test drilling on County Right of Way along Plum Road.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they should finish patching roads today and should be ready to start resurfacing of the parking lot at the Cloud County Health Dept. tomorrow.
Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Community Corrections Year-End Evaluation Summary for FY06. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Evaluation Summary.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator is completing her 6 month introductory period as Health Administrator and visited with the Board concerning the continuation of her position. The Board informed Weber they felt she is doing a good job and wanted her to remain in the position. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing Weber’s salary to $37,050 due to completing her introductory period.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director visited with the Board about the increase in cost of hauling trash to Topeka. It was reported the Board will meet with the Republic County Commissioners on Monday, October 2, 2006 in Belleville to discuss the increase.

Mike Tholstrup and Ken Ottot, with Rural Fire District #4, visited with the Board regarding the possible use of the building at the old landfill site for the storage of fire trucks and equipment. The Board gave approval for the Fire District to use the building and make any changes necessary, at the Fire District expense. Mills will meet with the Board members, at a later date, to view the building, before a decision is made.

The Board adjourned at 11:11 a.m.
Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 2, 2006 the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present. Commissioner Richard Chartier was not in attendance.

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

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford, Candidate for County Commissioner.

Signed department expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-43 to cancel check #103852, in the amount of $33.44; Resolution # 06-44 to cancel check # 103906, in the amount of $33.44; Resolution #06-45 to cancel check # 103944, in the amount of $49.62; Resolution #06-46 to cancel check #104072, in the amount of $11,885.10; and Resolution #06-47 to cancel check #103860, in the amount of $25.99.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (correct name spelling in last paragraph Ken Ottot to Kent Ottot).

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will be putting down asphalt today on the Health Dept. parking lot.

Asch reported they are spraying for Sericea Lespedeza, bindweed and Johnson grass.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported that since Cloud County has started recycling, on April 1st, we have shipped 157 ½ Tons of recyclables to date, which has saved on the amount of tonnage to be hauled to Topeka. Every load shipped from the Recycling Center saves $955 in hauling costs to Topeka. Mills reported Cloud County hauls approximately 440 loads of trash, to Topeka, per year or an average of 9 loads per week.

Mills suggested we may want to keep the back building at the Recycling Center, in case we need more storage.

Mills discussed hauling our trash to another location, due to the increase in rates at Topeka.
The Board suggested having Mike Fraser from the City of Salina come next Monday to discuss hauling trash to Salina.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. Commissioners Caspers and Garrison, Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director and County Clerk Bogart went to Belleville to meet with the Republic County Commissioners at 1:00 p.m.

The Board met with Republic County Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson, and Harold Wilber and Vickie Hall County Clerk to discuss the increase in Solid Waste fees. Mills informed the Board that if a decision is made to change hauling locations it could be done and effective November 1st. The Republic County Commissioners will let the Board know of their decision.

The meeting with the Republic County Commissioners concluded at 1:30 and officials returned to the Cloud County Courthouse.

The Board adjourned at 1:50 p.m., until Monday, October 9, 2006.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sheryl Williams, Treasurer; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Officer; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Richrd Mills, Solid Waste Director; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: C. J. Widen; Johnita Crawford, Candidate for Co. Commissioner.

Signed Department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Sheryl Williams, Treasurer discussed Senate Bill # 374 concerning the collection and use of motor vehicle funds.

Walsh and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed the recruitment of full-time officers. It is becoming a critical situation and they are using more part-time officers.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Greg Lagasse from fulltime Road Officer to Part-time officer, effective September 29, 2006.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported his department has completed work on the parking lot at the Health Dept. Asch reported that the patching of county roads should be complete this week, if weather permits.

The Board reviewed the list of Delinquent Personal Property.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Chartier as KCAMP voting delegate. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Garrison as KCAMP alternate voting delegate.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Commissioner Chartier did not vote as he was unable to attend the last meeting.
The Board decided to canvass votes for the November 7th General Election on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 8:00, since the Courthouse will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day. They will conduct their regular business meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. on November 13th.

The Board conducted their regular monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sheryl Williams, Treasurer reported they are getting ready for the new tax year.

Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Officer reported the new District Judge, Kim Cudney will be sworn in on November 13th.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are getting the boilers ready at both the Health Dept. and the Courthouse.

Barry Porter, Appraiser reported a new soil survey was done and they are converting the information into the computer system, this will allow uniform codes to be used statewide.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported the new i5 Server has been installed and has been in use for approximately 2 weeks. Collins reported he has had good response concerning the maps that can be found on the County website (www.cloudcountyks.org). Collins wanted to remind the department heads they can put more information on the website.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he is in the process of checking prices for disposal sights for solid waste. They will be opening the new Construction/Demolition pit soon.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are finished using the hot-mix plant for the year and they completed work on the Health Department parking lot last week.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent discussed wheat mosaic and grains used for ethanol. Whitney reported last week was 4H Week. Whitney reported Pat Gerhardt has been working with schools on nutrition and since they are part of the Extension District they are able to offer more programs in the schools.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator stated the Health Fair will be held October 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Armory. The Health Dept. will be offering a fasting lab from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Armory, for a $20 fee.

Weber reported they will be conducting flu shot clinics. Flu shots for County Employees will be given on October 23rd and the Health Dept. will provide more information within the next week.

Weber presented information concerning a Town Hall Meeting to be presented by Dr. Howard Rodenberg, State Medical Director, on October 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cook Theater at Cloud County Community College, this meeting is open to the public.
Linda Bogart, County Clerk reporting they are waiting for an update from Infinitec, so they can start getting final valuations and setting levies, in preparation of running tax statements. The Clerk’s Office is testing voting equipment and getting ready for the General Election.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported on the shortage of officers and Nathan Gentry is now attending the Law Enforcement Academy.

The Department Head meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.

The Board resumed regular session at 10:35 a.m.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director explained the procedure for contracting with the City of Salina for disposal of solid waste and the problems the haulers have getting insurance, to be able to haul this type of waste. Mills presented a letter to be sent to the City of Salina requesting they accept our solid waste. The Board felt they needed more information regarding insurance and cost before any decision is made, concerning whether to continue our contract with Topeka or to start the process of contracting with Salina.

C. J. Widen visited with the Board about the proposed ethanol plan. Widen wanted to object to the taking of water for the plant, if it could possibly cause a water shortage. Widen also stated he was not in favor of annexing more land into the City.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board about the employee Christmas dinner and the employee Christmas gifts. The Board suggested Johnson ask for proposals for the Christmas Dinner, and set the date of the dinner for December 18th.

Johnson discussed the annual maintenance of the fire extinguishers. Johnson reported next year, at the time of the annual inspection, some of the extinguishers will need to be replaced.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m., until Monday, October 16, 2006.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 16, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members 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: Joe Detrixhe; Harold “Bo” and Barbara Johnston; Ima Jean Chavey; Gary Reynolds; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Brandon Gumm and Zach Widen, CHS Government Students.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed an inquiry received from Tom Seibel concerning the Rock Schoolhouse located at the Arion Rock Pit (NE1/4NE1/4 9-7-4), Mr. Seibel is interested in purchasing the building. Walsh will contact Mr. Seibel for more information before the Board decides whether they are interested in accepting bids for the building.

Commissioner Caspers requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into executive session at 9:16 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:21 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported KDOT will be visiting with Cities and Counties, concerning highway projects, on Wednesday, October 18th at 1:30 at the City Hall meeting room.

Asch reported they are ready to start their striping projects this week, if weather permits.

Joe Detrixhe, Ima Jean Chavey, Gary Reynolds, Barbara & Harold “Bo” Johnston visited with the Board about the proposed ethanol plant. The group asked questions concerning the impact of the proposed plant on the citizens of Cloud County. The Board asked Kirk Lowell to give the group and overview of the process for the development of such a plant in the County.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m., until Monday October 23, 2006.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Justin Wilson, Bryant Johnson and Ryan Steinert, CHS Government Students; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Johnita Crawford; Mark Morgan; Kelly Davert, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative; Don Dean, Ken Johnson and Greg Adams with Campbell and Johnson Engineers; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

Signed department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed a letter the Board received from Hampton & Royce, L.C. of Salina objecting to the drilling of test holes along Plum Road on County Right of Way. Walsh will research this and notify the Board this week in writing of his findings.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has sent information for consultant proposals for Project 15-C-411301. Ken Johnson with Campbell and Johnson Engineers introduced Greg Adams, of their Junction City office, to the Board and discussed various topics with the Board.

Kelly Davert, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative discussed changes Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be making to all groups with less than 100 contracts, beginning January 1, 2007. The Board asked Davert to meet with Department Heads, on October 30, to explain the changes before a decision is made.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he has not heard from the City of Salina concerning a contract with them. Mills informed the Board he has, also, checked with Hamm Quarries at Perry, Kansas concerning their rates. Mills reported they shipped 22 tons of textiles last week, for which we received $240 per ton.

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

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the Public Health Preparedness and Response contract with KDHE, which will run from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. Cloud County will receive grant fund in the amount of $16,803. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the contract with KDHE.
Gary May, District Sanitarian discussed various permits with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m., until Monday, October 30, 2006.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 30, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Randy Sorell, Corrections Officer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Jan Price, Deputy Co. Appraiser; Judy Lambert, Deputy Register of Deeds; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Vicki Kopsa, County Attorney’s Office, Sheryl William, Treasurer; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator;

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Dr. Richard Underbakke, Cloud County Community College.

Reviewed department expense vouchers.

Dr. Richard Underbakke, President Cloud County Community College discussed an application the college will be making for State and Federal grant funds for a wind turbine at the college. Dr. Underbakke asked the Board to sign letters of support for this project. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board will sign the letters of support for the wind turbine at CCCC.

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

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff, Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff, and Randy Sorell, Corrections Officer presented an agreement with Sedgwick County for housing a Cloud County prisoner. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the Housing Agreement.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a Homeland Security meeting he attended on Wednesday, October 25th in Beloit. Chartier reported they will be conducting assessments of the communication systems in all 105 counties.

Commissioner Chartier reported on a JJA meeting he attended on Wednesday, October 25th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they completed the stripping last week. The Board discussed a road complaint that was received concerning a road South of Miltonvale.
Commissioner Caspers informed Asch about a complaint he received concerning Teal Road west of Jamestown.

Commissioner Garrison reported on a call he received from Elvin Horn concerning trees the County piled on his CRP ground. Asch will call Mr. Horn and make arrangements to get the trees removed.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted a special Department Head meeting. Kelly Davert with Blue Cross and Blue Shield discussed the options available for the 2007 medical insurance renewal for county employees.

The Department Head meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

Kevin Riddle presented an application for DOC 2006 unexpended funds in the amount of $12,073. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the application.

Riddle reported he had visited with the Extension Office and the County Clerk about the 3 offices sharing the area of the store room previously used by the Food Bank. The Board did not have a problem with this arrangement.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a copy of a contract with Hamm Quarries of Perry, Ks. for the Boards review. The Board asked Mills to contact Salina and see if they had made a decision about accepting waste from Cloud County.

The Board authorized Mills to sign the Application for Tax Exemption for the Recycling Center property to be sent to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented Resolution # 06-48 establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the incident system used for planning, responding, recovery from both natural and manmade disasters within the county. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Resolution.

Commissioner Garrison reported on the NCK Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended on Thursday, October 26th in Beloit. The main topic of discussion was tax credits for individuals.

The Board adjourned at 11:48 a.m.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Diane McNichols, Cloud County Task Force.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Kenny Blair, Cook, Flatt & Strobel.

Signed Department payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the request from Everton Energy to drill test wells on County Right of Way.

Walsh discussed the KCAMP Attorney Assist program with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the consultant proposals for Bridge Project 15-C-4113-01. The Board and Asch completed the selection process, at which time Campbell and Johnson, Engineers were selected as consultants for the project.

Asch reported he has published the public notice concerning electric fences and hay on County Right of Way.

In Weed Dept. business Asch reported they are completing surveys sent out by the State.

Commissioner Garrison asked if he has contacted Mr. Horn concerning the trees on his property. Asch reported the situation had been taken care of.

Diane McNichols, representing the Cloud County Task Force presented a Proclamation designating November 16, 2006 as the Great American Smokeout in Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board signed the Proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote to have the Board sign a Resolution to cancel Check No. 104168, in the amount of $62.90 and a Resolution to cancel check No. 100899, in the amount of $619.74.

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 Dawn Blazek as a Secretary in the JJA/Community Corrections office.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Martha Soucek from the Pawnee Mental Health Board to be effective December 31, 2006.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented proposals for the Employee Christmas Dinner. Proposals were received from Custom Catering at $8.00 per person and from Larry John Doyen at $6.27 per person. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the low bid from Larry John Doyen.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board accepted the Blue Cross Blue Shield Option 1 proposal for employee health insurance for 2007.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 a.m.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on November 13, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and County Clerk Linda Bogart present. Commissioner Garrison was not in attendance.

County staff attending were: Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a personnel classification change for Kay Berk, since she has completed her 6 month introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Weber presented a personnel classification change for Diana Gering from Home Health Coordinator to Assistant Health Administrator. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the title change.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed a letter nominating Marcia Funke, Washington County Commissioner, to serve on the Executive Committee for the North Central District for the KCCA Board.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-51 to cancel check # 104472 in the amount of $79.83.


Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Public Road Right of Way Use Permit with Dennis Burt, to bury a waterline across Oat Rd. approximately 300’ West of 70th Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch presented an estimated cost, to the County, of approximately $15,000 to rock and gravel 2 miles of 260th Road South of Miltonvale. No decision was made.

Arlene Clayton discussed wind energy with the Board.

The Board approved paying ½ the Real Estate Taxes on County owned property.
The Board reviewed bills for the Rural Water District #1 project. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 1st billing on CDBG.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney will prepare a permit with Everton Energy to drill test holes on County Right of Way along Plum Road. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to have the Chairman sign the permit.

Walsh presented a contract with Foulston Siefkin Attorneys at Law for Wendell “Bud” Cowan to provide services with the KCAMP Attorney Assist program. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to have the Chairman sign the contract.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board gave approval for the lease of a cardboard baler from Sunoco for $1.00 per year, to be used at the Transfer Station.

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

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented a personnel classification for the hire of JoAnne Rice as Office Manager/Bookkeeper at $11.93 per hour, to be effective November 14, 2006.

The Board will not meet on Monday November 20 as they will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in Topeka on November 20 – 22.

The Board adjourned at 2:33 p.m. until Monday, November 27, 2006.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners as called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 27, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier 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; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Dustin Wilson and Brandon Starr, CHS Government Students; Jim Anderson and Jodie Beisner, Chemical Dependency Committee; Gene Wilson, Phone Connections.

The Board reviewed department expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board about various items.

The Board broke the tie for several township clerk positions, by drawing names. The names drawn were as follows: Melissa (Missy) Loeffler, Grant Township Clerk; Sarah Holbert, Arion Township Clerk; William (Bill) Ramsey, Sibley Township Clerk.


On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-52 to cancel check # 104453 in the amount of $87.26.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he attended the Kansas County Highway meeting on Tuesday, November 21st. Asch discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the November 13th election canvass and the regular meeting as written.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he is waiting on the contract with Sunoco, for the lease of a cardboard baler at the Transfer Station. Mills asked the Board about advertising for two (2) part-time employees, to work Saturday mornings, at the Recycling Center. The Board
approved this request. Mills reported the paperwork has been completed and sent to the State to receive the final recycling grant money, in the amount of $47,000.

Jim Anderson and Jodie Biesner, Chemical Dependency Committee presented a Proclamation for Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month for December. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a proposal from MidWest Security Systems, Inc., in the amount of $3,145.32, for a security system at the Health Department. The Board recommended obtaining estimates from other companies before a decision is made.

Gene Wilson, with Phone Connections, visited with the Board about doing consulting services for the county regarding the phone bills. The Board asked Wilson to return next week with information, from the services he preformed 2 years ago for the County, before a decision is made.

Commissioner Garrison reported on his visit to an ethanol plant in Garnett.

Commissioner Caspers reported on the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting he attended on November 17th.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 A.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 4, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Bill Mason; Gary Moore; Gene Wilson, Phone Connections; Ralph Churchman, Excel Security System; Ray Laskowski, Midwest Security Systems, Inc.; Scott Henderson and Dan McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board.

Signed department payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Solomon Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage License application for the Glasco Country Club.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2006-00039 through 2006-00053, totaling $1,759.67.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff, Bill Mason and Gary Moore visited with the Board about the intersection of Plum Rd and 140th Rd. Mason and Moore suggested implementing a speed limit of 40 miles per hour for the road and installing stop signs, making the corner a 4 way stop. Asch will bring the Resolutions next week to implement the speed limit.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a personnel classification for the hire of Charles Blochlinger as a part-time equipment operator at the Recycling Center. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Max Coleman as Oakland Township clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Sibley Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage License Application for Concordia Travel Plaza.

The Board recommended the appointment of Gertrude Poe, to a second 2 year term on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. The term will begin January 1, 2007 and expire on December 31, 2008.

Gene Wilson, Phone Connections presented information on the agreement for consulting services with COP Consulting. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the agreement.

Wilson and Dave Tangeman will return next week with information on a phone system.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director, Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator, Ralph Churchman, Excel Security Systems and Ray Laskowski with Midwest Security Systems, Inc. visited with the Board regarding a security system at the Service Center (Health Dept. Bldg.). The Board designated the Service Center (Health Dept. Bldg) as a critical infrastructure, which will allow Eubanks to apply for Homeland Security Grant Funds, to cover the cost of the alarm system.

Scott Henderson and Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board visited with the Board regarding a possible change to the Fair Board By-Laws. The Board has no problem with making the changes but suggested having the County Attorney review the recommended changes, before any changes are made.

Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until Monday, December 11, 2006.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 11, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, Computer Technician; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Janet Price, Deputy Co. Appraiser; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Judge Guy Steier.

Others attending were: Johnita Crawford; Gene Wilson and Dave Tangeman, Phone Connections; Richard Comfort and Shawn Brandmahl, North Central Juvenile Detention Center.

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 Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2005-54 and 2006-55 totaling $1,283.58.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Fair Board request for changes to their By-laws.

Commissioner Garrison reported on a 911 call made on Sunday evening, December 10th, and the problems that occurred.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board adjourned into a 5 minute executive session at 9:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:50 a.m. Also included in the session was County Attorney Walsh.

Asch presented a Utility Agreement with Rolling Hills Electric and Right of Way Clearance Forms for Project 15-C-4113 01, located ½ mile South and 8/10 mile West of Rice. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing both the Utility Agreement and the Right of Way Clearance forms.

Asch presented 2 Resolutions. Resolution # 06-53 to install stop signs in the SE Corner 8-6-3 and in the NE Corner of 16-6-3 (intersection of Plum Rd and 140th Rd.). Resolution # 06-54 to Establish Maximum Speed Limit, of 40 miles per hour, Beginning at SE Corner of the NE1/4 5-6-3 thence south approximately two and one half miles on 140th Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved both resolutions.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board signed a request from Cloud County Rural Water District #1 to place a water line approximately 2112’ North of Hawk Road on 155th Road.

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

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported he has two officers scheduled to attend classes, after the first of the year, on DNA testing. His office worked 26 deer accidents in November.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the boiler at the Health Dept. is leaking, they are waiting for all of the parts to come before repairs can be made.

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported he has been installing computers at the Sheriff’s Dept and the Health Dept. He is reworking brochures for the Sheriff’s Dept.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are still working on road jobs, since the weather is still good.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he will be sending notice to contractors concerning changes for use of the construction and demolition pit.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported routine business.

Jan Price, Deputy Appraiser reported they are working on 2007 final review of Real Estate and will be getting ready to mail personal property sheets around the 1st of the year.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported on the break-ins at the Health Dept. Weber noted the Health Dept. will now be giving immunizations on Monday and Thursday rather than Thursday and Friday.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported on the 2006 National Sorghum Yield Management Contest results. Whitney reported the Junior Leaders are planning a trip to Kansas City over Christmas break.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported a recall petition has been filed and they will be getting certifications from the cities and school districts for the positions up for election in the spring.

Department head meeting ended at 10:37 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 10:45 a.m.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a personnel classification for Marleen Parker, who has completed her 6 month introductory period, to be effective November 26th. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the change was approved.
Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported he has been in contact with the City of Salina concerning a hauling contract. The Board felt like we need to give them a deadline for preparing the contract, so we can prepare a contract with our local hauler.

Mills reported KDHE has inspected the construction/demolition pit and some regulation changes need to be made. Mills will notify the local contractors and place notices in local papers listing the regulation changes for the CD pit.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township for the Cereal Malt Beverage License application for Gator LLC doing business as the Rock Quarry.

The Chairman signed the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Texaco Travel Plaza.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, and Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator visited with the Board about applying for grant money through Homeland Security for paying for the security system at the Service Center (Health Dept. building). After discussion the Board decided to go ahead and purchase the alarm system at this time and if grant is available later the system could be upgraded. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the low bid for an alarm system submitted by Midwest Security System of $3,454.31.

The Board recessed at 12:00 and resumed open session at 1:00 p.m.

Richard Comfort, Shawn Brandmahl and Judge Guy Steier visited with the Board regarding the North Central Juvenile Detention Center. Brandmahl reported as of January 1, 2007 they will no longer send quarterly billing statements, they will be billing us for services as used or a per diem rate of $140 per day.

Gene Wilson and Dave Tangeman with Phone Connections visited with the Board about some of the features, such as voice mail, paging, intercom, and the possible savings for the County if a new phone system was installed. The Board gave them permission to meet with Department Heads and gather information to assist in working up a proposal and the possible savings to the County.

The Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until Monday, December 18, 2006.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 18, 2006 the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Others attending were: Barbara Henry, Nick and Dolores Landry, Lee Doyen, Larry and Madonna Sorell, Mary Ann Lagemann, Susie Haver, Convention & Tourism Committee; Dan McReynolds and Scott Henderson, Fair Board; Johnita Crawford; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Dennis and Reva Blochlinger; Carrie Williams, Jeff Bechard, Bob Fifield, and Derek Sandman, AgMark; Ima Jean Chavey; Joe Detrixhe; Bob Johnson; Paul Detrixhe; Lowell Thoman; Joe Jimdra; Ray Lottie; Bert Farrish; Blake Hendrix; Dana Brewer; Larry Paine; Phil Gilliland; Bill Koster, Twin Valley Telephone.

Signed Department Payroll checks.

Barbara Henry, Nick and Dolores Landry, Lee Doyen, Larry and Madonna Sorell, Mary Ann Lagemann and Susie Haver of the Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee visited with the Board about the Transient Guest Tax (Bed Tax). After discussion it was suggested the transient guest tax (bed tax) be increased from the current 2% to 5%. The Board will ask the County Attorney to prepare a Charter Resolution to implement the change.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the resignation of William (Bill) Ramsey as Sibley Township Clerk and appointed Marty Ade to the position.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2006-00056 thru 2006-00060 totaling $737.20.

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign Cereal Malt Beer (CMB) licenses for Concordia Travel Plaza and Gator, LLC DBA the Rock Quarry.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board about various issues.

The Board discussed well and septic tank issues received from Gary May, District Sanitarian. After discussion, the Board felt May should work with the land owners to have the problems corrected.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved invoices for Rural Water District # 1, to be paid from Grant Funds. The invoices were from Ditch Diggers, in the amount of $191,774. and from North Central Regional Planning Commission in the amount of $4,000.

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

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff visited with the Board about 3 offers of conditional employment. The Board approved the offerings of conditional employment.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director presented a two (2) year contract with N.R. Hamm Quarry, Inc. of Perry, Ks. for disposal of solid waste, at a rate of $22.00 per ton. The contract would start January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009. The Board suggested the County Attorney and the county hauler, Owen Trucking, look over the contract before a decision is made.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented an amendment to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Local contract to include Pandemic Flu, in the amount of $7,872. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the amendment.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp presented the 2007 Funding Agreement and gave a report of activities and projects for 2006. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2007 Funding Agreement.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented information on the boiler repairs at the Service Center (Health Dept. Bldg.). On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved having the Chairman sign the quote of $7,268., for parts and labor, received from American Boiler & Mechanical. Johnson is still working with KCAMP to see if the costs will be covered by insurance.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, Dennis and Reva Blochlinger, and Mary Ann Lagemann discussed safety issues and concerns about the stop signs that were installed recently at 140th Rd. and Plum Road. Blochlinger asked if the stop signs could be removed. The Board decided to table the matter until next week, to allow time for Asch to gather more information from the school district and other residents.

The Board recessed at 11:35 a.m. for the Employee Christmas Lunch.

The Board resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Carrie Williams, Jeff Bechard and Bob Fifield with AgMark presented a power point and discussed the Trends in the Grain Industry and Ethanol.
Bill Koster, Twin Valley Telephone presented a quote and information on the Norstar Telephone System.

The Courthouse will be closed Monday, December 25\textsuperscript{th} for the Christmas Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until December 26, 2006.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2006 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Richard Chartier and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director; Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Larry Paine, Concordia City Manager; Johnita Crawford; Arlene Clayton.

Reviewed Department expense vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff and Larry Paine, Concordia City Manager discussed the dispatch services provided by the City of Concordia. The City will provide a report showing the number of calls provided for City, County, Rural Fire Districts, Ambulance Service and Emergency Preparedness and the group will meet again to discuss the report. Paine suggested a work session at the Police Department so the group can see how the dispatch works since the enhanced 911 is up and running.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the 2006 Biennial Bridge Inspection Report and maps. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Federal Construction Engineering Inspection Service Agreement with Campbell & Johnson Engineers for Bridge Project 15C-4113-01.

Asch presented Resolution #06-55 to transfer unused funds from Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery Fund, with the amount to be determined by the annual audit. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Resolution.

Asch presented information received from Martin Tractor Co. on a 2000 John Deere 762B Wheel Tractor-Scraper.

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

On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of remaining funds, of $6,857.76, in the Community College Tuition Fund to County General, per County Auditor instructions.
On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the contract with Pierce, Faris and Co. Chartered for auditing services for the 2006 audit and assistance in the preparation of the 2008 budget.

Richard Mills, Solid Waste Director reported we have received the final grant money for the recycling grant in the amount of $56,250.

Mills presented a 3 year contract with Waste Management of Kansas, Inc. for accepting Cloud County solid waste at Rolling Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility in Topeka, Ks. The rates will be November 1, 2006 to December 1, 2007 at $19.57 per ton; November 1, 2007 to December 1, 2008 at $20.57 per ton; November 1, 2008 to December 1, 2009 at $21.57 per ton. On motion by Commissioner Chartier, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Mills discussed the hauling contract with Owen Trucking and asked to increase the amount per load from $254.98 to $258. The Board asked Mills to have the contract ready for next week.

Mills reported that 217 ½ tons of recyclables have been shipped from the Recycling Center, since it opened in April.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2006-63 through 2006-69 totaling $1,659.76.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about state regulations concerning dog kennels and EPA regulations and ethanol plants.

ON motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Chartier, unanimous vote the Board approved department encumbered funds totaling $103,449.77:

- Appraiser $7,700 for a laser printer and GIS enhancements
- Register of Deeds $3,000 for a printer and installation
- Sheriff $92,749.77 for vehicle and equipment

Jerry Collins, Computer Technician reported the Convention and Tourism Committee would like to have a web page on the County website. The Board approved the request.

As a representative of the Veterans Groups of Cloud County, Collins visited with the Board about running a gas line from the Courthouse to the Eternal Flame. The Board gave permission for Collins to get cost estimates before a decision is made.

Kevin Riddle, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported he would be receiving $478. of unexpended funds for FY 2006. The funds will be used for computer screen replacements.

Commissioner Garrison reported on a Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended Thursday, December 21.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.