Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 7, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Bill Garrison, Members Gary Caspers and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, IT Tech; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager; Mari Detrixhe, Clyde Economic Development Director; Toby Nosker, KNCK.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2008 Employment Agreement with Cynthia Weber as Health Administrator, with a salary of $38,546.82.

Weber and the Board discussed maintenance and office space at the Service Center (Health Dept. Bldg).

The Board will attend the Health Dept. Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008, to be held at the Health Dept. beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approve Abatements #2007-00058 to #2007-00061 totaling $261.78.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed a meeting he attended with FEMA representatives and others concerning the costs related to the cleanup from the recent storms.

Murdock reported work is continuing on the addition to the Transfer Station office.

Commissioner Garrison and Murdock will attend an e-waste meeting in Osborne on Wednesday, January 9th.

Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager and Jerry Collins, IT Technician discussed the possibility of an agreement between the City of Concordia and Cloud County for IT services, on a trial basis for a period of six month. The Board agreed to the 6 month trial basis, with the County billing the City on a monthly basis at a rate of $30.00 per hour for services provided.
On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2008 Employment Agreement with Jim Johnson as Maintenance Manager, at a rate of $15.40 per hour.

The Board discussed the heating bills at the Service Center (Health Dept. building).

The Board recessed at 11:48 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

Mari Detrixhe, Clyde Economic Development Director reported that Foutch Brothers of Weatherby, Mo. has purchased the Clyde Grade School and Elk Creek Manor and will be converting them into apartments. Detrixhe asked the Board for a letter of support for the project. The Board asked Detrixhe to return next week for the letter.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 2:07 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:17 p.m.

The Board requested a 2nd executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 2:22 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:37 p.m.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until Monday, January 14, 2008.
Others attending were: Danyel Aldridge, Brian Peterson and Neil Regnier, CHS Government Students; Mark Lawlor, Horizon Wind Energy; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Mari Detrixhe, Clyde Economic Development Director; Susie Haver and Barbara Henry, Convention and Tourism Directors; Dolores Landry, Convention and Tourism Committee.

Signed Payroll Checks.

The Board reorganized, electing Johnita Crawford as Chairman for 2008 on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented information on the Inter-local Agreement with the Solomon Valley e-Waste Coalition. Commissioners, Murdock and the County Attorney will review the agreement and discuss again at a later date.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m. Also included in the session was Justin Murdock.

Mark Lawlor, Horizon Wind Energy presented the Road Agreement with Horizon Wind Energy for Use, Repair and Improvements of county roads during the construction of the Cloud County Wind Farm Project. After discussion, the Board, Walsh and Andy Asch, Highway Administrator suggested additions and changes that needed to be made to the agreement. Lawlor will make the changes requested and present the Agreement next week for signature.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they are still scanning old documents into the computer.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported they have received the new style of decals for tags and they are preparing the first distribution of 2007 tax money.

LeaDawn Welch, Clerk of District Court reported the installation of software for on line record searches has been completed.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they have started their winter programs. The Extension District will be presenting Parenting classes, which will start next month and they will be conducting Arthritis Management classes.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported they will have a new Intensive Supervision Officer in the Field Services Office, due to the retirement of Tammy Hamel.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported the Personal Property renditions have been sent out and discussed the new ORION appraisal system.
Jerry Collins, IT Technician reported 2 computer systems had crashed last month and he has been working to restore the information. Collins reminded the departments to backup their information or save their information to the server.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are still working on the addition to the office at the Transfer Station. Murdock stated he, Larry Sulanka and David Walker will be going to Omaha to tour the recycling business that purchases Cloud County’s recyclables.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported he has had several applications and they are getting ready to do pre-employment testing.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported his department has been doing routine maintenance and they have a new floor scrubber.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported the Advisory Board met last Thursday and they are in need of 3 people to serve on the Board, which meets every 6 months. They are working on grants. The have received a grant from the Avon Foundation to promote Breast Cancer Awareness and they will be partnering with Family Care Center and Cloud County Health Center to present a Breast Cancer Awareness Program on February 28th, at the Catholic Parish Hall.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they were doing snow and ice removal and cleaning branches from the recent ice storm.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the filing deadline for the April 1st elections, for positions on for the Concordia City Commission and the Miltonvale City Council, is noon on Tuesday, January 22nd. They are reviewing applications received for the position of election clerk.

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

All Commissioners attended the Health Advisory Board meeting last week.

Commissioner Garrison attended the Concordia Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on Saturday, January 12th.

Commissioner Crawford attended the Convention and Tourism Committee meeting on January 8th and the Housing Forum on Thursday, January 10th.

Justin Murdock presented a letter to be sent to Republic County concerning mixed loads being hauled to the Transfer Station.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit for Cunningham Telephone for a buried fiber optic cable, from the County line South on 170th Road to Union Rd., then along Union Road to US 81 Hwy. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2008 Employment Agreement with Asch, in the amount of $51,598.10.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 01-08 to cancel check # 106438 in the amount of $175.00.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the January 7th meeting as presented.

After the discussion the Commissioner Committee appointments will remain the same as in 2007.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2007-00070 to #2007-00080 totaling $596.98.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

Mari Detrixhe, Clyde Economic Development Director presented a letter of support, for Board signature, for the project by Foutch Brothers for affordable housing in the City of Clyde.

Detrixhe stated Foutch Brothers has purchased the old grade school in Clyde, which is currently on the tax roll with an appraised value of $16,000 and they are planning to purchase the Elk Creek Manor from the City of Clyde, which has an appraised value of $79,000, but is currently tax exempt. Foutch Brothers is planning to remodel and convert both buildings into 1,2, and 3 bedroom apartment units.

Detrixhe also asked for support and approval of the 95% tax rebate for a period of 10 years under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board moved to support the 95% tax rebate for a period of 10 years, contingent on terms of the development agreement, for the Clyde affordable housing project by Foutch Brothers.

Dolores Landry, Convention and Tourism Committee; Susie Haver and Barbara Henry, Convention and Tourism Directors visited with the Board about the Tourism Committee and the Directors positions. The Board asked the County Attorney to research the Transient Guest Tax and the use of those funds.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m., until Monday, January 21, 2008.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Dolores Landry, Convention & Tourism Committee; Susie Haver and Barbara Henry, Tourism Directors; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Steve Richard, Brad Berk, Steve Womack, Rita Dondlinger and Linda Blanken Members of the Sheriff’s Committee; Bob Maxson and Janet Eubanks, CCCC.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Dolores Landry, Barbara Henry and Susie Haver discussed the Tourism Committee and the Directors positions. Commissioner Crawford moved to create a new county department for Tourism, contingent upon approval of the Tourism Committee, with all expenses including the Directors benefits to be reimbursed from Transient Guest Tax Funds. The motion died due to the lack of a 2nd.

Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:41 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:46 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the cost of chemicals and the amount being charged landowners. The Board asked Asch to gather more information and report next week.

Asch asked about the possibility of acquiring a credit card for the Road and Bridge Dept. to be able to order parts on-line. The Board asked him to check into this and report back next week.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various items with the Board.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00082 to #2007-00086 totaling $690.02.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Betty Saunders to a 2 year term, which will run from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009, on the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported they had received supplemental grant funds in the amount of $3,717. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the
request forms to move funds within the budget to allow for the expenditure of the supplemental fund.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Christine Witt as the new Case Manager/Intensive Supervision Officer, at a rate of $16.65 per hour, to be effective January 21, 2008.

Anderson presented Resolution # 02-08 recommending the appointment of Maria Jindra, M.D. to a position on the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board to replace Anthony Love. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment.

Anderson asked about the procedure for the purchase of a vehicle for her department.

Janet Eubanks and Bob Maxson, CCCC discussed the housing forum. Maxson discussed the possibility of the County being the clearinghouse or central location for persons to call with information concerning apartments, houses, and RV hookups available for rent and the possibility of having the information posted on the county’s website. The Board visited with Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds to see if she and her staff would be available to help with this project. Lambert indicated her office would be willing to help with this project.

Board set the wage for Retta Waite, part-time secretary at Sheriff’s Office at $8.00 per hour.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

Steve Richard, Brad Berk, Steve Womack, Rita Dondlinger, and Linda Bracken gave an overview of the findings by their committee concerning the Sheriff’s Department wages and procedures. The Board will consider their suggestions and visit with Sheriff Bergstrom before any wage changes are made.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until Monday, January 28, 2008.
County staff attending were: Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal County Attorney’s Office; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were: David Redman; Eddie Splichal, Chemical Dependency Committee; Jim Roberts, Horizon Wind Energy; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Elesa Gerard, CHS Government Instructor; Dustin Gallagher, Kaleb Tremblay, Jake Strickland and David Mares, CHS Government Students.

Signed department payroll checks and review monthly expense vouchers.

At 9:00 a.m. the Board conducted the bid openings for the sale of County property. Out of the six properties offered for sale bids were received for five. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the highest bid received for each property.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented information on the cost share for the sale of chemicals to county land owners. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved changing the handling cost on chemicals from 15% to a $2.00 per gallon handling charge. This will make the total cost of chemicals charged landowners 75% of the cost of the chemicals plus the $2.00 per gallon handling charge.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #03-08 to cancel check #108899 in the amount of $100.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Nathan Gentry as Sheriff’s Deputy effective January 21, 2008.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a letter received from the Republic County Commission regarding the hauling of mixed loads to the Transfer Station.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2008 Employment Agreement with Justin Murdock, in the amount of $16.52 per hour.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the JJA Advisory Board meeting and the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, both on January 16th. She also attended the Homeland Security meeting in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, both on January 22nd.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring of Marylu Fellows as election clerk in the County Clerk’s office, effective January 29th, at a rate of $11.16 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00087 to #2007-00091 totaling $107.34.

All Commissioners attended the CloudCorp Annual meeting on Saturday, January 26th.

The Board approved the payment of 2008 dues to North Central Regional Planning in the amount of $3,500.00

The Board approved having the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Glasco County Club.

Eddie Splichal, Chemical Dependency Committee presented the 2008 Funding Agreement for the Chemical Dependency Committee, in an amount of $19,642. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Funding Agreement.

Jim Roberts, Horizon Wind Energy visited with the Board about the Road Agreement. Roberts will return next Monday with the completed agreement for signature.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented information on permits issued and he will be conducting contractor training for Septic System installers on February 25th, in Concordia at the Courthouse meeting room.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported the United Methodist Youthville is interested in renting more office space at the Health Dept. building. Weber reported the Chemical Dependency Committee has asked for a link on the county website (www.cloudcountyks.org). The Board okayed this request.

Elesa Gerard, CHS Government instructor stopped by to arrange time for the Commissioners to visit her Government classes and a time for the students to receive election training by the County Clerk’s office.

The Board recessed at 12:03 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

The Board and Sheriff Larry Bergstrom discussed the committee’s findings for the Sheriff’s Dept.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved leaving in place the previously established sign-on bonuses, to be paid at the end of 1 year of service, for newly hired deputies and to add call out pay in the amount of $10.00 per day for both Deputies and Jailers.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved adopting the pay scale recommended by the Sheriff’s Committee to be effective, the first day of the next payroll, February 3, 2008.

The Board discussed wages for part-time officers. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved wages for part-time deputies at $12.00 per hour and wages for part-time corrections officers (jailers) at $10.00 per hour, to be effective February 3, 2008.

The Board adjorned at 3:30 p.m.
Asch presented Resolution # 04-08 as requested by Central National Bank to be submitted with the application requesting a credit card for the Road and Bridge Department. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board signed the Resolution.

Asch reported he is working on the annual report for the Weed Dept. and will bring next week for Board approval and signature.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff visited with the Board and the County Attorney concerning the use of a contract for new hires. The Board asked the County Attorney to look into this and report back at a later date.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing 4 of the deeds for the county property that was sold.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported United Methodist Youthville will be moving to the area, in the Health Dept. building, previously occupied by Funk Pharmacy. The rent will be $7.00 per square foot plus 6% of the utilities per month. Weber will present a lease next week.

Weber and Carol Miller, CASA Director reported the new Child Advocacy Center will occupy the space currently used by Youthville and Miller requested they be allowed to move the CASA office from the Courthouse to this area as well. Miller requested the carpeting be changed and lighting be upgraded in this area. The Board suggested Miller and Weber get estimates for the requested changes and also to check on possible funding to help pay for the upgrades and report back.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #05-08 to cancel check #109675, in the amount of $17,000.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Tamara Hamel as Case Manager/Intensive Supervision Officer, effective February 1, 2008.

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


Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed the part-time hire of Tamara Hamel to do LSIR Assessments. Anderson stated this would be a interim position until the full-time employees are certified to do the testing. On motion Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to hire Tamara Hamel on a temporary basis to do the LSIR Assessments, effective 2-1-08 at a rate of $19.90 per hour.
Michelle Graham, Horizon Wind Energy returned with the amended Road Agreement. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the amended Road Agreement.

The Board discussed possible violation to the No Smoking Policy for County Buildings.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until February 11, 2008.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the February 4th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing and sending letters of recognition to the Soil Conservation Award winners. The 2007 winners were Ronald, Janet and Brian Dorman for the Water Quality Conservation Award and Jim and Lois Lervold for the Grassland Award.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00106 to #2007-00109 totaling $1,293.44.

The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported she will be sending out delinquent Personal Property notices soon.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported routine business.

Jan Price, Deputy Appraiser reported they are doing final reviews and they are processing the personal property renditions.

Jerry Collins, IT Technician reported the Community Foundation for Cloud County; the Cloud County Fair Board and the Chemical Dependency Committee have each asked for links on the County’s web page (www.cloudcountyks.org). Collins is also installing new computers at the Sheriff’s Dept and installing a computer at the Recycling Center.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the office addition, at the Transfer Station, is coming along and they hope it is ready for use in the next couple of weeks.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are continuing with snow removal, tree removal and cleanup from the storms, and working on the annual report for the Weed Dept.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they have been doing snow removal and they have received the new floor scrubber and it is working well.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported the Chemical Dependency Committee has a self-help hotline for listings of local AA; NA; Alanon and OA. The phone number for the hotline is 785-275-1822. Weber reported the Pacesetter Award Banquet will be held February 21st at 6:00 p.m. and the Concordia Country Club.

Weber reported they now have 46 Home Health patients. Weber stated the “Ladies Think Healthy Program” will be held Thursday, February 28th at the Catholic Parish Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program will provide information concerning breast and cardiovascular health and is sponsored with grant funding from the Avon Foundation and the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, reservations should be made by calling the Cloud County Health Dept.
Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported the Walk Kansas Program will be starting soon and for more information persons can call the extension office. Whitney reported 4-H Day will be held in Belleville on March 1st and the Cloud County Fair will be held July 8 – 12.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported Marylu Fellows has been hired as the new election clerk and the CHS Government students will be visiting the County Clerk’s office on Tuesday and Wednesday for information on elections and voter registration.

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

The Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Crawford gave a report on a meeting she attended on Friday, February 8th in Clay Center regarding the FEMA Declaration.

Justin Mudock, Solid Waste Director discussed the addition to the Transfer Station Office and the repairs to be made to the older section of the office.

Murdock reported he has met with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff and with Mark Jones from the NCK Vo-Tech School concerning the Construction and Demolition Pit.

Murdock discussed the computer program they will be using at the Recycling Center. Once the program is up and running they will be posting Recycling information on the County’s website.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 06-08 to cancel check # 109603 in the amount of $35.00.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the deed to Kevin & Judy Peterson for the purchase of land that was sold by sealed bid.

Commissioner Garrison reported he had attended the Soil Conservation annual meeting on February 7th.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Retta Waite, Secretary Sheriff’s Dept.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director; Blake Hendrix, Everton Energy.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00110 thru #2007-00117 totaling $2,936.56.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 12th. The Committee will be starting the paperwork to apply for their Non-Profit status.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, February 15th.

Commissioner Crawford attended a FEMA meeting on Tuesday, February 12th at City Hall and on Wednesday, February 13th she attended the E-Waste Coalition meeting in Osborne.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed an increase in gravel prices. As of March 1st gravel will be $4.95 per ton, which is an increase of 25 cents per ton. Asch and the Board discussed the county cost share policy for gravel.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director and Blake Hendrix, Everton Energy visited with the Board. Hendrix gave an update on the ethanol project and reported there have been slight delays but the project is moving forward. Hendrix asked about the possibility of placing buried waterlines on County Right of Way. Asch provided Hendrix with information on Cloud County’s permit process.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he is waiting to hear from Bucher, Willis and Ratliff concerning the new operation plan for the Construction/Demolition pit.

Murdock asked about getting a credit card for the Transfer Station, to be used for meeting expenses. The Board asked the County Clerk to check with other counties to see if they have credit cards and how they are handling the payment of travel expenses.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Charles Metro as a part-time equipment operator at the Recycling Center, to be effective March 1, 2008.

Murdock presented information received from the Recycling survey located on the County website.
Murdock presented information on the final draft for the E-Waste Coalition Inter-local Agreement with Osborne County. Board will study this further before a decision is made whether to join the coalition.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff presented the hire of Wayne E. Loy as part-time Deputy for the Sheriff’s Dept., to be effective February 19, 2008, at $12.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Bergstrom reported Marge Higgins, Secretary will be retiring on February 29th.

Bergstrom asked the Board to consider re-hiring Marge Higgins, after completing the KPERS 30 day mandatory no work period, and increase the hourly wage for both part-time secretaries to $13.00 per hour, with no benefits, due to the years of experience both would have. By changing the positions to part-time, with no benefits, would be an approximate savings to the county of $50,000 per year. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the re-hire of Marge Higgins, after the KPERS 30 day mandatory no work period, approved changing both positions to part-time, with no benefits, and increase the wage for both part-time Secretaries to $13.00 per hour, with the stipulation that if the part-time positions do not work out and the position is changed back to a full-time position the wage would be reduced to comply with the full-time pay scale.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until Monday, February 25, 2008.
Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Director and Blake Hendrix, Everton Energy presented the Right of Way Use Permit with Everton Energy for buried waterline and fiber optic cable along 180th Road South to Plum Road and East on Plum Road to approximately ¼ mile East of 220th Road and a section ¼ mile West of 180th Road on Rock Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch discussed a letter from Kansas Department of Transportation regarding funding for the 5 year Bridge Plan.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the February 19th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00118 to #2007-00122 totaling $389.24.

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Garrison attended the Pace Setter Award Banquet on Thursday, February 21st.

Commissioner Crawford attended the Juvenile Detention meeting on February 20th in Junction City.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the e-waste coalition and installing some type of indicator for the scale at the Transfer Station.

Carol Miller, CASA Director gave the Board an update regarding the CASA office moving their office to the Health Dept. Building. Miller reported they would not be moving, at this time, due to not being able to secure the receptionist work area when their part-time employee was not in the office.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave a report on the permits issued and discussed several compliance issues.

The Board opened the bids submitted for a vehicle for the JJA/Community Corrections Dept. Bids were received from:

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After the bid opening, the Board asked Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director to review the bids and inspect the vehicles and report back next week before a decision is made.

Anderson and the Board discussed a JJA grant application.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
The Board discussed the cost share policy for gravel. Asch will gather more information and report back next week.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be taking applications until Friday for the part-time position at the Recycling Center and beginning March 12th the Transfer Station will begin staying open on Wednesday evenings until 6:00 p.m.

The Board and Murdock discussed the e-waste coalition. The Board asked Murdock to have the County Attorney review the agreement with the Solomon Valley Coalition and report back next week.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed the vehicle bids that were opened last week. They will be trying out 2 of the vehicles this week before returning next week with a decision.

Anderson discussed the FY09 JJA grant applications. The 1st application, Plan A, was based on FY08 funding amounts of $151,146 plus $20,000 additional funds. Because of legislation before the Kansas Legislature a 2nd grant application was requested by the Department of Corrections, Plan B, in the amount of $217,224 to be based funds to be allocated in the proposed legislation. A decision by the Kansas Legislature will determine which of the grant plans is approved. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, 2nd by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to have the Chairman sign the FY09 grant applications.

Anderson presented a line item change to the JJA budget to transfer funds from the Prevention to the Graduated Sanctions for Juvenile Intake to pay for new pagers. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the line item change.

Anderson presented a request for Supplemental funding for Graduated Sanctions for JJA, in the amount of $2,628, to be used to cover transportation cost while visiting juveniles in out of home placements. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the request.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff presented a change of status for Greg Lagasse from part-time deputy to fulltime sergeant in the Sheriff’s Dept., to be effective March 7, 2008 at $15.50 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous the Board approved the change in status.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00123 to #2007-00150 totaling $1,665.30.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the lease agreement with United Methodist Youthville for lease of office space in the Health Dept. building, effective March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 at a rate of $693. per month plus 6% of the monthly utilities. On motion by
Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the lease agreement.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Clay Center, and the Homeland Security Meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, February 26th.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting on Thursday, February 28th.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m., until Monday, March 10, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 10, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Jerry Collins, IT Technician; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Supervisor; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Randy Sorell, Resource/Surveillance Officer; Amanda Lott, Extension Agent; Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending were:

Signed Payroll checks.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-00151 totaling $11.76.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting as presented.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff presented new hires for his department: Jamie L. Koch as fulltime Jail Administrator, at $14.31 per hour, effective March 17, 2008; Hans T. Hanson as fulltime deputy, at $14.31 per hour with a $1,000 hiring bonus to be paid after 1 year of employment, to be effective March 24, 2008; and Charles C. Lindberg as fulltime deputy, at $14.32 per hour with a $1,000 hiring bonus to be paid after 1 year of employment, to be effective March 24, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the new hires.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the North Central Kansas County Highway Officials Meeting will be in Lincoln on March 20th at 10:00.

Effective March 1st the price of gravel increased to $4.95 per ton, which may require a change in the cost to county land owners. The Board discussed increasing the land owner share to $2.95 per ton and asked Asch to revise the County policy to reflect the change and present it next week for signature. Asch stated that until the new policy is implemented they will honor the current rate of $2.50 per ton.

Asch presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Rural Water District #1 for a buried waterline .3 of a mile East of US 81 Hwy on Iron Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented, for Board signature, a letter of support stating the goals and objectives for the Tobacco Use Prevention Grant. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the letter of support.

Weber presented the grant application for Public Health Programs for signature. The grant amounts are State Formula $7,000; Chronic Disease Risk Reduction $83,722; Family Planning $41,539; AIDS Counseling and Testing $2,549; Maternal & Child Health $19,722; Child Care Licensing & Reg $48,795; Immunization $36,008., for a total of all grants being $239,335. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign.

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

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported he has hired 2 fulltime Deputies, effective March 24th and a fulltime Jail Administrator, effective March 17th. Bergstrom discussed the security that will be required, by his department, for the Wind Energy Project.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they will be painting the stripes on the parking lot at the Courthouse. Johnson reported that since we are entering into tornado season, employees need to be aware of the procedures to follow if the tornado sirens are sounded.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are still working on tree and brush removal for FEMA.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they will be conducting interviews, this week, for the part-time employee at the Recycling Center and the addition at the Transfer Station should be completed soon. Murdock presented statistics on the amount of recyclables collected and reported he has been asked to have a Recycling Booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival.
Jerry Collins, IT Technician wanted to thank the Chemical Dependency Committee for the recognition he received at the Pace Setter Award Banquet. Collins helped the Committee get their web page setup on the county website.

Collins reported there is now a form on the county website (www.cloudcountyks.org) allowing property owners to complete information concerning their rental properties.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported there were approximately 110 ladies attended the “Think Healthy Program.”

The Health Dept. will be sponsoring a 10 week “Healthy Life Styles” Program, to be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the hospital cafeteria.

Weber reported the Chemical Dependency Committee will be conducting a Town Hall meeting concerning “Underage Drinking” on April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Commissioners Room, Concordia City Hall.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported the Government classes have been into their office doing their research and the list available housing, on the county website, is doing well and that 2 properties on the list have been rented.

Amanda Lott, Extension Agent reported the County 4-H Day was held on Saturday, in Belleville, and they had approximately 300 entries. Lott reported Pat Gerhardt is working with the Walk Kansas Program.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are getting ready for the April 1st Concordia and Miltonvale City Elections.

The Department Head meeting ended at 10:55 a.m.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director and Randy Sorell, Resource/Surveillance Officer presented the information on the vehicle bids that were opened February 25th. Anderson reported the only vehicle that was available for them to drive was the 2007 Ford Escape XLT from Beloit Motor Plaza. The bid was $15,700, which was the low bid. Anderson asked the Board to accept the bid and allow them to purchase this vehicle. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of this vehicle. Commissioner Caspers stated he was disappointed the vehicle could not be purchased in Cloud County.

Anderson and Sorell discussed the need for Community Service projects for their offenders, and asked the Board for suggestions of possible projects.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented the final draft of the Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for E-Waste with the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Inter-local Agreement.
Murdock discussed the Kansas Sampler Festival.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he will have the bid forms for the Cash Farm Leases prepared for next week.

The Board adjourned at 12 noon, until Monday, March 17, 2008.
approximately $62,883.51, with the County receiving reimbursement from FEMA of 85% of the total cost or approximately $53,450.98.

Asch reported he has sent requests to Van Diest and UAP for quotes on chemical prices and he will be working on specification for tire bids, which will be sent out in the near future.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and David Johnson, Bucher, Willis and Ratliff visited with the Board regarding the requirements to be in compliance with new KDHE regulations concerning the Transfer Station property. Johnson explained a survey plat and a boundary survey map need to be completed this will allow KDHE to have a uniform tracking system for Construction/Demolition sites. The Board will study the draft agreement with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff before a decision is made to sign the Agreement.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jim Lanoue, Sr., part-time equipment operator, at the Transfer Station, to be effective March 17, 2008.

Murdock presented a new hire for Rodney S. Hake as a part-time equipment operator at the Recycling Center, effective March 17, 2008, at $8.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Murdock presented the By-Laws for the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition. Murdock reported several of the counties have had questions and concerns and the Coalition is reviewing those for possible changes to the by-laws.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer and Jeff Thoman visited with the Board about the possibility of the Treasurer’s Office doing Drivers License renewals. Williams reported Rose Ann McGannon, part-time clerk, would be moving and would no longer be available for work in her office. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 11:19 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:29 a.m.

Walsh presented the draft of a Letter of Agreement with the City of Concordia concerning the dam to be located on Plum Road. The Board will review the Agreement before any decision is made.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 07-08 to cancel check # 109798 in the amount of $326.46 and Resolution #08-08 to cancel check #109773 in the amount of $28.60.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00153 thru # 2007-00154 totaling $123.94.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board regarding the Cereal Malt Beverage Application for the Cloud County Fair Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting as corrected. (wage for Charles C. Lindberg, fulltime deputy listed as $14.32 per hour and the correct amount is $14.31 per hour)

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Homeland Security meeting on Wednesday, March 12th in Beloit.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m., until Monday, March 24, 2008.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the March 17th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00155 to #2007-00157 totaling $17,036.72.

Commissioner Caspers reported the Chemical Dependency Committee will hold a Town Hall meeting, regarding Underage Drinking, on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Concordia City Hall. The Committee encourages 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders and their parents to attend.

Casey Fraser, Martin Tractor Co. reported Martin Tractor will be receiving several 12H Motor Graders on the State Return Program. The Graders have been used approximately 100 hours and will have the majority of their warranty left. Fraser asked the Board if they would be interested in purchasing one of these machines and if they would be interested in signing a Right of 1st Refusal for the purchase. Fraser will prepare a Right of 1st Refusal for Asch’s signature. Asch will check with other vendors for price comparison before a final decision is made to purchase a grader.

Blake Hendrix, Everton Energy presented a Right of Way Use Permit for an Observation Well on County Right of Way. Hendrix explained the Observation Wells, to be used for monitoring water levels, were requested by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas State Department of Water Resources. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Permit.

Asch presented a Right of Way use permit with Gary Bachand for a buried waterline in the East ditch on 260th Road starting at Milo Road going north to Noble Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch reported he had received chemical prices from VanDiest and UAP and he will be purchasing chemicals from both companies. Purchases will be made from the company quoting the lowest for the chemical needed.

Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager discussed the Letter of Agreement with the City of Concordia for the dam to be constructed on Plum Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Agreement.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Agreement with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff for the required engineering services at the Transfer Station. Murdock explained the Road and Bridge Department had information concerning the corner markers on the Transfer Station property which will lower the cost of the required survey. The Board asked Murdock to have the County Attorney look over the Agreement before it is presented for signature.

Murdock reported the amount to be reimbursed by FEMA for expenses incurred from the ice and snow storm would be approximately $1,889.
Murdock reported he and David Walker would be attending the 2008 KDHE Works Conference in Overland Park on March 26th – 28th.

The Board and Murdock discussed the booth for the Kansas Sampler Festival. Murdock reported he has received permit approval, from the City of Concordia, for the enclosure between the 2 buildings at the Recycling Center.

Jeff Thoman asked the Board if they had received comments concerning the County Treasurer’s office doing drivers licenses. The Board reported they have received no positive feedback concerning the proposal.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented an update on permits issued and completed.

Steve Richard and Richard Weaver discussed the Cemetery Districts in the County and a new cemetery district being proposed. Richard provided information for the procedure for withdrawing from a cemetery district and creating a new district. Richard presented signed petitions for withdrawal from Cemetery District #16 and a petition to create a new Cemetery District. The Board accepted the petition, which will need to be approved by the County Attorney and the signatures checked by the County Clerk, before the process can proceed.

Commissioner Crawford reported she had attended the Juvenile Detention meeting on Wednesday, March 19th in Lincoln, Ks., and the NCK Highway Officials meeting in Lincoln, Ks. on Thursday, March 20th.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, March 18th.

The Board adjourned at 12 noon, until Monday, March 31, 2008.
Others attending were: Glenn Sulanka; Joe Jindra, KNCK, Inc.; Michelle Graham, Horizon Wind Energy; Robert Thomas, Toby Nosker, KNCK; Carol Miller, CASA Director.

The Board reviewed Department Expenses Vouchers.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Joe Jindra, KNCK; and Michelle Graham, Horizon Wind Energy visited with the Board about the Wind Farm Project and the impact it might have on their ability to transmit for KCKS FM. Graham reported Horizon Representatives were planning to meet with Mr. Jindra again to discuss the situation further.

Walsh presented the Cash Farm Lease with Glenn Sulanka for the Aurora Rock Pit property. Walsh suggested the lease be extended for 3 years, at an amount of $27.33 per Acre or $3,250.00 per year payable on or before November 1st of each year. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the lease with Sulanka for a period of 3 years.

Walsh presented Resolution #09-08 to appoint Regine L. Thompson as Acting Cloud County Attorney retroactive to January 17, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Resolution.

Walsh thanked Andy Asch, Highway Administrator for the use of his county pickup last weekend for a Highway Cleanup Project by volunteers.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff asked about possible signage for County roads prohibiting “Mudding” on county roads.

Robert Thomas discussed water usage for the Ethanol plant and asked about water rights. Thomas also asked about the funding for CloudCorp.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the prices of motor graders. Asch reported the Kansas One Call Safety meeting will be held Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion.

Asch reported Sellers Tractor will be taking the county’s Low-Boy Trailer to their factory in Holdon, Missouri for repair.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the County Attorney had reviewed the Agreement with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff and he will be bringing the Agreement for Board signature next week.

Murdock discussed the Works Conference that he and David Walker attended in Overland Park, March 25-28.

Murdock reported there will be an e-waste meeting in Osborne, on Wednesday, April 2nd.
Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the grant the county has received, in the amount of $45,000, which will allow Brake & Associates, LLC of Manhattan, Ks. to complete a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cloud County. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board moved to accept the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented the Order to withdraw Meredith Cemetery from Joint Cemetery District #16. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Order of Withdrawal.

Walsh presented an Order to Establish A New Cemetery District to be known as Meredith Cemetery District #18. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approve the Order To Establish A New Cemetery District.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the Accounts Receivable amounts to be written off, prior to the Medicare Audit, in the amount of $15,191.45. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the write-offs.

Weber reminded the Board of the Town Hall meeting, on Underage Drinking, sponsored by the Chemical Dependency Committee, to be held on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Concordia City Commission Room.

Carol Miller, CASA Director presented information for the replacement of the carpet in the area to be used by the Child Advocacy Center, to be located in the basement of the Health Dept. Building. The lowest proposal was from Square One Flooring, in the amount of $3,297.01. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of carpet and installation from Square One Flooring.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Ruth Merrill as Corrections Officer, effective March 28, 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-108 and #2007-00158 totaling $292.80.

The Board approved having the Chairman sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License to Brad Berk for the Cloud County Fair Association.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the March 24th meeting as presented.

The Board set the date and time for the canvass of the Concordia and Miltonvale City General Election results for Monday, April 7th, at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting on March 27th in Beloit.
Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting on Tuesday, March 25th in Clay Center.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
APRIL 7, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 7, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Carol Miller, CASA Director.

Signed department payroll and expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented an amended Right of Way Use Permit for Gary Bachand. The location of the buried waterline would be changed to approximately ½ mile east of 260th Road on Milo Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the board approved the amended permit.

Asch reported he had sent out bid specifications for tires and the bids will be opened on Monday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented the contract with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff for the KDHE required engineering services at the Transfer Station. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board moved to approve the contract.

Murdock, presented a new hire for Gary Appleby as a part-time equipment operator at the Transfer Station, effective April 7, 2008, at an hourly rate of $8.00. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the new hire request.
Murdock reported the Miltonvale Recycling Trailer has moved from beside the Miltonvale City Shop building to behind the Miltonvale City Shop building.

The Board discussed the E-waste meeting held in Osborne. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director as Cloud County’s representative on the Board of the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition and Bill Garrison as alternate representative.

Murdock discussed plans for the Recycling booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival.

Carol Miller, CASA Director visited with the Board about the removal of the carpet for the Child Advocacy Center. The removal cost was included in the original proposal and the Board suggested they let the installer remove the carpet.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Homeland Security meeting held on April 1st in Beloit.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk presented a classification change for Catherine (Cathy) Davis from Tax Roll Maintenance Clerk to Deputy County Clerk/Tax Roll Maintenance Clerk, effective April 7, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.


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

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition meeting in Osborne on April 2nd and the One Call Safety Meeting on Thursday, April 3rd.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser visited with the Board about various items.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until Monday, April 14, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
APRIL 14, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.
County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent.

Others attending were: Dirk Lowell and Chelsey Kindel, CHS Government Students; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Gail Whitley, Levi Whitley, Zech Stringer, Brianna Stringer, Desiree Whitley, Sara Mar, Mari Mar with Peer to Peer Youth Group for Pawnee Mental Health.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the official canvas and the minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 7th as presented.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Tamara Hamel, effective April 9, 2008.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting held on April 11th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the JJA meeting on Wednesday, April 9th.

All Commissioners attended the ground-breaking ceremony on Friday, April 11th for the new Wind Farm.

At 9:30 the Board opened the tire bids. Bids were received from Thompson OK Tire of Beloit; Commercial Tire of Salina; and Kansasland Tire of Concordia. The Board asked Andy Asch, Highway Administrator to review the bids and accept the lowest bid for each type of tire required and report next week with the results.

Asch reported we have received the Federal portion of the FEMA money in the amount of approximately $41,000 for reimbursement for the cleanup after the ice storms.

Asch reported they plan to begin work on the hot-mix plant this week and the road crews will begin hauling some gravel this week.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-161 to #2007-00210 totaling $11,798.75.

The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Pat Gerhardt: During the 1st 4 weeks of the Walk Kansas Program, the 182 participants have walked a total of 9,055 miles which is equal to 21 ½ times across Kansas.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent has completed the Tractor Safety Courses.
The Cloud County Fair will be held July 8th – 12th.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer: Second ½ Tax Statements have been mailed and are due May 10th. Williams reported she is working on budget estimates for the next budget year.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator: They have received the State and Federal monies for the reimbursement for cleanup of the storm damage.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director: The office addition at the Transfer Station is complete; The Recycling Center is making final preparation for their booth at the Sampler Festival; and the Recycling Center is making preparations to begin accepting e-waste.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator: They will be attending a Food Borne Illness (FBI) tabletop exercise in Beloit on Thursday; and their 3rd Quarter Grant reports are due this week.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser: Valuation notices have been mailed; and reported a decision will be made in the near future as to whether they will covert to the new ORION system this year for valuation calculation.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager: His department is getting ready for the spring mowing season.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff: All of their radar units have been recertified and the 3 new deputies have been certified to use the units; 3 deputies have received training on Drug Interdiction; and 5 deputies have received training on Pharmaceuticals and Prescription Drugs. They will be receiving a new Intoxilizer 8000 for use in DUI and Blood Alcohol Testing.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk: They have completed the City Elections; and the filing deadline for the August primary is noon on June 10th. They will be starting preliminary budget preparation soon.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds: Her office has received several calls regarding the housing information they are collecting and posting on the county web-site. They will begin scanning some of their older index books.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:55 a.m.

Gail Whitley, Levi Whitley, Zech Stringer, Brianna Stringer, Desiree Whitley, Sara Mar, and Mari Mar presented a Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the office addition at the Transfer Station is complete and invited the Board to visit the Transfer Station. He reported Bucher, Willis and Ratliff will let him know when they are able to start their engineering project at the Transfer Station. The next e-waste coalition meeting will be on May 14th in Osborne.
Murdock discussed the hallway between the 2 buildings at the Recycling Center and the possibility of Road and Bridge employees helping with the project.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until Monday, April 21, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
APRIL 21, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana McNichols, RN.

Others attending were: Shaun Brooks, CHS Government Student; Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Signed payroll checks.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 14th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Casprs, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 10-08 appointing Regine L. Thompson as Acting County Attorney for the week of April 21st – 25th.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator presented a personnel classification change for Jane Lervold from a part-time corrections officer to a full-time corrections officer, effective April 21, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he had reviewed the tire bids and recommended the low bid be accepted for each type of tire. The total of the bids were $24,032.80 with tires to be purchased from each dealer totaling: Commercial Tire $2,884.89; Kansasland Tire $19,363.48; and Thompson OK Tire $1,784.43.

Asch reported his department is beginning to grade and drag County roads after the rains and will start hauling gravel.
In Weed Dept. matters, Asch gave a report on the number of acres of County Right of Way’s treated in 2006 and 2007 and gave a report on chemical costs and cost share amounts.

Commissioner Crawford reported on several calls she had received concerning road problems.

Commissioner Crawford requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:55 a.m. Also included in the session was Andy Asch.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he presented a program on recycling to the Lions Club on Thursday, April 17th.

Murdock reported an incident of trash being left after hours at the gate of the Transfer Station.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00211 to #2007-214 totaling $182.86.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Marge Widen as Lincoln Township Treasurer, effective May 1, 2008.

Diana McNichols, RN at the Health Dept. presented a grant application, in the amount of $1,339.24, to the Duclos Foundation. The funds will be used by the Cloud County TASK Force to bring in Don Young, as a guest speaker. Young will present a program, at each of the schools in the county, to educate students on the effects of tobacco use. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the grant application.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., until Monday, April 28, 2008.
Thoman, County Bookkeeper; Larry Bergstrom, County Sheriff; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal.

Others attending were: Shane Hubert and Evan McEnroe, CHS Government Students; Gary May, District Sanitarian; John McLean, UMB Bank.

Reviewed Expense Vouchers.

The Board visited with Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager about a leak that was reported in the Drivers License Office.

Johnson reported the State Fire Marshall would conduct a fire inspection of the Health Dept. Building, on Tuesday.

Larry Bergstrom discussed various items with the Board.

Bergstrom presented a new hire for Octavia Avery as a part-time corrections officer, effective April 29th, at an hourly rate of $10.00. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 21st meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-00215 totaling $36.76.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the River Valley Extension District annual meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the 2009 Noxious Weed Management Plan for Board approval. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the plan.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved and signed a Joint Road-Terrace Use Permit with Norman Cleveland for the NE1/2 SE1/4 32-6-2.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the LEPP meeting on Friday, April 25th, in Clay Center.

Commissioner Garrison and Commissioner Crawford attended the Pawnee Mental Health annual meeting in Clay Center, on Monday, April 21st.
Commissioner Garrison attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 24th.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer visited with the Board concerning the Treasurer’s office doing drivers licenses. It was the consensus of the Board that it would not be feasible for the Treasurer’s Office to do drivers license renewals.

Commissioner Garrison reported the new cemetery district, Meredith CD #18, had their annual meeting and elected officers. Since this is a newly formed district and no money is available for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery this year, the cemetery board submitted a request for funds from Cloud County, in the amount of $2000 to be used for this purpose. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented a classification change for Kim Mathews from part-time to fulltime home health aide, effective April 28, 2008, with no change in wage. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Weber presented funding and expenditure information for the Public Health Programs and Child Care Licensing Grants.

Weber reported she has contacted Jenni Reling, Beloit, to present a “Team Training” seminar for her department on May 28th, at a cost of $350 for a ½ day session. The Board gave their approval for her to do this training seminar.

Weber requested an increase in the rate nurses receive for being on call on week-ends and holidays. The rate for week-ends and holidays would increase from $10 per day to $20 per day, with the on call rate for all other days would remain at $10 per day. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave a brief report on permit issues.

The Board recessed at 12:00 and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 the Board conducted a special department head meeting. John McLean with UMB Bank presented information on the purchasing card program offered by UMB.

The Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 5, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Asst. Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager; Carol Chartier, Pawnee Mental Health Board; Bob Maxson and Bruce Graham, Cloud County Community College.

Signed payroll and expense checks.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported he has contacted an engineer for recommendations concerning repairs that need to be made at the Jail.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-217 in the amount of $283.54.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter in support of CASA’s grant application to the State Crime Victims Assistance Fund for Child Abuse and Neglect.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he met with Horizon representatives to discuss the road improvements being done. Asch reported his department will begin hauling gravel and begin screening and crushing rock. Asch will be attending the Kansas County Highway Administrators Spring Conference in Manhattan this week.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director wanted to thank Commissioner Garrison; Linda Bogart, County Clerk; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds and Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer for volunteering to help with the Recycling Booth at the Sampler Festival. The Board discussed possible changes that could be made to make the booth better next year.

The start-up date for e-waste collection will be May 5th. It was reported there will not be a disposal fee for private individuals or governmental agencies, however businesses will be charged a fee of $.25 per pound.

Murdock reported they sold a partial load of aluminum and copper last week. They received $7,888.80 for aluminum cans; $188.50 for copper and $129.60 for the scrap aluminum.
In Transfer Station business, Murdock stated they will begin using roll-off containers for the metal pile; and on May 22nd there will be 10-15 Junior High Students at the Transfer Station for their “Service Learning Day.”

Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager dropped by to visit with the Board.

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

Commissioner Crawford received a call from Susie Haver, Tourism Director who reported the final attendance count for the Sampler Festival was approximately 6100.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Comprehensive 3 year plan for DOC/Community Corrections for FY09. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the plan.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 11-08 to cancel check # 110556, in the amount of $189.50 and Resolution #12-08 to cancel check #56498, in the amount of $475.33.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator presented information concerning wages at the Health Dept. and asked if a decision had been made regarding a increase in the daily rate the nurses receive for being on-call on week-ends and holidays. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved an increase for on-call pay for week-ends and holidays from $10 per day to $20 per day, with the on-call rate for weekdays remaining at $10 per day.

Justin Murdock presented a personnel classification change for David Walker, who has completed his 6 month introductory period, with a wage change from $11.59 per hour to $12.88 per hour, to be effective April 13, 2008. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Bob Maxson and Bruce Graham, Cloud County Community College visited with the Board about possible locations for the colleges wind turbine and they discussed the wind energy program. Maxson reported they have identified 3 or 4 possible locations for the turbine placement, with one of the locations being on the Transfer Station property. Maxson asked about the possibility of taking GPS coordinates for the Transfer Station property to be submitted with the permit. The Board approved allowing the college to take the GPS coordinates and asked Justin Murdock to check with KDHE and with Emergency Preparedness regarding regulations for a structure of this type on County property.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the CASA annual banquet, in Beloit, on Friday, May 2nd.
The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m., until Monday, May 12, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 12, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Greg Lagasse, Sergeant; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent.

Others attending were: James Wahlmeier and Tammy Budreau, Cloud County Health Center.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00220 to #2007-00221 totaling $74.22.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; and Greg Lagasse, Sergeant discussed the Emergency Communication System. Bergstrom suggested forming a committee to discuss improving radio communications for Emergency Services within the County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the May 5th meeting as approved.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit for Jim Lervold for a buried waterline approximately 50’ east of 120th Road on Milo Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Asch reported they are hauling gravel; screening and crushing rock; and hope to start the hot-mix plant next week and will begin patching roads.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are hauling gravel, crushing rock and selling chemicals.
Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are painting the offices at the Health Dept. that will be used for the Child Advocacy Center and they are getting the air conditioners at both buildings ready to go.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported routine business and they are continuing to scan the mylar maps on the new scanner.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they could have the e-waste trailer here next week.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported they have received numerous calls of cattle being out.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are starting preliminary work on budgets and on the August primary election.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported the Wheat Plot Tour will be held on June 4th in Belleville and the 2008 K-State Agronomy Field Day will be held August 22nd. Whitney reported the Walk Kansas Program ended on Sunday, May 11th. The Cloud County Fair will be held July 8 – 12.

The Board will conduct a work session, with Department heads, on Monday, May 19th for the purpose of completing the Employee Handbook.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:50 a.m.

The Board resumed open session at 10:55 a.m.

James Wahlmeier and Tammy Budreau, Cloud County Health Center presented a Proclamation to designate the week of May 11th thru 17th as National Hospital Week in Cloud County. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Proclamation.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported there will be a Solomon Valley e-waste coalition meeting in Osborne on Wednesday, May 14th.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until Monday, May 19th.
Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Asst. Health Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Technician.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Gary Reynolds.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the road repairs being done for the Wind Farm Project. Asch gave a comparison of fuel costs for 2007 and 2008; reported they are hauling gravel; they will be starting the hot-mix plant next week and will begin patching roads; and mowing right of ways. In Weed Dept. business he reported chemical sales are strong and they have finished spraying at the Courthouse, Health Dept. and Transfer Station.

Arlene Clayton discussed the 50th Anniversary of the Bostwick Irrigation District and Lovewell Reservoir that will be held on June 1st.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the May 12th meeting as presented.


Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane Gering, Asst. Health Administrator presented information concerning the operating costs and salaries for the Health Dept. Weber will present more information after they receive the Medicare audit is complete and asked the Board to consider raises for the employees in her department. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Gary Reynolds stopped by to visit with the Board about a road problem South of 5 Corners and he also visited about the yearly appropriation made to CloudCorp by the County and the City.

The Board recessed at 12 noon.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board conducted a work session with Department Heads to discuss and make necessary changes to the Employee Manual.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until Tuesday, May 27th.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 27, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Marcia Johnson; Ted Thoman; Charles Johnson; Stan Plush, President Cloud County Commission on Aging; Stacy VandenBroeder, Director Cloud County Commission on Aging; Ted Samuelson; Gertrude Poe; Don Menard; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

The Board reviewed the monthly department expense vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-223 totaling $ $172.68.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the May 19th regular meeting and the minutes of the May 21st Special meeting.

Members of the Cloud County Commission on Aging executive board and members of the Concordia Senior Citizens Center Board visited with the County Commissioners regarding the method used to distribute the tax appropriation funds received by the Commission on Aging. Don Menard presented information concerning the reasons a change in the method of distribution of funds to the local Senior Centers was needed and felt it needed to reflect the usage of the centers rather than being figured by using a percentage of registered voters for the area served by each center. Stan Plush and Don Menard discussed the usage and the cost of the Concordia Senior Citizens Van. Stacy VandenBroeder presented copies of the Commission on Aging minutes from a 2005 meeting where a possible change was discussed. Commissioner Caspers expressed concerns that a change was made and but the minutes do not indicate that a motion was made or that a vote was taken on any changes. Robert Walsh, County Attorney explained the County Commissioners role and responsibilities and stated the Commission on Aging needs to be sure they do things appropriately and follow their By-laws. Gertrude Poe suggested the Commission on Aging amend their By-laws to clearly state how the distribution is to be made and what the tax money can and cannot be used for. After much discussion, Stan Plush stated they would have an executive board meeting to see if these issues can be resolved. Commissioner Crawford asked them to bring any By-Law changes back to the County
Commissioners for approval before June 23rd and that the next distribution of tax money be distributed to the Centers using the percentage rates, as was done prior to 2005.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he will bring the 5 year Bridge plan in for signature next week as it need to be back to KDOT by June 16th. Asch reported they are starting to spray County right of ways; they started mowing last week; they are starting to haul gravel.

Asch discussed the road problem (south of 5 corners) that was reported by Gary Reynolds last week and the repairs that were made.

Commissioner Garrison reported a problem approximately ½ mile North of Deer Road on 170th Road and asked Asch check on this problem.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he is working with the Road and Bridge Dept. to set up a time to resurface the approach to the scales at the Transfer Station. Murdock stated the Recycling Center will go to summer hours, effective May 27th, hours will be Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. They are now accepting E-Waste at the Recycling Center and the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition has picked up one trailer full of e-waste.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he has not written any new permits but he has closed out 4 permits this month and has 2 other permits that are ready to begin their construction when the weather permits.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board moved to approve the Revised Employee Handbook, effective May 27, 2008, with the reference to overtime pay to be left unchanged, per attorney recommendation.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, May 20th. On May 22nd the attended the NCK Regional Planning meeting that was held in Scandia. The group toured the new ethanol plant.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting, on May 13th, and those attending received a recap of the Sampler Festival activities. On May 21st she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff discussed the dispatch service.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Gale Engle; Charles and Marcia Johnson; Casey Fraser, Martin Tractor Co.; Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius and Shella Nelson-Stout, OCCK; Stacy VandenBroeder, Gertrude Poe and Stan Plush, Cloud County Commission on Aging.

Signed Department payroll and expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-224 to #2007-225, totaling $308.68.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed problems with the dispatch service and the Sheriff’s Dept. is not receiving their dispatch calls.

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

Commissioner Crawford read a letter from Marcia Johnson, President of the Concordia Senior Center and Estalene Harrington, Past President of the Concordia Senior Center expressing concerns regarding the distribution of tax funds to the area Senior Centers. Charles Johnson ask about doing an enumeration of Senior Citizens in Cloud County that could be used as a basis for figuring the amount of dollars to be distributed to each Senior Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser, Martin Tractor Co. visited with the Board about a CAT 12H Grader Martin Tractor received from the State. The grader has 114 hours on it and would have the remainder of the VIP Warranty, which is 5 years/5000 hours. Fraser reported the price would be $194,000 less trade-in of $9,000, for a total cost of $185,000. Asch felt this grader would meet the needs of his department and the availability of local service would be a plus. Fraser will check on the cost of purchasing an extended warranty of 5 years/7500 hours and report back to Asch. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of the CAT 12H Grader for the Road and Bridge Dept.

Asch reported there was hail damage to the shop building and several vehicles during this mornings hail storm. He has reported the damage to the insurance company and will complete the paperwork and make the necessary repairs. They are planning to start the hot-mix plant this week; they are hauling gravel and will be checking the roads for damage from this morning’s storm. Asch discussed the 2009 budgets, for the Road and Bridge Department and the Weed
Department, and the effect the rising fuel prices will have on those budgets. In Weed Department business he reported chemical sales and usage are up from this time last year.

Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius, and Shella Nelson-Stout with OCCK presented and overview of services and presented their 2009 appropriation request. Miner reported they are requesting an increase in funding from each of the Counties in their service area. They are requesting an increase of 3% or approximately $3350 from Cloud County for a total request of $115,028. The Board will take their request under advisement at budget time.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the exhaust fans for the Recycling Center are in and they will be getting those installed soon. Murdock asked about getting estimates for building the enclosure between the 2 buildings at the Recycling Center. The Board suggested he get estimates and report back to them. Murdock reported he has received approval from KDHE for the Land Farm, at the Transfer Station.

Stan Plush, President of the Cloud County Commission on Aging, Stacy VandenBroeder, Director and Gertrude Poe, Treasurer presented information on services provided by the Commission on Aging and presented their 2009 Budget appropriation request, in the amount of 1 mill. The Board will take their request under advisement at budget time. Discussion continued regarding the appropriation of tax dollars to the local Senior Centers. The County Commissioners felt that because new Board members are to be appointed to the Commission on Aging they should have their monthly board meeting and approve the new Board members and return with those appointments for approval. Once the new members have taken office, on July 1st, they should then amend their By-laws and procedures for the apportionment of funds to the Senior Centers and return to the County Commission for approval in September.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported she will be having knee replacement surgery on June 16th. Anderson reported they have received word the JJA Grant has been approved, in the amount of $217,224, effective July 1st. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman sign the grant approval. One of the conditions for the JJA Grant was allowing them to hire a part-time JJA Case Manager. Anderson submitted a classification change for Dawn Blazek from Secretary/Administrative Assistant to JJA Case Manager/JISP/Administrative Assistant, with a change in wage from $14.45 per hour to $16.65 per hour to be effective July 1, 2008. She also presented an updated job description for the new position. After discussion Commissioner Crawford moved to approve the classification change, with the funding for this position to come from the JJA State Grant fund, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote.

Commissioner Garrison reported he and Commissioner Crawford attended the bus tour of the Wind Farm Project, Wednesday, May 28th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting on Tuesday, May 27th.
Commissioner Garrison stated the Sales Tax collection for April was $49,116 and for May it totaled $58,784.46.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m. until June 9, 2008.
The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed training he has received in the proper way to interview children who are victims of Child Abuse.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they are scanning the large plat maps which will be put on the county web-site when all the maps have been scanned.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the distribution checks for the 2nd half taxes collections have been mailed to the various taxing entities and delinquent personal property notices have been mailed out.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported repairs have been made to the ball and it is running again; they continue to mow and are keeping the air conditioners running.

Jerry Collins, IT Technician reported he attended the Infinitec Users Conference and presented information on enhancements and changes that will be made to the county’s web-site and various program updates.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the Solid Waste Permit renewal has been sent to KDHE and he is working on a Storm Water Waste Permit.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they received hail damage to the County Shop building, several county vehicles, as well as, employee vehicles during last Monday’s storm and over this last week end county equipment had been vandalized.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported she and Kay Berk attended the Family Planning Conference in Wichita last week; a Medicare surveyor was here last week conducting an audit; and she participated in the Strategic National Stockpile Exercise conducted in conjunction with Emergency Management.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported his employees attended a TEAM building seminar; reported he has billed Sedgewick County for housing prisoners from January thru May, 2008, in the amount of $28,920. Bergstrom also reported there have been several reports in the North Central Kansas Area of problems concerning salvage iron.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the filing deadline for this year’s election is noon on Tuesday, June 10th; they are working on budgets; the KPERS auditor will be her on June 25th to conduct a KPERS audit; the county auditors will be her the week of June 30th to conduct the 2007 county audit.

Commissioner Crawford informed the department heads the Employee Handbook has been completed and are ready to be picked up in the County Clerk’s office and distributed to county employees.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-226 in the amount of $12.98.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 13-08 to cancel check #110903 in the amount of $15.00.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are now accepting E-Waste (Electronic Waste) at the Recycling Center. Items being accepted include all types of computer equipment; cell phones; touch tone phone; televisions; printers; copiers; toner cartridges; radios. Murdock stated that anyone with questions regarding e-waste could call the Recycling Center at 785-243-1941. Murdock discussed the ventilation system at the Recycling Center; reported he has sent in the Solid Waste permit renewal to KDHE and he is working on a Waste Water Permit Application.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented a wage change for Rose Splichal, Juvenile Intake Follow-up Worker, due to an increase in State grant funding. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 3% increase as funded by the State JJA Grant, to be effective July 6, 2008.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director Pawnee Mental Health presented an overview of services provided by Pawnee Mental Health and presented copies of their 2007 annual report. Cole gave a report on the number of hours and number of clients served in Cloud County and the 10 county area served by Pawnee Mental Health. She also presented information on Camp Stars which provides a summer camp experience for children with serious emotional disturbances. Cole presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $76,125, which is an increase of 5% or $3,625. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Susie Haver, Tourism Director presented a list of appointments to the Cloud County Tourism Committee for Board approval. The appointments are as follows: Betsy Reed to fill the un-expired term of Susie Haver whose term expired 12/31/09; Lee Doyen representing the Cloud County Museum; Dolores Landry representing the POW Camp Concordia; and Sharon Dykes representing Super 8 with these 3 terms ending 12/31/10. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approve the appointments. Haver reported she was appointed Tourism Director upon the resignation of Barbara Henry.

Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager stopped by to visit with the Board.

Commissioner Caspers reported he met with Danny Parker, Concordia Police Chief; Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager; and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff to discuss the dispatch problems.
Susan Sutton and Wanda Phillips with the National Orphan Train Complex gave an overview of their signage projects and presented the 2009 appropriation request in the amount of $4500. They reported $2000 would be used for the replacement of the current sign at the Complex site and $2500 would be used for building identification signage. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff presented information on other counties procedures for handling stray animals. The Board suggested they write a protocol for handling stray animals and return for Board approval.

Commissioner Garrison presented information on the PILOT payments received by several counties that have wind projects in the county.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until Monday, June 16, 2008.
unanimous the Board moved to allow the County Clerk to sign the Lessee Authorization Resolution # 14-08.

Murdock presented a support form and letter of explanation to be included with a grant application being submitted to the Bureau of Waste Management by Cloud County Community College Child Care Center. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the support form and allowing the entire Board to sign the letter of explanation being sent with the grant application.

Carol Miller, CASA Director presented an overview of CASA services and presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $13,500. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, June 13, 2008.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser presented information concerning the budget for his department and the cost of mileage being paid by his department. He presented a comparison of the cost of mileage paid to the cost of purchasing a vehicle for department use. If a vehicle were to be purchased it would be available for use by other departments if not being used by the Appraisers Office. The Board will take his proposal under advisement.

Arlene Bray and Jim Odette, Cloud County Conservation District presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $20,000, this is the same amount requested in 2008. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager discussed a Demolition Program the city may be implementing. Skiles asked the Board to consider allowing the City to deliver debris from these demolitions to the County C/D Pit at the Transfer Station at the City’s current disposal rate. The Board will consider the request.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Sherry Trost as Lincoln Township Treasurer.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 15-08 to cancel check #111194, in the amount of $95.64.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-227 in the amount of $9.00.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Lisa Fleming as part-time Secretary in the JJA/Community Corrections office, effective July 1, 2008, at an hourly rate of $10.48 per hour to be paid from State Grant funds.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m., until Monday, June 23, 2008.
On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the acknowledgement of the site map with Horizon Wind Energy.

Commissioner Garrison and Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director attended the E-Waste meeting on June 18th in Osborne. On their return trip they picked up 4700 pounds of textiles from the Osborne and Downs Thrift Stores for the Recycling Center.

Justin Murdock reported Bucher, Willis and Ratliff have completed the surveying project at the Transfer Station; they received a clean burn sight inspection; the drain tube has been installed under the road; and he is continuing to work on the storm water run-off permit.

The Recycling Center will be closed Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter of support for the 911 Enhanced Grant Application by the City of Concordia.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Amber LeDuc as a part-time clerk in the Treasurer’s Office, effective June 23, 2008, at $6.00 per hour.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he has written 3 permits this month and closed 3-4 permits this month. The Board discussed a variance for a permit issued LaRae Naylor, which the Board approved.

Dana Brewer, Lisa Guerrea and Aline Luecke, Cloud County Historical Society gave an overview of the Historical Society and the Wall Project. They presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $40,000, an increase of $4,000. The Board will take the request under advisement.

LeaDawn Welch, Clerk of District Court reported the state mileage allowance will increase on July 1st to 50.5 cents per mile, for State employees. Welch presented the 2009 budget for the 12th Judicial District in the amount of $44,800, which is the same as last year, and the 2009 Cloud County District Court budget in the amount of $108,306., which is approximately $8,000 lower than last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Cathy Feriend, Carol Miller, Janet Lowell and Sonia DeRusseau with Cloud County Resource Council presented an overview of the services provided by the Resource Council. Feriend presented their 2009 appropriation request in the amount of $9,500, which is an increase of $5,500 over last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County Budget.
Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff, Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff and Marge Higgins, Secretary reported a computer/server problem at the Sheriff’s Department. The Board suggested they call someone to look at the problem.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 16-08 to cancel check #110930, in the amount of $140.15.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Abilene on June 18th.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing the mileage reimbursement rate for county employees to be effective July 1, 2008, to 30.5 cents per mile for privately owned motorcycles; 50.5 cents per mile for privately owned automobiles; 1.07 per mile for privately owned airplanes.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Ellen Anderson, JJA Director and Randy Sorell, Resource/Surveillance Officer were present for the vehicle bid openings. Bids were received from George Motor Co.; Stenberg Motors; Womack Sunshine Ford; and Beloit Auto and Truck Plaza. The Board asked Anderson and Sorell to inspect the vehicles and purchase the vehicle that best suits the departments’ needs.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented information on the Emergency Preparedness program and presented his budget request for 2009, in the amount of $20,300, which is the same as the 2008. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Angela Sjogren, EMS Association gave an overview of the EMS Association activities and presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $10,000. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Stan Plush, Don Menard, and Lowell Tobyne, Cloud County Commission on Aging visited with the Board regarding the appointment of Commission on Aging Board members and the appropriation of funds to each of the local Senior Centers in the County. After a lengthy discussion the Board asked the members to submit the names of people willing to serve on the Commission on Aging Board and return next week for Commission approval.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m., until Monday, June 30, 2008.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Marcia Johnson; Gary Dvorak, Food Service Manager Area Agency on Aging; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Susan Retter, President CCHC Board of Trustees; James Wahlmeier, CEO CCHC; Phil Elwood, Attorney for CCHC Board of Trustees; John Denney, County Auditor.

The Board reviewed the department expense vouchers.

The Board approved the department payroll in the amount of $116,361.04

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Marcia Johnson, President Concordia Senior Citizens Center visited with the Board about the distribution of funds to the local Senior Centers by the Cloud County Commission on Aging.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported there was considerable road damage in the Jamestown area from the recent rain storms. Asch reported his department is crushing and stockpiling rock and the hot-mix plant is running.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the Road and Bridge department has finished the approach to the scale at the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be closed on July 4th and the Recycling Center will be closed on July 4th and 5th. Murdock reported they made a trip to Osborne and Downs on Friday and picked up another 3400 pounds of textiles.

Gary Dvorak, Food Service Operations Manager with the Area Agency on Aging presented an overview of the Food Service Operations provided to the local Senior Centers by the Area Agency on Aging. Dvorak presented their 2009 appropriation request, in the amount of $4000, which will be used to help fund wages for the Concordia Senior Center manager, head cook and assistant cook. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 17-08 to cancel check #111019 in the amount of $311.95.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00228 to #2007-00230 totaling $708.62.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Homeland Security meeting in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health meeting in Manhattan, both on June 24th.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Purchasing Card Agreement with UMB Bank of Kansas City.

The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. so the Board and County Clerk could attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Concordia Senior Citizens Center for the acquisition of their new van.

The Board resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator gave a report on the grants to be received July 1st.

Weber presented a Memorandum of Agreement with Republic County for Family Planning Services. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to allow the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Family Planning services between Cloud County Health Dept. and Republic County Health Dept. from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Weber also presented the Memorandum of Agreements for Child Care Licensing Services with Jewell, Mitchell, Cloud, Smith, Osborne, Republic and Lincoln County’s. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the seven (7) Memorandums of Agreements.

Weber presented information on the Medicare cost report and asked the Board to consider a wage increase for employees of the Health Dept. since there was an increase in income for Home Health services.

James Walhmeier, CEO of Cloud County Health Center; Susan Retter, President of the Cloud County Health Center Board of Trustees and Phil Elwood, Attorney presented information on the history of the hospital and the cost of upgrades required to bring the hospital up to standard versus building a new hospital. The group presented the Board a copy of a Resolution passed by the Cloud County Health Center Board of Trustees asking the County Commissioners to allow a question be submitted to voters at the November 2008 General Election. The ballot question would request the Cloud County Health Center become a County hospital and allow them to levy 12 mills for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a public hospital. Mr. Elwood discussed the Resolution and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Robert Walsh, County Attorney asked for a copy of the Resolution which will state the exact wording of the question to be submitted to the voters. The Board will review the resolution before a decision is made.

John Denney, County Auditor reported they are conducting the 2007 county audit and visited with the Board concerning the auditing process and the requirements involved.
The Board adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 7, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Asst. Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Steve Richard, Cemetery District #18; Jerry Fowler, Kirkham and Michaels; Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager; Keith Johnson, Colonial Life Ins.; Susie Haver, Tourism Director; Jim Roberts and Michelle Graham, Horizon Wind Energy; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board.

Signed Department Expense checks.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Steve Richard, Cemetery District #18 Board member discussed a letter the County Attorney sent to the Attorney General asking for an opinion on the use of funds by a cemetery district. The Attorney General’s opinion stated Cemetery District #16 could not give funds to the newly formed cemetery district. Richard asked if the Board would consider allocating up to $600 to help with the cost of mowing the cemetery since there were no funds available for this budget year. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing up to $600 for the mowing of the cemetery in the newly formed Cemetery District #18.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are finishing road repairs in the Jamestown area and they are still hot-mixing. In Weed Dept. business Asch reported they are visiting with land-owners about thistle problems. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of $130,000 from Road and Bridge Fund to the Road and Bridge Special Equipment Fund per the 2007 County Audit.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Mark Skiles, Concordia City Manager discussed the City’s demolition project. The Board discussed the total number of demolished houses that could be accepted into the Transfer Station Construction/Demolition pit each year. After discussion, it
was decided to accept debris from a total of six (6) houses county-wide at the C/D pit each year. The property owner would be required to submit an application to the Board of County Commissioners for approval before the debris would be accepted, as well as pay the required State fees. The Board suggested Murdock and the County Attorney draw up an application form to be used. The Board set the delinquent Solid Waste hearing for August 18th at 10:00 a.m.

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

The County Clerk presented the 2009 Appropriation request for the Kansas Crossroads RC&D in the amount of $500. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget. Robert Walsh, County Attorney conducted a phone conversation with Phil Elwood, Attorney for the Cloud County Health Center regarding the resolution requesting the Commissioners allow the hospital question be put on the November 2008 General election ballot. The Board will consider the resolution for approval next week.

Keith Johnson, Colonial Life visited with the Board about an employee benefit package his company offers for County employees.

Susie Haver, Tourism Director presented information on the 2009 Budget for the Convention and Tourism Committee and discussed the Kansas Sampler Festival.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane Gering, Asst. Health Administrator reported they will be having a booth at the Cloud County Fair. The focus of their booth will be on Heart Health and they will be offering blood pressure checks every evening from 6:00 to 8:00. Weber asked if the Board was able to review the wage information presented last week and the raises she requested for her employees. The Board stated that no decision would be made on any raises until after the county budget is completed.

Jim Roberts, and Michelle Graham with Horizon Wind Energy presented an Amended Road Use, Repair and Improvement Agreement for Board signature. The Amended Agreement is intended to clarify the language of the agreement and prevent any misunderstandings by either party. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Amended Road Use, Repair and Improvement Agreement.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director presented an overview of current projects and presented their 2009 Funding request in the amount of $45,000, the same amount as last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board presented their 2009 Appropriation request in the amount of $35,000, the same amount as last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.
THE BOARD ADJOURNED AT 3:15 p.m. UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008.
Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent thanked the departments for their participation in the County Fair.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff reported his department had provided parking and security during the fair. Bergstrom presented year to date statistics for his department and reported there were 207 children that participated in the Children’s Identification Program at the Fair.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported they had done blood pressure checks in their booth at the Fair and focused on Heart Health. Weber reported they conducted a mini-health fair for Sunflower Electric and they are extremely busy with their Public Health and Home Health Programs.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they had 9 recycling carts and a cardboard trailer at the Fair. They collected 220 lbs. of Cardboard; 40 lbs. of cans and 20 lbs. of plastic during the fair. Murdock thanked the Commissioners for helping at the Recycling Booth.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are preparing for the August 5th Primary Election. At their Fair Booth they received approximately 50 voter registrations which included both new and updated registrations and received several requests for advance ballots. On Friday evening representatives from the Secretary of States Office were here to promote their Voter Awareness Program. Bogart reminded the department heads about the purchasing cards and they needed a list of persons who would need cards and their dollar limits.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-00231 to #2007-00232 totaling $199.46.

ON motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the recommended appointments to the Cloud County Commissioner on Aging Board. Appointments include from Clyde Lowell Tobyne, Lois Tobyne and Don Ramseyer; from Concordia Estaline Harrington, Liz Steinle, Chester Greenbery, Betty Saunders and Gertrude Poe; from Glasco Stan Plush, Betty Plush, and Joan Schulte; from Miltonvale Phyllis Tate.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he is working with the County Attorney to develop an application to be used for the Concordia Demolition Program.

Arlene Clayton discussed the July 9th Glasco City Council meeting she attended.

Tom Tuggle discussed the Hospital building campaign. Tuggle reported he has been appointed to one of the steering committees and asked the Board for an opportunity to present information to county employees. The Board suggested he contact Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager about the possibility of using the Courthouse meeting room for these public meetings.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 21, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Others attending were:

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; and Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the installation of a stop sign at the SW Corner 17-7-2 and the NE Corner 19-7-2 (Iron Road and 190th Road). On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #18-08 for the installation of a stop sign at the requested location.

The Board wanted to thank everyone for their quick response and the cooperation between County employees, Michels employees, Dan Koch and area farmers to extinguish the fire at Champlin Tire last week.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 19-08 appointing Regine L. Thompson as Acting County Attorney, due to a possible conflict of interest by the County Attorney, effective July 21, 2008.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved additional appointments to the Cloud County Commission on Aging Board. Appointed from Jamestown were Betty Barrett and Betty Bombardier.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2007-233 to 2007-237 totaling $272.82.
The Board began reviewing Department budget requests.

The Board recessed at 12 noon and resumed open session at 1:00 p.m. and continued to review department budget requests. The Board requested a 10 minute executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 3:41 p.m. and resumed open session at 3:51 p.m. Also included in the session was Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Commissioner Garrison reported the county sales tax and compensating use tax for June was $57,050.22, which is down slightly from May.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting on July 16th in Junction City.

The Board adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until Monday, July 28th.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 28, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Tom Job, KCAMP; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

Reviewed department expense voucher.

Signed department payroll checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented the proposed Resolution and ballot question for the hospital. Walsh and the Board discussed possible changes to the wording of the Resolution and ballot questions.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator gave a report on the price of oil to be used at the hot-mix plant. Our cost to produce a ton of asphalt has increased from $23.50 per ton to $40.00 per ton.
Asch told the Board that he has visited with the Mayor of Clyde concerning the possibility of the county helping to maintain the gravel streets in Clyde since their grader is out of service. Asch gave a report on the schedule for several road projects that are to be completed.

Tom Job, KCAMP stopped by to visit with the Board. Job discussed the rates for our insurance coverage and reminded them to use the Attorney Assist Program and also of the training reimbursement programs that are available.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan for Board approval and stated the Public Hearing would be held in Beloit on July 31st at 3:30 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the certification for the NCK Solid Waste Management Plan for Cloud County.

Murdock presented a draft of the application form to be used for the Waiver of Construction and Demolition Fees. The Board recommended changes and additions to the application. Murdock will make the necessary changes and present it next week for Board approval.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented Resolution # 20-08 to confirm appointments to the Juvenile Justice Authority Advisory Board. Terms for the following persons will run from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010:
- Wanda Backstrom, Chief Court Services Officer, as Judiciary Representative;
- Holly Brown, Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, as General Public Representative;
- Johnita Crawford, Cloud County Commissioner, as Cloud County Commission Representative;
- Steve Greene, Jewell County Commissioner, as Jewell County Commission Representative;
- Brandi Hake, Court Services Officer, as General Public Representative;
- Brenda Hanson, Director of CCCC Career Center, as General Public Representative;
- Lou Kern, Washington County Clerk, as Washington County Commission Representative;
- Al Paredes, Case Manager, as Mental Health Representative;
- Dan Parker, Concordia Chief of Police, as Concordia City Commission Representative;
- Jenny Parker, Concordia SRS, as General Public Representative;
- Sherri Radcliffe, Concordia SRS, as General Public Representative;
- Frank Rytych, Republic County Commissioner, as Republic County Commission Representative;
- Al Joe Wallace, Lincoln County Commissioner, as Lincoln County Commission Representative.

Anderson presented the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Modification Form for Board signature. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Plan Modification Form.

Anderson presented Budget line item adjustments for the DOC Grant Funds and the Risk Reduction Grant Funds. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Line Item Adjustment request.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented his monthly permit report.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 21-08 appointing Regine L. Thompson as Acting County Attorney for a Child in Need of Care Case.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the July 21st meeting as presented.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
August 4, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were:

Signed department expense checks.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff presented a new hire request for Nick Gerard as part-time Corrections Officer/Transport Officer, effective 8-4-08, at $10.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the part-time hire.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items the Board, which included discussion on the Resolution for the hospital question. The Board is waiting for the total dollar amount of the General Obligation Bonds that would need to be issued before the Resolution is singed.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the quotes for the purchase of pipe. Quotes were received from J & J Drainage of Hutchinson, in the amount of $12,467.31; DC Wholesale, Concordia, in the amount of $11,004.71 and Welborn Sales, Salina, in the amount of $11,728.70. Asch told the Board he will be purchasing pipe from DC Wholesale since their quote was the lowest.

Asch presented a cost comparison for 2007 and 2008 for sealing 30 miles of county roads. In 2007 the estimated cost to seal 30 miles of roads was $170,527.70 and the estimated cost for
2008 would be $319,340.00. Due to the increase in cost Asch stated it was his plan to try and seal approximately 15 miles of road in 2008 at an approximate cost of $159,667.20.

Asch discussed wages for the truck drivers and construction laborers in the Road and Bridge Department. The Board stated they will not make any decision on raises until the County Budget is completed.

Commissioner Garrison reported he has received several concerns about a road problem on 50th Road South of Glasco. The Board asked Asch to look into the matter.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the minutes of the July 28th meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Sarah Gray, Miltonvale to the Cloud County Commission of Aging Board.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the board approved a classification change for Marylu Fellows from Election Clerk to Deputy Election Officer, effective August 4th, due to completing her 6 month introductory period, with a change in wage from $11.16 per hour to $13.46 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Sheena Eubanks as a part-time clerk for the Clerks Office/Treasurer’s Office/Register of Deeds Office and Appraisers Office, effective August 4th, at an hourly rate of $6.55 per hour.

The Board will meet on Friday, August 8th to canvass the results of the Tuesday, August 4th Primary Election beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting in Beloit on July 31st and at 3:30 they conducted the Solid Waste Management Public Hearing.

The Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until Monday, August 11th.
County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Jerry Collins, IT Tech; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Supervisor; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diana Gering, Asst. Health Administrator; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; LeaDawn Welch, Clerk of District Court.

Others attending were: Marcia Johnson, Concordia Senior Center.

Marcia Johnson, Concordia Senior Center visited with the Board about the distribution of funds for the local Senior Centers. The Board stated that any changes to the Commission on Aging By-laws or changes to the distribution method approved by the Commission on Aging Board are to also be approved by the Board of County Commissioners before they are implemented. Johnson asked if the Concordia Senior Center would receive 72% of the September distribution, as suggested, to make up for the loss of funds for the past 3 years. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the September 2008 distribution of funds as follows: Concordia 72%; Clyde 9.35%; Glasco 6.77%; Jamestown 5.05% and Miltonvale 6.61%.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are repairing roads in the southern portion of the County after the heavy rains received on Saturday. Asch stated that due to the increased cost of materials he has decided not to seal any roads this year.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the August 4th meeting were approved as presented.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jonna Trost as Adult Intensive Supervision Officer, effective August 7, 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 22-08 canceling check # 11502 in the amount of $15.00.

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

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are completing the final paperwork for the Primary Election and budget preparation. Bogart thanked Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and his employees at the Recycling Center for their help in transporting the election equipment to and from the polling places.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator reported 4 Nurses from the Health Department helped with the sports physicals at the Family Care Center. Weber reported that due to additional funding received from the Duclos Foundation and the Community Foundation the Health Dept. has arranged for Don Young, a nationally known speaker, to present programs to all County High Schools students regarding tobacco use.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they shipped another load of textiles on Friday and they have shipped 2 trailer loads, approximately 6000 pounds, of E-Waste. Murdock also stated they are having a problem with trash being dumped on the roads to the Transfer Station.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are keeping the Air Conditioners running and are continuing to mow.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported they are getting ready for the State Fair. Whitney stated they would be conducting a Range Tour on August 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Gordon Morrison Farm and they will be conducting a Terrance Maintenance Clinic on August 25th at the Jim Sjogren farm.

Jerry Collins, IT Tech reported he has been installing new printers in the Treasurer’s Office and he has received a report from Infinitec stating that in July there were 14,098 visits to the County’s website.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator gave a report on the increase in asphalt costs and the cost of sealing roads; and they are repairing roads in the southern part of the County after the heavy rains received on Saturday.

LeaDawn Welch, Clerk of District Court discussed the appointment of Deputy District Coroners for Republic County. Welch also reported that beginning July 1st the Kansas Payment Center would begin using direct deposit for the payment child support payments or persons could receive their payment by a prepaid VISA card.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported routine business in her officer.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:40 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Caspers reported he was approached by members of Rural Fire District # 4 concerning the issuance of permits to volunteer fire fighters for the use of private vehicles as emergency vehicles. The Board will discuss the issue with the County Attorney next week.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a voucher for payment of dues to the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition, in the amount of $1,000 per year. The Board approved the payment of the dues. Murdock reported he had visited with several contractors about the installation of 5 roof turbine vents at the Recycling Center. The only estimate received was from Geisler Roofing, in the amount of $800. The Board approved contacting Geisler Roofing for the installation of the turbines. Murdock presented the final draft of the application to be used, in conjunction with the city’s demolition project and the waste being hauled to the construction/demolition pit.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diana Gering, Assistant Health Administrator invited the Commissioners to attend a reception for Senator Pat Roberts to be held on Tuesday, August 19th from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Senator Roberts will be visiting the Health Department and will go on a Home Health visit with Gering. Roberts is hoping to learn more about Home Health Care in Kansas and the needs and concerns of the Health Dept. and Health Care providers in the area.
The Board will meet with the County Auditor on Tuesday, August 12th at 8:30 a.m. to work on the County budget.

Commissioner Garrison reported the Sales Tax and Compensating Use Tax received in July was $65,214.67, which is $8,164.45 more than received in June.

At the official canvass of the Primary Election results held on August 8, 2008 a tie resulted in the election of the Precinct Committeeman for East Meredith Precinct. The Board broke the tie which resulted in Bill Garrison being elected as Precinct Committeeman for East Meredith Precinct.

The Board adjourned at 12 noon until Monday, August 18, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 18, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sherry Nelson, Secretary Solid Waste Dept.

Others attending were: Tom Tuggle; Tammy Budreau, Hospital Foundation; Jim Wahlmeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; Pat Moyer, CFO Cloud County Health Center; Susan Retter, Cloud County Health Center Board of Trustees; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Stan Plush, Gertrude Poe, Lois Tobyne, Lowell Tobyne, Joan Schulte and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging Executive Board; Marcia Johnson and Chester Greenburg, Concordia Senior Center.

Tom Tuggle and Tammy Budreau, Hospital Foundation presented information on the Hospital steering committee and sub-committees. Tuggle invited the Board to attend the power point presentation, which will be held for County Employees on August 28th and September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Courthouse meeting room. The Power Point presentation will also be recorded and shown on the local access channels provided by Cunningham Telephone and Twin Valley Telephone. Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed several questions he has received concerning the hospital question. The Board asked Walsh to contact the Commissioners of the surrounding counties to discuss their county hospitals. The Board reminded the group if this is
to be on the November General Election Ballot they need the final Resolution and ballot question by August 25th.

Walsh and the Board discussed the permit for use of private vehicles as emergency vehicles. The Board decided not to accept or approve applications for the use of emergency equipment on private vehicles.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution #23-08 for the Authority to Award Contract and Commitment of County Funds for Bridge Project #15C-3919-01, for Board signature. The total cost of the Bridge is $293,724.48 with an estimated 20% of the combination of bid plus 10% for construction engineering and contingencies, making the county cost of $64,800. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Resolution.

Commissioner Caspers reported he had received concerns about the condition of Iron Road due to the rain and equipment traffic. Asch reported he has met with Michels Co. and with Horizon Wind Energy and they are working to resolve the problem.

At 10:30 the Board conducted the Delinquent Solid Waste hearing. Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Sherry Nelson, Secretary at the Transfer Station presented the list of 2007 Delinquent Solid Waste fees, in the amount of approximately $6,030. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #24-08 attaching the 2007 Delinquent Solid Waste fees plus the appropriate administrative fees as special assessments on the respective parcels of land on the 2008 tax roll.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 8th canvas of the Primary election, the August 11th regular meeting and the August 12th special meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #25-08 for the transfer of funds from the Medical Insurance Fund to the County Employee Benefit Fund, in the amount of $200,000.

Stan Plush, Gertrude Poe, Lois Tobyne, Lowell Tobyne, Joan Schulte, Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging Executive Board; Marcia Johnson and Chester Greenburg, Concordia Senior Center discussed the percentage rates to be used for the distribution of funds to the local Senior Centers. Commissioner Crawford stated they will accept the percentage rates for the distribution of 2009 as approved by the Commission on Aging at their August 7, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Crawford stated they should use the percentage rates approved by the Board of County Commission last week for the September 2008 distribution of funds to the local Senior Centers. The percentage rated approved last week were Concordia 72%; Clyde 9.35%; Glasco 6.77%; Jamestown 5.05%; and Miltonvale 6.61%.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolutions # 26-08 to cancel check # 56819 in the amount of $414.99 and Resolution #27-08 to cancel check #111791 in the amount of $38.50.

The Commissioners will attend a reception at the Health Dept. for Senator Pat Roberts on August 19th at 9:00 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until August 25th.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 25, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane McNichols, RN; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Richard Palmquist; Janet Eubanks; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Ken Harding and Jennifer Stark, National Weather Service; Stan Plush, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Marcia Johnson, Concordia Senior Center; Eric Andersen, Martha Fyfe, Cloud County Health Center Board; James Wahlmeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; Dallas Nading, KNCK

Reviewed Monthly Expense Vouchers.

The Board approved department payrolls in the amount of $116,877.22.

The Board conducted conference calls with the Mitchell County Commissioners and the Clay County Commissioners concerning their hospital building projects and operations.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to the Cloud Commission on Aging Board stating the approval of the percentage rates to be used for the September 2008 distribution of funds, as follows: Concordia 72%; Clyde 9.405%; Glasco, 6.825%; Jamestown 5.105%; Miltonvale 6.665%; and also approved the recommended percentage rates for 2009 distribution of funds, as follows: Concordia 67.59%; Clyde 11.15%; Glasco 9.60%; Jamestown 4.78%; Miltonvale 6.88%.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 28-08 Appointing Regina L. Thompson as Acting County Attorney, effective August 20, 2008.

The Board conducted the County Budget hearing. No questions were asked and on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2009 budget as presented, with a mill levy 55.043 mills.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2007-240 totaling $37.94.

The Board attended the reception for Senator Pat Roberts on August 19th at the Cloud County Health Dept.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on August 20th.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 21st. Garrison stated that Tom and Cathy Forshee received the Cloud County Farm Family of the Year Award.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they shipped a load of newspaper, magazines on Friday. Murdock stated Bucher, Willis and Ratliff have completed the Engineering Services at the Transfer Station and would be submitting their report to KDHE. Murdock presented 3 applications for the Waiver of Construction and Demolition Fees in the City of Concordia. The Board decided to wait before giving approval of the applications until the program information can be publicized county wide.

Ken Harding and Jennifer Stark with the National Weather Service of Topeka presented Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director with a certificate and road signs designating Cloud County as a Storm Ready County for 2008-2011. Eubanks stated this could not be possible without the local volunteers and storm spotters who help in getting information to the National Weather Service, radio stations and law enforcement officials so every one can be prepared in case of severe weather.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he as closed 2 permits and written 2 new permits since last month. May presented a letter to be sent concerning a complaint received on an illegal septic system in the county.

Stan Plush, President of the Cloud County Commission on Aging discussed the percentage rates to be used for the 2008 September distribution.

The Board recessed at 11:55 and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.
Jim Wahlmeier, CEO of Cloud County Health Center; Martha Fyfe and Eric Andersen, Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane McNichols, RN discussed the possibility of the Health Dept. being in the proposed hospital facility. The hospital could do a cost benefit analysis to establish the cost and the feasibility of doing this. Wahlmeier discussed the 3 different options for the running of the hospital; this can be done by an appointed Board of Trustees, an elected Board of Trustees or by contract with the current hospital Board. The ballot question and the dollar amount of the bonds to be issued were also discussed. The Commissioners requested they have the final question to them by Thursday and the Commissioners will have a Special meeting on Friday August 29th to approve the resolution and question.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented the Public Health Preparedness and Response Grant in the amount of $14,323 for August 10, 2008 through August 9, 2009 for approval. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board moved to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the grant application. Weber asked if the Board has considered their request for raises for her department. The Board stated no decision had been made.

The Board will participate in KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, August 29th.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the resignation of Lisa Fleming as a part-time Secretary, effective August 22nd. The Board acknowledged the resignation. Anderson presented the following new hires: Heather Berndt, as a part-time Secretary, effective August 25, 2008 at $10.48 per hour; Jennifer Blochlinger as a ¾ time Adult Intensive Supervision Officer, effective August 28, 2008 at $16.65 per hour; and Jonna Trost and a part-time Adult Intensive Supervision Officer for approximately 5-6 hours per week at $16.65 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the new hires with the wages to be paid from State grant funds.

Anderson presented, for Board signature, the DOC carryover reimbursement for FY09, in the amount of $2,744.52, the funds will be used for training expenses and for equipment. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the DOC FY09 Carryover reimbursement plan.

The Board will conduct a Special meeting on Friday, August 29th at 8:15 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing and signing the Resolution allowing the Hospital question to be placed on the November General Election ballot.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.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 2, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were:

Signed Department Expense checks.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented the yearly maintenance contract with Comfort Controls for the maintenance of the heating and cooling systems for both the Courthouse and Health Dept. buildings. The contract will run from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, with the Health Dept. contract amount of $1,520 per year and the Courthouse contract amount of $1,805 per year. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign both contract.

The Board approved signing a letter to Tom and Cathy Forshee congratulating them for being selected by Farm Bureau as the Cloud County Farm Family of the Year.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to Stan Plush, President of Cloud County Commission on Aging designating the final percentage rates approved for the distribution of funds in September 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 25th regular meeting and the August 29th special meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Crawford as Voting Delegate to the KWORCC Annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Crawford the Board approved Commissioner Caspers as alternate voting delegate to the KWORCC Annual meeting.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they finished patching roads last week and they will start hauling rock this week.

Commissioner Garrison reported the Sales Tax and Compensating Use Tax collected for August was $69,870. This is an increase of $4,656 over the July amount of $65,214.67.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented an updated application for the Waiver of Construction and Demolition Fees and also a list of items that will be accepted under this program. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 4 Construction/Demolition Applications that have been received.
The properties are as follows: in Concordia 833 E. 6th St.; 221 W. 3rd St.; and 834 E. 5th St.; and there has been one application received from Glasco for the property located at 405 E. 2nd St.

Murdock reported effective September 2nd hours at the Recycling Center will return to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Murdock stated we have shipped approximately 400 Tons of recyclables this year, which is double the amount hauled for the entire year of 2007. This would result in a savings of approximately $24,000 in hauling costs for the Transfer Station.

The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m., until Monday, September 8, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds.

Others attending were: Gail Engle; Jim Wahlemeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; Tom Sharp, Maintenance Director Cloud County Health Center; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; Richard Underbakke, President Cloud County Community College.

Signed department payroll checks.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the September 2nd meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 30-08 to cancel check # 111385 in the amount of $7.56.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the items to be included in the resolution for city and county support of the Kansas Comprehensive Transportation Program. Asch reported there will be a meeting in Abilene on September 18th to discuss this program.

During the monthly department head meeting James Wahlemeier and Tom Sharp of Cloud County Health Center presented a power-point presentation concerning the hospital proposed building project.
The Board resumed open session at 11:05 a.m.

Richard Underbakke, President Cloud County Community College reported the college has received a meteorological tower for use by their wind energy classes. Underbakke asked if it would be possible to place the tower at the Transfer Station site. The Board stated they did not have a problem with the tower being placed at the Transfer Station site but suggested he contact Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director before a decision is made.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until Monday, September 15, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Assist. Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the September 15th meeting as presented.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution # 31-08 endorsing transportation improvements for Cloud County for the state-wide comprehensive transportation program. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #31-08. Asch and the Board discussed several road issues.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed several items with the Board. Murdock reported they are beginning to receive debris from 2 of the homes included in the demolition project.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator and Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator discussed the WIC Program and the Child Care Licensing Program. The Board reluctantly acknowledged the resignation of Melanie Stehno as Child Care Licensing Coordinator, effective October 3, 2008. Weber asked about raises for her department, and no action was taken.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m., until Monday, September 22, 2008.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Gary May, District Sanitarian.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $118,489.11.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the September 15th as presented.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator presented personnel classifications for Rodney M. Hughes and Charles W. Riley as part-time corrections officers, effective September 22nd, at $10.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2 part-time hires.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 32-08 to cancel check #111979, in the amount of $165.00.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Minneapolis, on Wednesday, September 17th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a revised map for Horizon Wind Energy for the road located on County property, within the project area.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported one of the applications received for the Construction/Demolition project was not approved by the City of Concordia. Murdock presented an application for the Waiver of the Construction and Demolition Fees for the property located at 220 E. 1st St., Concordia. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the application.
Murdock reported the Transfer Station will be closed all day Tuesday, September 23rd for the funeral of long-time employee Jim Lanoue, Sr; and the Recycling Center will be closed this Saturday morning, since employees will be participating in the Fall Fest Parade. However, they will have the outside trailers available for residents to drop off their bagged recyclables as usual.

Murdock presented information on the amount of recyclables that have been shipped since the center opened.

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Because of the amount of recyclables that have been shipped in 2008 and not going to the landfill in Topeka would represent a savings of approximately $16,000 in trucking costs to Topeka.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented his monthly report on permits that were issued or closed.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board conducted the bid openings for the 2002 Dodge Intrepid that is being sold by JJA and Community Corrections. Three bids were received from: Brian Hoober in the amount of $1,620; Stacy Vandenbroeder in the amount of $1,010; and Kristina Frost in the amount of $601. After discussion, the Board and Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director agreed to accept the high bid from Brian Hoober.

Anderson presented the statistics from the Outcome Reports for the DOC Comprehensive Plan for a 3 year period, which includes 2007, 2008 and 2009. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Outcome Reports and allowing the Chairman to sign the necessary paperwork.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Affidavit of Non-Production for the Cloud County property which is included in the Meridian Way Wind Farm project.

Commissioner Crawford requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 11:43 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:53 a.m.

Commissioner Garrison reported he and Andy Asch attended a meeting in Abilene on Thursday, September 18th to discuss the states Comprehensive Road Plan.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until Monday, September 29th.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Gail Engle; Lee Doyen, Convention and Tourism Committee; Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Officer.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers for the departments.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he would be back in the office on a part-time basis after being on medical leave.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with A T & T of Kansas for a buried phone cable in County Right of Way approximately 900 ft. east of US Hwy 81, to a private business. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

The Board visited with Asch about the possibility of going out to view several county roads. Arrangements were made to do this on October 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Homeland Security meeting in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health meeting in Clay Center both were held on Tuesday, September 23rd.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the September 22nd meeting as presented.

Commissioner Garrison reported the county’s portion of sales tax for September was $57,972.63 and the county’s portion of the compensating use tax for September was $4,743.46 for a combined total of $62,716.09. This figure is down approximately $7,154 from the amount received in August.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a draft copy of an agreement for engineering services with RMA Engineering LLC for engineering services at the Transfer Station. The Board will review the agreement and asked Murdock to have the County Attorney review the agreement also.

Murdock reported he and Dana Ringer attended the Kansas Organization of Recyclers meeting in Salina on Thursday, September 25th and he attended the Kansas Landfill Association in Junction
City on Friday, September 26th. Murdock reported that at both meetings they discussed the need for a Recycling Disaster Plan that could be implemented in case of an emergency such as occurred in Chapman and Greensburg. If a Disaster Plan is in place FEMA would reimburse an extra 5% for the cost of cleanup.

Lee Doyen, Convention and Tourism Committee reported the area behind the armory needs to be graded and improved. Doyen asked if the county would provide the equipment and man power to grade the area if the Convention and Tourism Committee would supply the necessary gravel and material to repair the problem. The Board stated they would talk to the Highway Administrator and see if something could be arranged to help repair this problem.

Shella Thoman presented a Proclamation declaring October as Down’s Syndrome Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

Wanda Backstrom, Court Services Officer explained two expense vouchers that were submitted for payment.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner Crawford as the voting delegate to the KCAMP annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner Caspers, as alternate voting delegate to the KCAMP annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner Crawford as voting delegate at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the nomination of Commissioner Caspers as 1st alternate voting delegate and Commissioner Garrison as 2nd alternate voting delegate at the KAC annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 33-08 to cancel check # 112171, in the amount of $165.00 and Resolution # 34-08 to cancel check # 112102, in the amount of $70.00.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

Commissioner Garrison reported he attended the Open House at the new Fire Station in Glasco, on Saturday, October 4th, funds for the project were provided by the KanStep Community Development Grant.

Commissioner Garrison left at 9:35 a.m. to attend a funeral.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser with Martin Tractor Company presented the VIP Service and Repurchase Agreement for the purchase of the 2007 12H CAT Motor Grader. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Agreement.

Asch discussed various road projects with the Board. The Board and Asch will tour various county roads on October 13th at 1:00. Commissioner Crawford asked if the Road and Bridge Department would be able to supply a grader and the manpower to blade the area behind the National Guard Armory, as requested by Lee Doyen last week. Asch will look at the area in question and report back to the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the engineering contract with RMA Engineering LLC that was presented last week and presented an amended contract that will include the changes that are now being required by KDHE. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the amended contract with RMA Engineering LLC of Glasco for engineering services at the Transfer Station.
Murdock reported KDHE was here last week to conduct their inspection and found only 2 minor violations, which have now been corrected.

Murdock presented 2 applications for Waiver of Construction and Demolition Fees for property located at 534 E. 6th, Concordia and 219 W. 3rd, Concordia. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved both applications.

Mari Detrixhe, Clyde Economic Development Director presented the Neighborhood Revitalization Inter-local Agreement for the Clyde Revitalization Project, which includes the Clyde Grade School and the Elk Creek Manor. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Clyde, USD 224, Cloud County and CCCC.

Jerry Collins, Commander of the VFW and representing Concordia American Legion and the Clyde American Legion presented information about changing the eternal flame on the Veteran’s Memorial from gas to an electric light that will use 4-3 watt bulbs. The VFW will pay the cost of the fixture and converting the flame from gas to electric by connecting into the utility line that is currently there for the flag spotlight. The County is currently paying the cost of that line. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved changing the flame from gas to electric and the County paying the monthly utility bill.

The Commissioners may attend the Meridian Way Wind Farm dedication on Tuesday, October 7th.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 A.M., until Monday, October 13th.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 13, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Jerry Collins, IT Technician.
Others attending were:  Gail Engle.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.  On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m.

The Board acknowledged the termination of Heather Berndt, effective October 7, 2008.

Anderson presented Resolution #35-08 for the appointment of Patrick Harman, as a General Public Representative to the JJA Advisory Board replacing Kevin Carrico.  On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment.

Walsh discussed several incidents that have occurred at the Rock Quarry.  He reported he has met with Travis Taylor and Sheriff Bergstrom to discuss the incidents and everyone is cooperating in an attempt to resolve these issues.

The Board postponed their tour of county roads until next Monday, October 20th, at 1:30 p.m.

Asch reported he has received an inquiry from Kurt Kocher regarding the possibility of stop signs being installed at Hawk Road and 100th Road and Hawk Road and 110th Road.  After inspecting the two (2) sites he felt there were blind spots and stops signs should be installed.  On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 36-08 for installation of stop signs at the following locations:  In the SW Corner Section 25-7-4 and in the SE Corner Section 23-7-4, which is the intersection of Hawk and 110th Roads; In the NW Corner Section 26-7-4 and in the NE Corner Section 27-7-4, which is the intersection of Hawk and 100th Roads.

Asch reported they are starting to sell chemicals for the fall spraying season.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 6th meeting as presented.

Commissioner Crawford reported she and Commissioner Garrison attended the dedication for the Meridian Way Wind Farm held on Tuesday, October 7th.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the Tax Foreclosure Sale was held on September 30th and they are being preparation for the new tax year.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent presented copies of the District Newsletter; the Health Fair will be held on October 18th at the Armory; and presented information on Radon Testing and reported the kits are available in the Extension Office for $5.00
Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported routine business in his office.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they may reach their goal of recycling 400 tons in 2008 and the price they were receiving for cardboard has gone down so they will store it and hopefully the price will go back up.

Jerry Collins, IT Technician reported the internet service for the courthouse is down today and A T & T will be coming to make repairs.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported they are now using the new appraisal software (ORION) and they are ready to start their final reviews of property.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are working on their rock jobs and they are doing their fall spraying.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are getting the boilers ready to go.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are getting ready for the November 4th General Election; they will begin mailing advance ballots on October 15th and the voter registration books will close on October 20th; and they are working on final valuations and getting ready to set levies and generate tax statements.

The Board resumed open session at 10:35 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., until Monday, October 20, 2008.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 13th meeting as presented.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jonna Trost as part-time Adult Intensive Supervision Officer, effective October 13, 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Management Letters for the 2007 Financial Reports received from Pierce, Faris & Co. Chartered.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will start screening rock this week and they are continuing to work on several road projects.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director was present during the opening of tire bids, for his department. Bids were received from:
- Kansasland Tire, Concordia $3,015.48 or $251.29 per tire
- Becker Tire, Salina $3,360.00 or $280.00 per tire and
  a second bid in the amount of $2,760.00 or $230.00 per tire
- Thompson OK Tire, Beloit $3,243.48 or $270.09 per tire.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid received from Kansasland Tire of Concordia in the amount of $3,015.48.

Murdock reported RMA, LLC has completed the construction plan for the construction/demolition site at the Transfer Station. The plan has been submitted to and approved by KDHE.

Brent Eslinger, Commercial Risk Underwriters introduced himself and presented information on his company and ask about the possibility of providing a quote for the County’s liability and workers compensation insurance.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator presented personnel classifications for Vonda Pumarlo, RN as part-time Public Health/Home Health Nurse, effective November 10, 2008 at $16.00 per hour and for Mishelle Longfellow as Child Care Licensing Coordinator, effective October 29, 2008 at $14.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the presented new hires.

Janet Lancaster, Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative presented information on the County’s 2009 Renewal. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the presented renewal rates. The monthly rates are: Employee $416.73; Employee/Children $805.10; Employee/Spouse $895.05; Employee/Dependent $1,283.43 and MER $494.01. The new monthly rates are an increase of approximately 1.6% over the 2008 rates.
The Board recessed at 12:00 noon. At 1:30 the Board will tour county roads with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

The Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m., until Monday, October 27, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 27, 2008

Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

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

Others attending were: Everett Ford.

The Board reviewed expense vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 13th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the 1.6% increase in Blue Cross and Blue Shield rates, with the County to pay 80% of the premium and the employee’s to pay 20% of the premium.

On October 20, 2008, Commissioner Garrison attended the Dedication/Opening of Hope’s Place – Child Advocacy Center for children, at the Cloud County Health Center building.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed routine road matters.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed e-waste downstream processing and Everett Ford’s question regarding why the Recycling Center does not accept glass. Right now glass is cost prohibiting and the closest broker would be in Hutchinson.

The Transfer Station will be open regular hours on Friday, November 28, 2008 and will be closed on Saturday, November 29, 2008.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
November 3, 2008

Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waster Director; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diana Gering, Asst. Health Administrator; and Diane McNichols.

Others attending were: Jerry Burgess, AFLAC Representative.

The Board reviewed Payroll and Expense Checks.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 27th meeting as presented.

Sales/Compensating Tax for the County for the month of October 2008 was $69,763.16. Last October it was $57,437.49.

On October 30, 2008, Commissioner Garrison attended the North Central Regional Planning banquet in Linn, Kansas. The guest speaker was Trent Loos who has a daily radio program on KFRM and promotes agriculture in rural communities.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed routine road matters, and reported the highway department would close at 1:30 p.m. on November 3, 2008, so employees may attend the funeral of Winston Shrader, former Highway Administrator. Also, the highway department received a thank you note thanking them for maintaining the county roads in a speedy manner during the heavy rains.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a request from Chad Buckley for a road use permit to place a water line along the county road in the NE corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 10-7-3.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed routine solid waste matters. Also, he and Danny Marcotte will be attending a Transfer Station Operator’s Training Course November 12th - 13th in Junction City, Kansas.
Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator, reported that Central Kansas Foundation as of January 1, 2009 is terminating a portion of their lease with the Health Department. They will maintain the office used by Eddie Splichal.

The Commissioners regretfully acknowledged the resignation of Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator, effective December 5, 2008.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diana Gering, Asst. Health Administrator; and Diane McNichols requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 10:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

Jerry Burgess, AFLAC Representative, explained the AFLAC plans for the county employees.

The Board requested a 2nd executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 11:41 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:51 a.m.

Friday, November 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. the Commissioners will canvass votes for the General Election.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, November 10, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on November 10, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator; Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Assist. Health Administrator; Diana McNichols, RN.

Others attending were:

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has run notices in the county papers prohibiting electric fences and hay bales on County Right of Way. Asch reported they are continuing to work on various road projects.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various items with the Board. The Recycling Center and Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 37-08 appointing Regine L. Thompson as Acting County Attorney, effective November 5, 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 38-08 to cancel check # 112654, in the amount of $62.75.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager discussed the employee Christmas dinner to be held on December 15th.

Johnson; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Donnie Kearn, Undersheriff; and Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator discussed the emergency situation at the Courthouse on Wednesday, November 5th and various other times.

Cynthia Weber, Health Administrator; Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator; and Diana McNichols, RN discussed various items concerning the Health Dept.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of November 3rd meeting as presented.

The Commissioners will attend the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Wichita, November 16th – 18th.

The Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m., until November 24, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 24, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper.

Others attending were: Maggie Mares, Jacinda Dickinson, Miguel Muriel, Colton Marcotte, Josh Huber, Alexandra Duran, Linda
, Tressa Studt, Kayla Lambert, Sara Lervold, Kody Halfhide, Jeremy Mosher, Lindsey Kepsa, Mariah McKee, Jazmine Ukens, Bryan Longfellow members of the CHS Government Class; Dan McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Arlene Clayton.

Reviewed monthly expenses vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the November 10th canvass as presented and the minutes of the November 10th regular meeting as corrected. (motion to approve Resolution #38-08 was seconded by Commissioner Garrison not Commissioner Caspers)

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 39-08 to cancel check # 56970 in the amount of $371.79.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved closing the Courthouse and all County Offices at noon on December 24th, for the Christmas Holiday, and the Courthouse and all County Offices will be open regular hours on Friday, December 26th.

During the canvass of the November 4th General Election the Township Trustee and Treasurer positions in several townships resulted in ties. The Board, with the assistance of several of the CHS Government Students that were in attendance, broke the ties for the following positions: Arion Township Trustee: Mike Blochlinger; Lincoln Township Trustee: Jack Widen; Meredith Township Treasurer: LeAnn Schmidt; Oakland Township Trustee: George Larson; Solomon Township Trustee: Carole Shrontz; Starr Township Treasurer: Richard Phelps; Summit Township Treasurer: Missy Loeffler.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the resignation of Max Smith as Grant Township Trustee.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Brent M and Nathan Halepeska for a buried electrical line under 280th Road approximately 710’ North of Acorn Road. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Right of Way Use Permit.

Asch discussed various other items concerning the Road and Bridge Department.

Commissioner Crawford reported she had attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on November 11th and the Juvenile Detention meeting on November 19th.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed several options for the hauling of solid waste in the future. After researching several possibilities it was decided the best option for Cloud County is to continue hauling to Topeka.
Murdock attended an E-Waste Conference on Thursday, November 20th. It was reported the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition has shipped 4 semi-loads of e-waste.

The County Commissioners attended the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Wichita on November 16th thru 18th.

Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper discussed a discount program being offered by US Cellular for county employees. The program would offer a discount to county employees who use US Cellular service for their personal cell phone service. The Board gave approval for US Cellular to offer this discount program to county employees.

It was decided to have a reception for retiring county employees and out-going elected officials on January 5, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Courthouse meeting room.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented his monthly update.

Dan McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board presented recommendation for appointments to the Cloud County Fair Board. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Derek Champlin, Trish McDaniel, Brad Berk and Jim Wilson to the Cloud County Fair Board. The appointment are for a 3 year term, beginning January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2012.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. and will resume open session at 1:30 p.m. The Board attended the 30th Birthday Luncheon at the Concordia Senior Center.

The Board resumed at 1:30 p.m. with a study session to discuss the vacancy in the Health Administrator position.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 1, 2008

Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal
County Attorney’s office; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator; Diana McNichols, RN Health Dept.

Others attending were: Gary Dvorak, Area Agency on Aging; Gail Engle; Steven Walls, CHS Government Student.

Signed department expense checks.
Approved department payrolls totaling $115,888.89.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 24th meeting as presented.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented an application for DOC Unexpended Funds, in the amount of $16,275.85. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the application for DOC Unexpended Funds.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported a culvert failure between 230th and 240th Roads on Eagle Road; they are continuing to screen rock at the west pit and will be getting ready to move their equipment to the east pit. In Weed Dept. matters they are continuing to sell chemical for fall spraying.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the NCK Vocational Technical School is still working on the Construction Demolition Pit. Murdock stated that if county residents are needing to dispose of ashes from their fireplace and burn barrels they need to be sure and water them down and make sure they are completely cold before bringing them to the Transfer Station. It would also be helpful if they would stop at the office and ask for the proper place to dispose of them. Murdock set December 15th at 6:30 p.m., in the Courthouse meeting room, as the date for the annual Solid Waste Committee meeting.

Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal County Attorney’s office discussed a problem with an invoice received.

Gary Dvorak, Area Agency on Aging, discussed the funding for 2009. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a $2,000 supplemental funding request for 2009, which will be used for wages of the Center manager, head cook and assistant cook for the Concordia Center.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager presented the 2 proposals received for the employee Christmas dinner. Proposals were received from Smokehouse BBQ at a cost of $8.00 per person and Texas Red’s Catering at a cost of $7.00 per person. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board accepted the proposal from Texas Red’s Catering.

Diane Gering, Assistant Health Administrator and Diana McNichols, RN visited with the Board concerning the position of Health Administrator. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved offering Diane Gering and
Diana McNichols the position of co-administrators of the Health Dept. to be effective the 1st pay period of 2009. Gering and McNichols would each receive an additional $5,000 compensation for the additional duties.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the lease agreement with Central Kansas Foundation for office space at the Health Dept. building, in the amount of $117.00 per month.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Glenda Schreiber as part-time Secretary for JJA/Community Corrections, at a rate of $10.48 per hour, to be paid from grant funds, effective December 3, 2008.

Commissioner Garrison reported the November sales tax and compensating use tax totaled $71,424.91, which is an increase of $1,661.75 over the amount received in October.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m, until Monday, December 8, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 8, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 8, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Sheryl William, County Treasurer; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Diana McNichols and Diane Gering, Co-Health Administrators; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Gail Engle; Fran, Isaac, Zach and Hannah Garrison.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 1st meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2008-001 to #2008-00057 totaling $4,590.04.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items.
Commissioner Caspers reported there was an increase in the amount of sales tax collected by the City of Concordia and Cloud County from January thru November 2008, compared to the same period last year. There was an increase of 11.9% for the City of Concordia and 14.7% increase for the County.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a transfer of funds, in the amount of $130,000, from Road and Bridge Fund to Road and Bridge Special Machinery Fund. This transfer was authorized by a resolution dated December 28, 2007 and was to be made after the 2007 audit was completed.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved paying the employee longevity pay on the 2nd payroll in December each year, rather than the last pay period of the year.

The Board conducted the monthly department head meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deed reported they are starting to get documents for the wind farm and they are continuing to scan old documents. Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the deadline to pay 1st half taxes is December 22nd.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported they are working with “ORION” the new appraisal system.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported Kansas State has a hiring freeze for 1 year; Todd Whitney, Agent will be conducting organizational meeting for next Spring’s Farmers Market. The meeting will be held in Clay Center on December 9th at the Clay County Fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. The Extension Office collected 109 cell phones to be sold for recycling, with the proceeds to be used for phone cards for the military personnel. For more information about the cell phone collection persons may call the Extension office.

Diana McNichols and Diane Gering, Co-Health Administrators reported there is still Flu Vaccine available. Cloud County has been asked to be the parent county for the WIC program, counties to be included will be Cloud, Clay, Republic and Washington County.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are finishing rock jobs and preparing for snow.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are getting ready for snow. Johnson also reminded the department heads he will need the sign-up sheets for the employee Christmas dinner by Thursday.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are preparing for year end.
The Commissioners will host the Employee Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 15th from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Department Head meeting ended at 10:20 a.m.

The Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 2% pay increase for county employees, with the exception of the Commissioners and Sheriff’s Dept., to begin with the 1st payroll of 2009. The Sheriff’s Dept. will follow the pay scale adopted in January 2008.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #40-08 Ordering Preparation of a Tax Foreclosure Sale.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approve appointing the following township officers: Kurt Zimmer, Grant Township Clerk; Jerry Jensen, Grant Township Trustee; and Dale Berk, Nelson Township Trustee.

Diane Gering and Diana McNichols, Co-Health Administrators reported they will be advertising for the part-time position of Youth Coordinator for the Tobacco Use Prevention Program. McNichols presented a contract with Christine Rogers as dietician and nutrition educator for the WIC program. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board allowing the Chairman to sign the contract.

Gering presented information on the Automated External Defibulator (AED) and the possible purchase of these, for county buildings, in conjunction with the school district and college. The Health Dept. will have an employee who will be certified, in December, as a CPR instructor and is willing to train county employees in CPR. The Board felt both of these would be very beneficial to county employees, as well as to our patron and asked Gering to proceed with both the AED purchases and the possible training of county employees.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, December 15, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 15, 2008
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnta Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.
County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff; Diane Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Kim Snyder; Nicole Reames, CHS Govt. Student; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Dave Tangemann, File Safe.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $163,467.75.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported her office will be closed on Wednesday, December 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the funeral of Larry Greene.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 8th meeting as corrected. (change from proceed with the AED purchase to check on prices for the AED’s).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the contract with Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered for the 2008 audit and assistance with the 2010 Budget preparation.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, seconds by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 41-08 to cancel check numbers # 057118; # 056980; and #057154 totaling $460.13.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Friday, December 12th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the price of gravel will increase to $5.20 per ton after January 1, 2009 this is an increase of $.25 per ton. Several employees will be attending a fork lift training Wednesday to be presented by KWORCC.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Lawrence Shuler, effective December 31, 2008 and the resignation of Stan Payeur, effective January 8, 2009.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2008-00058 to #2008-00065 totaling $875.60.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the 2009 hauling contract, at a price of $272.00 per trip. Since Mr. Owen was unable to attend today’s meeting the Board will continue the discussion next week.

The Board will attend the Solid Waste Committee meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m., in the Courthouse meeting room.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Diana Gering and Diane McNichols, Co-Administrator of the Health Dept. to the Solid Waste Committee replacing Cynthia Weber, who resigned from the committee.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director presented the 2009 Funding Agreement in the amount of $50,000, which is an increase of $5,000. Lowell explained they are requesting an increase in funding due to an increase in the cost of their rent and utilities; and the need to update their labor survey. Lowell gave an update on the projects they are currently working on. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2009 Funding Agreement with CloudCorp in the amount of $50,000 provided the City of Concordia commits to the same $50,000 amount.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. to host the Employees Christmas Dinner and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Dave Tangemann, File Safe and Larry Bergstrom visited with the Board about the installation of recording equipment for the cameras at the Law Enforcement Center. Tangemann presented a proposal in the amount of $7600. The Board made no decision on the proposal until Sheriff Bergstrom is able to check his budget to be sure funds are available for this purchase.

Diane Gering, Health Administrator presented information on the purchase of AED’s from Marlie Products. The cost of each unit would be $1260, which includes the pads, plus $149 for a cabinet with alarm. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of 3 portable AED units at a cost of $1260 each and 2 cabinets at a cost of $149 each with the funds to be taken from Special Building.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m., until Monday, December 22, 2008.
On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 15th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved notifying the Lincoln Township Board of the Cereal Malt Beverage Application by Travis Taylor DBA The Rock Quarry.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2008-00066 to #2008-00070 totaling $954.08.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City of Wednesday, December 17th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented the signed Agreement for the Acceptance of Homeland Equipment

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and P J Owen with Owen Trucking presented the 2009 hauling contract for signature. On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2009 hauling contract with Owen Trucking, at a cost of $272.00 per trip.

Murdock discussed the construction/demolition project being conducted by the City of Concordia. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved continue participating in the construction/demolition project in 2009 and to accept six (6) county-wide applications under the construction/demolition waiver beginning March 1st.

Gary May, District Sanitarian gave his monthly update, reporting he has closed three (3) permits and written three (3) new permits since last month.

The County offices will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24th for the Christmas Holiday and reopen on Friday, December 26th. The Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, December 27th but a trailer will be available for recyclables.

Larry Bergstrom, Sheriff and Jamie Koch, Jail Administrator discussed the purchase of the digital recorders for the cameras at the Law Enforcement Center, in the amount of $7600. The Board approved the purchase of the recorders.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until Monday, December 29, 2008.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 29, 2008 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Gail Engle; Raymond Kindel.

The Board reviewed department expenses vouchers.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $128,252.36.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Wind Energy Lease, Agreement and Grant of Easement with Horizon Wind Energy.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Raymond Kindel discussed the County Road Surfacing Policy (for rock and gravel on County roads). Kindel expressed concerns about the condition of a couple of roads, in his area, during the recent snow and ice storm. The roads he was concerned about had been reworked for the wind energy project. The Board discussed the installation of stops signs at the corner of 180th and Iron Road. Asch will bring a Resolution next week for Board signature.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #42-08 for the yearly transfer of funds from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery and Equipment Fund, with the amount to be determined by the county auditor during the yearly audit.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the trailer for the Transfer Station has been repaired. Murdock presented information on a recycling grant he has applied for. The grant is sponsored by ALCOA/National Recycling Coalition/Kansas Organization of Recyclers and is to acquire 110-22 gallon recycling bins.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 15th meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #43-08 to cancel check # 113076 in the amount of $221.28.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved 2008 encumbered funds for the County Appraiser in the amount of $6,500 for
the purchase of computers and a printer and for the Register of Deeds in the amount of $3,000
for repair and rebinding of 2 or 3 of their older record books.

The Commissioners will host a reception on Monday, January 5th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m, in
the Courthouse meeting room to honor Sheriff Larry Bergstrom, Commissioner Bill Garrison,
Undersheriff Donnie Kearn and Road and Bridge employees Dan Fraser and Jim Workman.

The Board adjourned at 11:28 a.m.