Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Johnita Crawford, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the sales tax and compensating use tax received in December 2010 (November sales) in the amount of $57,243.13, compare to the amounted received in December 2009 of $62,170.36.

Brian Marks, Sheriff presented a classification change for Amber Fellows from part-time corrections officer to fulltime corrections sergeant, effective January 10, 2011, at $15.19 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (In the Paragraph regarding the contract with Pawnee Mental Health the motion should read motion made by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers).

On motion by Commissioners Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-66 thru #2010-78 totaling $1,541.04.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 1-2011 to cancel check # 120548, in the amount of $250.00, due to the training class being cancelled.
Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator discussed the proposal received from Rocky Acre Buildings, Lyndon, Ks for the purchase of a storage building for the Health Dept.

Gering presented a contract with Doug Funk for Pharmacist Services for the Cloud County Health Dept., at a rate of $35.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Gering presented a contract with Justin Poore, D.O. for services as the Cloud County Health Officer, at a rate of $252.00 per month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Gering presented a contract with Christine Rogers for Dietary Consultation Services for the Cloud County Health Dept. at a rate of $45.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract.

Gering presented quarterly data report from Republic County for the Family Planning Grant. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the quarterly data report with Republic County Health Dept. for the Family Planning Grant.

The Board requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five (5) minute executive session at 11:13 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:18 a.m. Also included in the session was Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed the letter being sent to Governor-elect Brownback regarding Horizon Wind Energy.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the re-appointment of Reva Coast to a second 2 year term on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until Monday, January 10, 2011.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Jerry Collins, IT Tech; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

At 8:30 a.m. Johnita Crawford was sworn-in to a second term as 1st District County Commissioner.

The Board approved county payrolls totaling $122,960.89

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Crawford as Chairman for 2011.

Brian Marks, Sheriff presented a classification change for Adam Holbert from Fulltime Corrections Officer to Fulltime Road Officer (Deputy) effective January 17, 2011, at a rate of $14.31 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a fifteen (15) minute executive session to discuss confidential data. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 9:14 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:29 a.m. Also included in the session was Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2010 and 2011 Contribution Agreements with Horizon Wind Energy.

The Board stated that after extensive negotiations this past year and exhausting all possibility of receiving higher yearly payments they are extremely disappointed that the people of Cloud County will not be receiving payments that are comparable to what other counties in the state are receiving from the Wind Farms located in their counties.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board.
On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved adding $51,900 to the 2010 Encumbered Funds amount. The additional amount will be used by Road and Bridge for the purchase of a loader.

Commissioner Engle reported on a complaint he received concerning the trailers at the US81 & 24 Junction.

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

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are starting to make preparations for the 2011 Cloud County Fair; they are working with the Head Start programs in all 4 counties in the district and they are getting ready for 4-H Day.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Hope’s Place, the Child Advocacy Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he is working on the Weed Dept. annual report and the Road and Bridge Department is doing snow removal.

Jerry Collins, IT Tech reported he is setting up several new computers.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he is updating the operating plan for the Transfer Station; and so far in 2011 they have shipped 42 tons of recyclables, which included a load of #8 news and a load of clothes and shoes.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported they are working on 2nd quarter grant reports; they have received reports of numerous cases of gastrointestinal flu and respiratory flu.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported they are moving snow and thanked the Road and Bridge Dept. for help with snow removal at the Courthouse and Health Dept. today.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the filing deadline for the City/School Election is noon on Tuesday, January 25th and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (spelling error for Reva Coast should be Reva Coash)

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-79 thru #2010-82 totaling $190.64.
On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Rock Quarry, LLC.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign Resolution #2-2011 and the Amended Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 3-2011 designating the Concordia Blade Empire as the Official County Newspaper for 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #4-2011 approving the county depositories. Central National Bank was designated the depository for the County Clerk and Sheriff. Citizens National Bank was designated the depository for the County Attorney; and United Bank & Trust was designated the depository for the Register of Deeds. All banks in the County were designated as depositories for the County Treasurer.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioners Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 5-2011 to approve the Waiver to the General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioners Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved to continue the same committee appointments as in 2010.

Commissioner Crawford:
- North Central Regional Planning
- JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Convention and Tourism Committee
- Juvenile Detention Committee
- CloudCorp Board

Commissioners Caspers:
- NCK Regional Homeland Security Council
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Tobacco Coalition Advisory Board

Commissioner Engle:
- Rural Lakes Local Environmental Protection Program
- Community Resource Council
- Chemical Dependency Committee
- Alternate to Solomon Valley e-waste committee
All Commissioners will serve on the following committees: Solid Waste Committee; Health Advisory Board; Sanitary Code Committee

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

Murdock asked about the possibility of implementing a late fee or finance charge for unpaid disposal charges for the Construction/Demolition site. The Board asked Murdock to visit with the County Attorney and report back next week.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported they are working on the 2nd quarter grant reports and discussed various routine items.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m., until January 17, 2011.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Johnita Crawford, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser.

Others attending were: Jim Wahlmeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; Susan Retter, Eric Andersen, Todd Leif, Roy Reif and Kurt Kocher, Members of Cloud County Health Center Board of Trustees; Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Ellen Andersen, JJA/Community Corrections Director present Resolution #6-2011 appointing Bob Richard, Beloit City Council Member as the representative for the Beloit City Commission on the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment.

Brian Marks, Sheriff wanted to commend everyone for their cooperation and assistance with the Corey Mason incident last week. Marks discussed various other items with the Board.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a five (5) minute executive session for the discussion of attorney-client privilege. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:23 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:28 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine matters with the Board.

Asch reported he had received a letter for Leonard and Judy Reedy thanking them for the repairs made on their road.

Commissioner Crawford reported she had visited with Mark Gram and he wanted to compliment the Road and Bridge Department for the good job they did on his road.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-85 and #2010-89 totaling $127.40.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Thursday, January 14th, and was elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Commissioner Engle and Commissioner Caspers attended the Small Business Development Center luncheon on Tuesday, January 11th.

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

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator presented the proposal, in the amount of $1,099 from Hood Heating & Air for the electrical work to be done at the Health Dept. so that a storage building can be placed at the sight. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the proposal from Hood Heating for the electrical work.

Gering reported that 2010 was a very busy year for the Health Department. The nurses made 2650 Home visits; gave approximately 4000 immunizations; and saw 386 WIC clients.

Jim Wahlmeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; Susan Retter, Eric Anderson, Todd Lief, Roy Reif and Kurt Kocher, CCHC Board members requested the Commissioners consider donating the funds that are to be received from Horizon Wind Energy to the hospital building project. The Board will consider the request but, to date, no criteria have been set for applying for these funds.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m., until Monday, January 24, 2011.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer.

Others attending were: Justin Ferrell, KCAMP Attorney; Lisa Davies and Gary May, District Sanitarians.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $118,087.35.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a ten (10) minutes executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:02 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:12 a.m. Also included in the session was Justin Farrell, KCAMP Attorney.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the Road and Bridge Dept. will be purchasing a 2006 Case loader from Victor L. Phillips in the amount of $51,900 after trade and it should be delivered this week.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting on Tuesday, January 18th; the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, January 18th; the Juvenile Detention Center meeting on Wednesday, January 19th; and participated on Coffeetime on Friday, January 21st.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the minutes as corrected. (Chairman’s name listed as Engle instead of Crawford- minutes form was not updated).

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-90 thru 2010-92 totaling $92.70.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the purchase of a trailer for the Transfer Station. Murdock will gather more pricing information and report back to the Commissioners.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to the hospital regarding the funds to be received from Horizon Wind Energy.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 7-2011 to cancel check # 121355, in the amount of $452.00, due to it being a duplicate payment.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported she will be contacting the auto dealers located in the County regarding bids for a vehicle for the Health Dept. Bids are to be received in the County Clerk’s office by 4:30 on Friday, February 4th, with the Bids to be opened on Monday, February 7th at 10:45 a.m.

Gary May and Lisa Davies, District Sanitarian s presented their monthly update.

Davies reported she has received a stamped approved copy from KDHE for the proposed revisions to the Sanitary Code. The proposed revisions do not change the intent or purpose of the Code, but would allow for a required inspection upon the transfer of property and set a fee of $200 for this inspection. A public hearing date was set for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Cloud County Courthouse.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer visited with the Board about the funds to be received from Horizon Wind Energy. After discussion, Williams stated she would check with all of the banks in the County regarding interest rates and types of accounts available and report back at a later date.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until Monday, January 31, 2011.
Adjudoned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Kay Berk, Assist. Public Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-93 and #2010-94 totaling $43.44.

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

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Arlene Couture as Elk Township Trustee.

This past week, a letter of support was signed by the County Clerk on behalf of the Commissioners supporting the Concordia Senior Center in applying for grant funds thru KDOT to be used to assist with the operating expenses of the transportation van.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting in Beloit on Tuesday, January 25th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Dig Safe meeting on Monday, January 24th, in Concordia.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Dig Safe meeting on Monday, January 24th, in Concordia; the Pawnee Mental Health meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, in Clay Center; and the North Central Regional Planning meeting on Thursday, January 27th, in Beloit.

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

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2011 Employment Contract for Andy Asch as Highway Administrator/Weed Director.
Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information regarding the amount of compensating use and sales tax received in January 2011 (Dec. sales) in the amount of $55,261.89, compared to the amount of $55,053.58 received in January 2010.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a proposal received from Wilkens Mfg. Inc., Stockton, Ks., for the purchase of a 48’ aluminum trailer at a cost of $61,934.38 less trade of $14,000 for a final price of $47,934.38. On motion by commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of a 48’ aluminum trailer from Wilkens’s Mfg. Inc for a final cost of $47,934.38.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2011 Employment Contract for Justin Murdock as Solid Waste/Recycling Director.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported the Health Dept. has received an Achievement Award for reaching a 76.1% Breast Feeding Initiation rate in 2010 thru the WIC Program; the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) will meet with Sherry Angell, area coordinator, on Thursday, February 10th, to prepare for the BT Grant audit that will be held on April 27; and the Health Dept. still has come flu vaccine available.

Kay Berk, Assist. Public Health Administrator reported they are checking into the possibility requirement for accepting debit and credit cards for payment of services provided at the Health Dept.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Wanda Backstrom, Chief Court Services Officer; Brandi Hake, Court Services Officer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Mike George, George Motor Co.; Burl Maley and Sara Jenkins, Chemical Dependency Committee.

The Chairman signed the department monthly expense checks. The Board approved department payrolls totaling $118,293.13.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Wanda Backstrom, Chief Court Services Officer and Brandi Hake, Court Services Officer requested approval to use diversion funds to co-sponsor, with USD 333 and CCCC, a presentation and training by Phil Chalmers, on bullying and teen violence. The 2 day program, to be held on March 29th and 30th would be presented to Concordia Jr-Sr High Students, CCCC students, parents, educators and law enforcement officials. The Board gave permission to use diversion funds to co-sponsor the program.

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

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission executive board meeting in Beloit, on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Carla Moore as Elk Twp. Trustee replacing Arlene Couture, who has moved out of the county.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-95 thru #2010-98 totaling $304.14.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 8-2011, to cancel check # 121748 in the amount of $3,500.00 due to the check being issued to the wrong vendor.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 9-2011, to cancel check # 121914, in the amount of $4,106.00 because one invoice was not to be paid at this time.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing letters of congratulations to Paul and Jody Gladbach; Jim Odette; Marvin, Mikel and Avis Henning; and Walter Morgan for receiving Conservation Awards.

The Commissioners may attend the Intergovernmental meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to be hosted by Cloud County Health Center.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator and Mike George, George Motor Company were present for the 10:45 a.m. vehicle bid opening. Bids were received from Car Zone, Concordia; Concordia Chevrolet, Buick; Stenberg Motor Co., Clyde; George Motor Co., Clyde; and Womack Sunshine Ford, Concordia. The Board asked Gering to review the bids and inspect the vehicles before a decision is made.

Gering thanked the employees of the Clerk’s office for their assistance with various procedural issues that needed to be addressed.

Burl Maley and Sara Jenkins, Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee presented an overview of their 2010 activities. Maley presented the 2011 Funding Agreement in the amount of $19,909. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Funding Agreement.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. until Monday, February 14, 2011
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Todd Whitney, Extension Agent; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Others attending were:

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Marks presented a personnel classification sheet for the hire of John Miner as a part-time corrections officer, effective February 15, 2011, at a rate of $10.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

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

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Engle reported they attended the Cloud County Conservation annual meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-99 thru #2010-115 totaling $5,682.00.

All of the Commissioners attended the Inter-governmental meeting Wednesday, February 9th, at the Cloud County Health Center.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the LEPC meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, February 11th and the Jerry Moran Town Hall meeting on Friday, February 11th.
The Courthouse and County offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011, in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday and the Commissioners will conduct their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they have completed scanning the old plat maps and will be able to make copies upon request; and they have completed their year-end reports.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported they have started the required training for the new vehicle registration system that will be implemented in July; this week she will be sending out letters to individuals who have unpaid personal property taxes; and February 28th is the last day to renew tags for trailers and big trucks.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported routine business.

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported the Sheriff’s Dept., Court Services and the Chemical Dependency Committee will be sponsoring a training, to be held on March 8th, concerning the new synthetic drugs.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they have ordered a new aluminum trailer for the Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported they are making preparations for the Ladies Night Out to be held on April 14th; a LEPC meeting was held on February 10th; and they are updating some of their computer programs.

Todd Whitney, Extension Agent reported there would be a Prescribed Burning Workshop, in Washington, on February 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; and an In-Depth Soil School was held in Belleville on Friday, February 11th and there were 56 people in attendance.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported routine business.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are preparing for the City/School General Election, to be held on April 5th.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the furnace at the Transfer Station has been fixed; and the aluminum trailer for the Transfer Station should be delivered by March 18th.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator discussed the vehicle bids that were received and opened last week. Gering reported she has narrowed the vehicles down to 2 that
would fit the needs of the Health Department. The vehicles are a 2006 Buick LaCrosse CS from Concordia Chevrolet and Buick, with 48,591 miles, for $5,950 with 2 trades and a 2007 Chrysler Sebring Touring from George Motor Co., with 48,500 miles, for $8,650 with 2 trades. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of the 2006 Buick LaCrosse CS from Concordia Chevrolet, and Buick at a cost of $5,950 with 2 trades as recommended by Gering.


Asch presented the 2012 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for approval. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2012 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Crawford reported a concern she has received concerning a section of 290th Road (1/2 mile North of Oat Road). Asch will look into the matter.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until Tuesday, February 22, 2010.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $117,621.23.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented 2 utility agreements with AT&T for buried cable, for signature. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved an agreement with AT&T for a buried cable approximately ¾ mile South of Hwy. 9 on 210th Road.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the board approved a second utility agreement with AT&T for buried cable west of 130th and Quail Road.

Asch is checking into the possible purchase of a used hot-mix plant at a cost of approximately $180,000. He is currently waiting on an estimate on the cost of transporting the plant to Cloud County if it were to be purchased.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the progress of the Concordia Flood Control Project.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the invitation to join the Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) and pay the dues for 2011 in the amount of $903.67.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-117 thru #2010-122 totaling $1,684.30.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the KLPG reception in Topeka on Wednesday, February 16th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the KLPG reception in Topeka on Wednesday, February 16th; the Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City on Wednesday, February 16th; and the Convention and Tourism meeting on Friday, February 18th.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported that the Health Dept. will be working with the Cloud County Health Center Lifeline new compu-med program. The Health Dept. will be setting up the medications for the Lifeline patients.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager discussed various items with the Board. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2011 Employment Agreement with Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager, at a rate of $15.71 per hour, the same as 2010.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 a.m, until Monday, February 28, 2011.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford and member Gary Caspers, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

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

Others attending were: Gary May and Lisa Davies-District Sanitarians  Dana Brewer and Kirk Lowell-CloudCorp

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2010-123 thru 2010-126 totaling $1,961.66.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested $500.00 to be taken out of the Diversion Fund to purchase 50 student workbooks for the Why Try Program—which is a strength-based approach to helping youths overcome their challenges and improve outcomes in the areas of truancy, behavior, and academics. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the funding. Walsh also requested $1,000.00 to be taken out of the Diversion Fund for Court Services to help with surveillance. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the funding.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss attorney-client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five (5) minute executive session at 9:30 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:35 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine matters and said he will be in Topeka from Feb 28 to Mar 3 for the annual Weed Conference. Also, on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of a hot mix plant for approximately $180,000.00 from Vance Brothers.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various routine matters and they will be receiving demolished houses soon and have shipped out 67 tons of cardboard.

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Crawford attended the annual CloudCorp meeting and banquet Feb 26 at Concordia Catholic Parish Hall.
Gary May and Lisa Davies, District Sanitarians, discussed the revision of the Cloud County Sanitary Code. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Resolution No. 11-10 amending the Cloud County, Kansas Environmental Sanitary Code.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator discussed routine business and that by the end of the week they will be accepting payments by debit and credit card. There will be an additional 2.5% charge added on if the bill is paid by debit or credit card. Diana will be gone Mar 8 thru Mar 11 to the Kansas Home Care Association Spring Conference in Wichita.

Commissioner Crawford requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five (5) minute executive session, with Diana Gering attending, at 11:30 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:35 a.m.

Dana Brewer, CloudCorp President and Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed a Hazard Mitigation Pre-Application for an Emergency Response Center. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the amended Hazard Mitigation Pre-Application for Emergency Response Center to the Division of Emergency Management-State of Kansas. This is to explore with other local public agencies the availability of funding for an emergency response common facility.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m., until Monday, March 7, 2011.
Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Vonda Pumarlo, Assistant Home Health Coordinator; Kay Berk, Assistant Public Health Coordinator.

Others attending were:

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $117,396.07. The Chairman signed monthly expense checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the road problem that was reported several weeks ago on 290th Road between Plum and Oat Roads. Asch will continue to work with the property owner to get the problem corrected. Asch discussed various other routine items with the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported that beginning Wednesday, March 16th, the Transfer Station will begin staying open until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings only.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-129 thru #2010-132 totaling $746.50.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on February 22nd.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting on Thursday, March 3rd.
On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Rural Lakes Region Environmental Protection Program “Certificate of Compliance Inspection Requirements” for the revisions to the Cloud County Sanitary Code that were approved last week.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Vonda Pumarlo, Assistant Home Health Coordinator and Kay Berk Assistant Public Health Coordinator discussed various items with the Board. Gering reported that as of July 1st they will be expanding the area covered by the Health Dept. for the Child Care Licensing Program. With the addition of Phillips County their service area will now include 8 counties.

Gering requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 10:48 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:58 a.m. Also included in the session was Vonda Pumarlo and Kay Berk.

The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m., until Monday, March 14, 2011.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager and Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board about the ownership of the Airport Park.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented two (2) personnel classifications for new hires. For the hire of Brad Czapanskiy as a Construction Laborer, effective March 21, at a rate of $11.02 per hour and for the hire of Terry Racette as a Construction Laborer, effective March 28, 2011, at a rate of $11.02 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved both of the new hires.

Asch reported he sent out tire bid specifications, last week. Specifications were sent to Kansasland Tire; Johnson Auto; Thompson’s; Commercial Tire and Becker Tire and are to be returned by April 1st with the bid opening set for Monday, April 4th at 9:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, March 11th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting on Tuesday, March 8th.

Cloud County has received the 2010 and 2011 contribution funds from Horizon Wind Energy, in the amount of $250,000. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved depositing the money received from Horizon in a 12 month CD at the Elk State Bank with an interest rate of 1.15% APY.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-133; 2010-135; and 2010-137 totaling $288.40.

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

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported that Walk Kansas began on March 13th and they have 34 teams registered; the Extension Office has the kits available for Radon testing, at a cost of $5.00 each. Radon is an odorless gas and is reported to be the 2nd leading cause to lung cancer and has been linked to alzheimers; and the Kansans Optimizing Health Program (KOPH), which is an interactive program for people with various chronic conditions, will begin on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the Concordia Senior Citizens Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have been removing snow; cutting trees when the weather permits; and they have purchased a hot-mix plant.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager reported the storage building for the Health Dept. has been delivered; and they have been removing snow.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be finishing the operating plan this week; and beginning Wednesday, March 16th the Transfer Station will begin their summer hours and will be staying open on Wednesday evenings until 6:00 p.m.; and the NCK Vocational School will be back working on the Construction/Demolition Site.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported they are finishing their 2012 grant applications; and they are now accepting debit and credit cards for payment of services.

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported they have served over 600 papers since the 1st of January, this includes garnishments, tax warrants and foreclosures; and at the current time they have 27 inmates in the jail.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported Advance voting for the April 5th City School General Election will begin on Wednesday, March 16th; and the voter registration books will close on Monday, March 21st.

The Department Head meeting ended at 10:25 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 10:30 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved rescinding Resolution # 35-2010 for the transfer of funds from the Election Fund to the Election Capital Outlay Fund. The Resolution is being rescinded because the transfer was not made in 2010.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be meeting with the engineers to complete the revision to the Construction/Demolition Site Operating plan and for completing the Transfer Station Operating Plan.
Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the purchase of firearms for the Sheriff’s Department personnel.

Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator presented the 2012 grant application in the amount of $279,809.52 for signature. Grant funds for each program included: State Formula $7,000; Child Care Licensing $38,529; Family Planning $80,940.52; Immunization Action Plan $115,844; and Maternal and Child Health $37,496. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the 2012 Grant Application.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., until Monday, March 21, 2011.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Co-Directors for Cloud County Convention and Tourism.

The Board approved the department payrolls totaling $116,911.09.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about the airport park property and the flood control project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Board with copies of the annual bridge inspection completed by Campbell and Johnson Engineers; and discussed other routine items with the Board.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting held in Council Grove on Wednesday, March 16th and she participated on Coffeetime on Friday, March 18th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Resource Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 15th.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-138 thru # 2010-139 totaling $119.32.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he and Steve Horkman will be attending the WORKS Conference to be held in Wichita on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22-23; and discussed other routine items with the Board.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the 2012 JJA Grant application, in the amount of $241,639, for signature. On motion by Commissioner
Engle, second By Commissioner Caspers unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman and the County Clerk to sign the grant application.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 10:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:00 a.m. Also included in the session was Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator.

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Co-Directors for Cloud County Convention and Tourism presented a recommendation from the Tourism Committee for the appointment of Mrs. Tejal Patel, representing Rodeway Inn, to fill the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2011, created by the resignation of Pat Lynch. Lynch represented Cottage on the River, which is no longer operating as a Bed and Breakfast. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Patel.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Notice to the Shirley Township Board for the Cereal Malt Beverage Application for Patrick Girard DBA as the St. Joe Store.

Brian Marks, Sheriff presented an Attorney General’s opinion concerning the wages for the Sheriff’s Dept. employees. Marks stated he is using his authority, as Sheriff, to set the wages for the employees of his department.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court discussed various items with the Board.

The Board received a call from Ann Furlough and Ryan Freed, with the Kansas Energy Office regarding the grant application submitted by the county.

The Board adjourned at 12:12 p.m. until Monday, March 28, 2011.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 28, 2011
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 28, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Everett Ford; Stuart Yoho and Deb Stavin, Kansas Energy Office.

The Board reviewed department monthly expense vouchers.

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

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-140 totaling $82.36.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a request and petition from Brad Berk for a buried electrical line across 165th Road approximately 280’ South of 1457 N 165th. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the request. Asch discussed various other routine items with the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the Delinquent Solid Waste hearing would be held earlier this year in order to facilitate the use of their new billing program; and discussed various other items with the Board.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney advised the Board not to implement any pay increases for the employees of the Sheriff’s Dept. until he has an opportunity to research this issue and give the Board their options in this matter.
Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator reported “Ladies Think Healthy” would be held on April 14th at the 19th Hole Restaurant, beginning at 5:30 p.m; and she reported Kindergarten round-up is coming up and anyone needing immunizations should call the Health Dept. to make an appointment; and she discussed various other routine items.

The Board acknowledged the termination of Paige Rudolph, effective March 28, 2011.

Everett Ford stopped in to visit with the Board.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Stuart Yoho and Deb Stavin, Kansas Energy Office discussed the Facilities Conservation Improvement Program with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Interim Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Joe Hurla, 360 Energy; Diane Price, Julie Snively, Christine Henderson, Cameron Thurner and Miki Voelker, CASA and Domestic Violence Association.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $117,273.87.

The Chairman signed the department expense checks.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about the airport property.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and the Board opened the 2 tire bids received. Bids were received from Becker Tire, in the amount of $28,553.84 and from Kansasland Tire in the amount of $26,825.17. The Board asked Asch to review the bids and report back next week. Asch told the Commissioners he would review the bids and the bid forms stated that bids will be awarded for the lowest total price per item and not for the total overall bid.

Asch reported he has received the new chemical prices and would be purchasing chemicals from Crop Production and VanDiest.

Asch, Commissioner Crawford, and Commissioner Engle will be attending the North Central Kansas Highway Official Association meeting in Beloit on Wednesday, April 6th.

Asch presented a classification change for Nathan LaBarge from Truck Driver to Heavy Equipment Operator, effective April 10th, at a rate of $13.14 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Joe Hurla, 360 Energy visited with the Board about the $150,000 Energy Grant the County has been approved to receive. The County’s energy project would be for the
replacement of the boiler and chiller in the courthouse building. Hurla discussed the possibility of financing the county’s portion of the cost.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the problems they are having with their phone system. She reported she has been talking with Nex-Tech about the problem and they may be looking at updating their phone system.

Gering reported they would be hosting the “Ladies Think Healthy” on April 14th at the 19th Hole Restaurant beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing an Employment Agreement with Diana Gering as Health Administrator, effective April 1, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Kay Berk from Assistant Public Health Director to Assistant Health Administrator, with no change in wage.

Diane Price, Julie Snively and Christine Henderson presented a Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Snively explained the Blue Ribbon Awareness Campaign and the promotional programs being done by CASA. Also, Snively stated that if anyone is interested in being a CASA volunteer they should contact Carol Miller at 785-243-8200.

Cameron Thurner and Miki Voelker, Domestic Violence Association presented a Proclamation designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Thurner discussed the Domestic Violence Association and the Candlelight Vigil they will be holding on Thursday, April 7th, at the Nazareth Motherhouse, at 5:30 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Patrick Girard DBA The St. Joe Store.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commissioner meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, March 31st.
On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved contracting with GS&M Architects & Planners to conduct a feasibility study of our jail facility.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until Monday, April 11, 2011.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were:

At 8:30 a.m. the Commissioners; the County Clerk; and Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer and Brian Marks, Sheriff traveled to Belleville to be present for the ceremonial signing on the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) bill by Governor Sam Brownback. Also in attendance was Nick Jordan, Secretary of Revenue; Karen Brownlee, Secretary of Labor; Pat George, Secretary of Commerce; Elaine Bowers, State Representative 107th District; Mark Taddiken, State Senator 21st District; elected officials from Mitchell and Republic Counties; and other elected officials and members of the general public.

After the canvass of the City School General Election, on Friday, April 8th, the results confirmed a tie for one position on the Board of the Republican Valley Drainage District between Larry John Nobert and Larry John Nobert, Jr. As per Kansas Statute the Board conducted a coin toss with the winner was Larry John Nobert.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 4th regular meeting and the April 8th canvass as presented.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use permit for Mark Gram for a buried water line, to be used for irrigation, approximately 638’ North of Rock Road across 250th Road. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the ROW Use permit.

Asch reported he has reviewed the tire bids received last week. He reported tires of various sizes will be purchased from each Kansaland Tire in the amount of $11,832.16 and Becker Tire in the amount of $16,024.64.

Asch, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Engle attended the NCKCHOA meeting held in Beloit, Wednesday, April 6th.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-141 thru #2010-143 totaling $138.60.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #12-2011 to appoint Richard E. James as Acting County Attorney because of a potential conflict interest by Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board signed the State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation for Cloud County. The Proclamation states that the extremely dry, warm and windy conditions have created an extreme fire hazard in the grassland and cropland of Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 11-2011 to place a Ban on Open Burning in Cloud County for a 14 day period beginning Tuesday, April 12, 2011 thru Monday, April 25, 2011.

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

The Board set the delinquent Solid Waste hearing for May 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented information on the 2012 DOC Grant application. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the 2012 grant application.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m., until Monday, April 18, 2011.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Creighton Leif, Justin Huber, Blaine Tholstrup, Garrett Coash, Jordan Brown, Layne Lagasse, Chelsie Monzon, Jordan Mastin, Madison Menard, Taylor Stupka, Alec Champlin and Brianna Thompson, CHS Government Students.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $119,378.99

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, April 12th; the JJA Advisory Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 13th; Women Think Health on Thursday, April 14th; and participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, April 15th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he met with Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan, McCrerey (GS &M) Architects and Planners, Inc.; Dana Brewer; and Kirk Lowell on Thursday, April 14th to discuss plans for a future jail facilities.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the feasibility study for the jail. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing an Agreement with Goldberg, Sullivan, McCrerey (GS&M) Architects & Planners, Inc., in the amount of $3,500, to conduct a Feasibility Study for a proposed project to construct a new Jail and Sheriff’s office.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board; and set Monday, May 2nd at 8:00 a.m. to meet with Road and Bridge employees and tour the Road and Bridge facilities.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Mike Blochlinger, effective April 22, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-144 in the amount of $3.00
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed a letter to be sent to local contractors regarding charge accounts at the Transfer Station. Effective May 1, 2011 all charge accounts will be Due Upon Receipt of Statement and if accounts become past due, the account will be put on a Cash Only Basis for a period of one (1) year.

Murdock reported that to date 112 tons of recyclables have been shipped.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the resignation of Larry John Nobert from the Republican Valley Drainage District Board and appointed Larry John Nobert, Jr. to fill the vacated position.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until Monday, April 25, 2011
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Richard Stutsman, Sheriff’s Dept.; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: William Tobald; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Michael Dexter; Wyatt Brichalli, Nathan Koerber, Chris Fabarez, Angelina Walker, Zach Axton, Justin Ramsey, Leah Haden, Katie Eakins, Bailey Loeffler, Mallory Backstrom, Molly Schmidt, Morgan Berk, Shannon Boff, Kole Blazek, Chace Hensley CHS Government Students.

The Board reviewed the department’s monthly expense vouchers.

Chairman Crawford presented a plaque, on behalf of the County Commissioners, to Richard Stutsman, Deputy for the Sheriff’s Department, who will be retiring on May 1st in appreciation for his years of dedicated service to Cloud County.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, April 19th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting on Wednesday, April 20th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Jack Tyler from Truck Driver to Heavy Equipment Operator, effective April 25, 2011, with a wage change from 11.92 per hour to 13.14 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Asch presented a classification change for Dustin Hittle from Construction Laborer to Truck Driver, effective April 25, 2011, with no wage change. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Asch discussed various routine items with the Board.
William Tobald stopped by to visit with the Board regarding the Ban on Open Burning.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the April 2011 (March sales) sales tax and compensating use tax collected totaled $45,205.61 compared to the collections in April 2010 in the amount of $61,035.07.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented his monthly update.

Michael Dexter asked the Board to waive the 3A requirement for his property at 1818 N 180th Road. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the waiver of the 3A requirement for his property at 1818 N 180th Rd.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a classification change for Doris Bergstrom from WIC Coordinator/Healthy Start Home Visitor to Office Clerk, effective April 25th, with a wage change from $10.02 per hour to $11.33 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Gering discussed various other routine items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Jerry Collins, IT Tech; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser.

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK Radio; Kayla Champlin, Jermey Roughton, and Skyler Jacobs, CHS Government Students.

At 8:00 a.m. the Commissioners met with Employees of the Road and Bridge Department.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $119,865.71.

The Chairman signed monthly expense check for all county departments.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Jerry Collins, IT Tech visited with the Board about an appropriate charge for any CD or DVD made for patrons. The Board asked Collins to check around and see what others are charging.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Children’s Trust Fund; and the use of diversion funds.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented 2 classification changes. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved a change for Terry Racette from Construction Laborer to Truck Driver, effective May 2, 2011, with a change in wage from 11.02 to 11.92 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Travis Taylor from Construction Laborer to Heavy Equipment Operator, effective May 2, 2011, with a change in wage from $11.02 to $13.14 per hour.

Asch discussed various other items with the Board.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are looking for inventive way to make the Recycling Center more efficient; and discussed various other routine items.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a Proclamation designating May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month”.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting on Tuesday, April 26th and that due to budget cuts they will begin meeting every other month, after the May meeting.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, April 26th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting held at Crisis City, in Salina, on Thursday, April 28th, and she attended the Pawnee Mental Health annual meeting on Tuesday, April 26th, held at the Nelson Landing, in Leonardville.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a Proclamation designating May as “Mental Health Month”.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-146 and #2010-147 totaling $54.24.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (The classification change for Dustin Hittle from Construction Laborer to Truck Driver, effective April 25, 2011, should state with a wage change from $11.02 per hour to $11.92 per hour.)

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 13-2011 to cancel check # 122686, in the amount of $140.00, due to being issued to the wrong vendor.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 14-2011 to cancel check # 122846, in the amount of $200.00, due to being issued to the wrong vendor.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator and Barry Porter, County Appraiser visited with the Board about the value notice received for the Health Department building.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Debra Sells as a Receptionist/Office Clerk to fill an open position at the Health Dept, effective May 16, 2011, at a rate of $11.00 per hour,
On motion by commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approve a classification change for Susan Hoard from Office Clerk to WIC/Immunization Manager/Healthy Start Home Visitor at her current rate of pay, effective May 2, 2011.

The Commissioners will be attending the Kansas County Commissioners Association Spring meeting, in Wichita, May 3rd – 5th.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until Monday, May 9, 2011.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Denise Swenson, Extension Office; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Others attending were: Holly Brown, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Shawn Marcotte, CHS Government Student.

Brian Marks, Sheriff presented bids for 2 patrol vehicles for his department. Bids were received from: Womack Sunshine Ford for a 2011 Crown Victoria with Police Package at a cost of $16,003.24 including trade; and from Concordia Chevrolet Buick for a 2011 Chevrolet Caprice with Police Package at a cost of $21,337.00 including trade. The Board asked Marks to review the bids and inspect the vehicles and report back next week before a decision is made.

Marks reported Adam Holbert has completed the 14 week training course at the Law Enforcement Academy and graduated on Friday, May 6th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator said he received a call from Chad Blackwood with Murphy Tractor inviting him and the Commissioners to an equipment demonstration and lunch on Wednesday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Asch reported he has reviewed the bids received for the tractors and mowers for the Road and Bridge department and was recommended purchasing the KABOTA tractor and TIGER Mower from Sellers Tractor Co. at a cost of $61,570. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Crawford, with Commissioner Engle and Commissioner Crawford voting yes and Commissioner Caspers voting no the Board approved allowing Asch to purchase the KABOTA tractor and Tiger mower from Sellers Tractor of Salina for a total cost of $61,570, because the delivery date of the equipment was within 45 days and will allow them to be used for this mowing season.

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

At 10:00 a.m. the Board presented their monthly department head meeting.
LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court discussed the proposed budget cuts and the affect they could have on the local offices and because of the budget cuts the court systems will be using more technology in the future; she also discussed the series of Blue Ribbon Commission meetings to be held across the state and the meeting held in Beloit on May 2nd.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported chemical sales are up; they are doing road maintenance and will begin spraying Right-of-Ways.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he attended the “Recovery from Disaster” meeting that was held on May 4th at Concordia City Hall.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are working on plans to conduct a table top exercise in July; their TAR review is complete and they received a total of 89 points on the review; they completed their Medicare cost report on Thursday; and the are expecting their Medicare Surveyor to arrive later this month to complete their Medicare audit.

Denise Swenson, Extension Secretary gave a report on the 4H program, currently there are 6 4-H Clubs in Cloud County, with 149 4-Hers participating and there are 778 projects enrolled; and the new Nationwide 4-H computer program; Todd Whitney has just completed the Tractor Safety classes; and they will be finishing Walk Kansas on May 20th.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk discussed the Kansas County Clerk and Election Officials meeting held in Salina May 4-6 and the new Voter Identification bill.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed how the proposed budget cuts may affect the grant funds they receive and the action she may have to take to accommodate those cuts.

The Board discussed the meeting, last week, with Road and Bridge employee and the county’s wage scale.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:55 a.m. and the Board resumed their regular session at 11:00 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director was present for the Tire Bids for the Transfer Station. Bids were received from: Thompson OK Tire, Beloit, in the amount of $3,900.; Commercial Tire, Salina, in the amount of $3,887.16; and from Becker Tire, Salina, in the amount of $3,269.76. After discussion, and on motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the low bid from Becker Tire, Salina, in the amount of $3,269.76, since there were no local bids.

Murdock and Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the “Recovery from Disaster” meeting held last week. They discussed the need for a Debris
Management Plan that could be implemented in an emergency situation. The Board asked them to work on the plan.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Chuck Metro from the Recycling Center, effective May 9, 2011.

Holly Brown, Big Brothers Big Sisters asked the Board for their support of their request for funding from the Juvenile Justice Authority Title II grant application.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Doris Bergstrom as an office clerk at the Health Dept., effective May 9, 2011.

Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Engle attended the Blue Ribbon Commission meeting held in Beloit on Monday, May 2nd.

The Commissioners attended the Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting in Wichita, May 3-5.

Jerry Collins, IT Tech visited with the Board about the possibility of Cloud County receiving an interactive web-site about Camp Concordia, through the Cloud County Historical Society. Tom Nelson, the producer of a documentary “Prisoners of Plenty” a documentary about the POW Camp is working on the web-site.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m., until Monday, May 16, 2011.
Special Session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 12, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director

Others attending were: Artie Lucas and Derek Ptomey, Goldberg, Sullivan, McCreery (GS&M) Architects and Planners, Inc.; Kirk Lowell, Executive Director CloudCorp.

Artie Lucas and Derek Ptomey, Goldberg, Sullivan, McCreery (GS&M) Architects and Planners, Inc. discussed the county’s proposed jail facility/emergency operations center.

The group discussed the FEMA EOC grant which must be submitted by May 31st. The amount of the grant is a maximum of $1 million or ¾ of the cost of the Emergency Operations Center portion of the facility.

Lucas and Ptomey will return at a later date with preliminary plans and options for funding a new facility without an increase in tax dollars.

The meeting ended at 12:05 p.m.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Elisa Gerard, CHS Government Instructor and Elizabeth Sullivan, CHS Government Student.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $108,218.58.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine Road and Bridge items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a transfer from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Road and Bridge Machinery and Equipment fund in the amount of $250,000. The transfer amount was determined after the 2010 County Audit was conducted and based on a Resolution signed in 2010 authorizing the transfer.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting and the May 12th special meeting as presented.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Murphy Tractor equipment demonstration on Wednesday, May 11th and the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting held on Friday, May 13th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, May 10th.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2010-148 thru #2010-149 totaling $49.23.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.
Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the SFY 2012 Grant Conditions for JJA for signature. On motion by commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the FY2012 Grant conditions.

Anderson reported they have received a $200 grant from the Nazareth Convent to help sponsor the Parenting with Love and Limits Program.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed an invoice received from Dow Roofing Systems, LLC for roof repairs in September 2010. Walsh will check into this matter and see if a settlement can be reached.

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until Monday, May 23, 2011.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sherry Nelson, Transfer Station Secretary; Diana Gering, Health Dept. Administrator.

Others attending were: Gary Reynolds; Gary May, District Sanitarian; Stacey VandenBroeder and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Don Menard, Cloud County Silver Haired Legislator; and Joyce Menard.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (The amount of the grant received from the Nazareth Convent to sponsor the Parenting with Love and Limits Program was $1800 and not $200.)

Commissioner Crawford reported she attend the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, May 17th; the 2011 Governor’s Flint Hills Visioning Summit on Tuesday, May 17th; the Juvenile Detention meeting on Wednesday, May 18th; and participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, May 20th.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-150 to #2010-152 totaling $1,098.26.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #15-2011 to cancel check #122788 in the amount of $23.00 because this was a duplicate payment.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Sherry Nelson, Transfer Station Secretary were present for the 2010 Delinquent Solid Waste hearing. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #16-2011 attaching the 2010 Delinquent Solid Waste fees to the 2011 tax roll.

Murdock discussed various routine Solid Waste and Recycling matters with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter of support for a grant application on behalf of the City of Clifton, Kansas. Clifton, in partnership with the Clifton-Clyde USD # 224 are
submitting a Phase I grant application for funding under the Safe Routes to School Program. USD #224 students attending the Clifton-Clyde Middle School must walk to the Clifton-Clyde Grade School each day for lunch. Funding for the Phase I grant would address: engineering and infrastructure, such as sidewalks, road conditions, signage and crosswalks; education, such as teaching children about safety and their community; enforcing existing laws and safety rules to better protect the children; encouragement to create programs to encourage safer commutes to and from school.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported their Medicare Cost Report is complete and it showed an increase in patient services. Comparing 2009 to 2010 the number of Home Health visits increased from 801 to 968; PT visits increased from 85 to 109; and Home Health Aide visits increased from 761 to 1039.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Brittney Dorman, as an Office Clerk at the Health Dept., effective May 23, 2011, at a wage of $11.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Tonya Peltier, as an Office Clerk at the Health Dept., effective June 1, 2011, at a wage of $11.00 per hour.

Gary Reynolds visited with the Board about the requirements for open burning.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he has written 2 permits for repairs and closed 2 permits during the last month.

Stacey VandenBroeder and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging visited with the Board. VandenBroeder reported she has resigned her position as coordinator effective June 30, 2011. Effective July 1, the position will become a part-time position and Gertrude Poe has accepted that position as part-time coordinator.

VandenBroeder and Ramseyer presented the 2012 Budget Appropriation request for the Cloud County Commission on Aging in the amount of one (1) mill. The Board will take the request under consideration when they prepare the County budget.

Don Menard, Cloud County Representative to the Silver Hair Legislature discussed the Silver Haired Legislature and the various topics they will be addressing when they meet in September, in Topeka.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until Tuesday, May 31, 2010.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Jerry Collins, IT Tech.

Others attending were: Karl Jacobson; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Bill Garrison and Arlene Bray, Cloud County Conservation District; Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $116,137.72.

The Board reviewed the various department monthly expense vouchers.

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

The Board requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:12 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:22 a.m. Also included in the session was Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator visited about the damage that occurred from the recent storms in the area.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-153 totaling $116.00.

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

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Cash Farm Lease with Karl Jacobson for the Transfer Station Land.
Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in May 2011 (April sales) was $60,089.44, compared to $60,025.39 received in May 2010.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager stopped by to visit with the Board.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they have received a grant to provide Carbon Monoxide Detectors and information can be obtained at the Health Dept.

Gering reported they have applied for and received a grant from KDHE that will allow Kay Berk to attend a seminar, in St. Louis, Mo., on Male Sexually Transmitted Diseases and their treatment.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Community Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, May 24th and the presentation of the web-site to the Cloud County Museum on Wednesday, May 25th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting, in Clay Center, on Thursday, May 26th.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Memorandum of Understanding with North Central Regional Planning for the preparation of the Safe Room Grant Application.

Bill Garrison and Arlene Bray, Cloud County Conservation District presented their 2012 Budget Appropriation request in the amount of $20,000, which is the same amount requested the past several years. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget. Garrison gave an overview of the services provided by the Conservation District.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board, for the approval of the Cereal Malt Beverage Application by the Cloud County Fair Board.

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:00 p.m.

Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell discussed the requirements for establishing a Public Building Commission.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Jerry Collins, IT Tech discussed several computer issues with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 6, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor; Renee Lippincott, Office of Rural Opportunity with the Kansas Dept. of Commerce; Robbin Cole, Executive Director Pawnee Mental Health and Carol Chartier, Pawnee Mental Health Board Member; Carolee Miner, Sheila Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK; Calvin Schultz, Kansas Crossroads RC&D; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning.

The Chairman signed department expense checks.

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

The Board requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:22 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:32 a.m. Also included in the session was Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; and Linda Bogart, County Clerk.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a classification authorization for the hire of Charles Kemp as a Part-time operator at the Recycling Center, effective June 6, 2011, at a rate of $8.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the new hire.

Casey Fraser, Representative of Foley Tractor discussed the purchase of a backhoe for the Transfer Station. The lease purchase agreement and Guaranteed Buy-back period on their current backhoe will end in 2012 and they would need to purchase a backhoe at that time. However, due to expected price increases that will be implemented in July 2011 and January 2012 there would be a savings of approximately $16,000 if a new backhoe is purchased at this time. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner
Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Transfer Station to use their guaranteed buy-back amount, toward the trade in value, for the lease purchase of a 420E Backhoe from Foley Tractor for a final cost of $57,248.

Renee Lippincott, Office of Rural Opportunity with the Dept. of Commerce gave an overview of the services her office provides and discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Program.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various items with the Board.

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director and Carol Chartier, Pawnee Mental Health Board Member discussed the services provided by Pawnee Mental Health. Cole reported that in 2010 they served 544 persons in Cloud County. They presented their 2012 budget appropriation request in the amount of $68,875 which is the same amount they have received the past several years. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and will resume open session at 1:00 p.m.

Carolee Miner, Sheila Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK presented their 2012 budget appropriation request in the amount of $106,094, the same amount requested as last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

Calvin Schultz, Kansas Crossroads RC&D presented their 2012 budget appropriation request in the amount of $1,200, which as the same amount requested last year. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court discussed the heating and cooling problems in the court offices.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commissioner discussed various items with the Board.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager discussed the heating and cooling system for the Courthouse.

The Board adjourned at 2:35 p.m., until Monday, June 13, 2011.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Randy Sorell, Resource/Surveillance Officer; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Mason Johnson, Undersheriff.

Others attending were: Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Kurt Frazier, Frazier and Johnson Attorneys at Law; Jeff Bechard and Derek Sandman, AgMark; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Joe Weber, Artie Lucas, Larry Goldberg, Goldberg, Sullivan, and McCerey, Architects; Mandy Fincham, North Central Regional Planning.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $121,165.11.

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

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported the Sheriff’s Dept. and Concordia Police Dept. recently participated in the Click It or Ticket Program and a total of 133 tickets were issued. The Sheriff’s Dept. has also received a Federal Grant, in the amount of $6,000, which will be used for the purchase of equipment.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are continuing to work to repair the damage caused by the recent flooding.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Kelcey Guy as a part-time corrections officer, effective June 6, 2011, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Cloud County Fair Board.

Kurt Frasier, Attorney At Law; Jeff Bechard, AgMark; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission; and Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed the proposed facility expansion for AgMark. The $26 million dollar expansion would allow for expanded storage capacity and continue to make Concordia a destination market. Doug McKinney discussed the cost benefit analysis that Regional Planning will be completing for the expansion project. The group also discussed a ten (10) year 100%
tax abatement for this project. When the cost benefit analysis is complete the group will return to visit with the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed problems the private hauler is having at Rolling Meadows, in Topeka, and discussed our hauling contract with Rolling Meadows.

Murdock reported he has checked with all of the banks in the County regarding the financing of the backhoe. The interest rates received from the local banks were: Jamestown State Bank 2.5%; Citizens National Bank 3.56% plus legal fees; Peoples Exchange Bank 3.6%; Central National Bank 3.69%; State Bank of Delphos, at Glasco, 3.95%; Elk State Bank 4.3% plus $300 document processing fee; Citizen State Bank 4.5%; United Bank 4.7%. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing Murdock to sign the loan agreement with Jamestown State Bank, with an interest rate of 2.5%, for the purchase of a backhoe for the Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported their Medicare Audit was completed last week and the Home Health Agency was deficiency free.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director visited with the Board and presented CloudCorp’s 2012 Budget Appropriation request in the amount of $55,000. CloudCorp will make the same request to the City of Concordia. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

The Board recessed at 12:20 p.m. and will resume open session at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, June 10.

Randy Sorell, Resource /Surveillance Officer and Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Correction Director were present for the bid opening for vehicles for their department. Bids were received from Beloit Auto & Truck in the amount of $11,998 after trade and 2 bids from Car Zone $10,000 after trade and $7,000 after trade. The Board asked Sorell and Anderson to review the bids and inspect the vehicles before a decision is made.

Joe Weber, Artie Lucas and Larry Goldberg, Goldberg, Sullivan, McCrerey (GS&M) Architects and Planners presented information on the Jail Assessment Report and discussed the proposed jail facility.

Mandy Fincham, North Central Regional Planning discussed the grant application for the Safe Room Grant.

The Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until Monday, June 20th.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 20, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending were: Ken Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers; P J Owen, Owen Trucking Co.; Paul McNutt, Paul’s Tree Service; Carol Miller, CASA Director; Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan & McCrerey; John Harris, Country Club Bank.

Ellen Anderson discussed the bids received last week for vehicles. No bid was accepted for the purchase of a vehicle.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds, Ken Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers and Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed SB122 and the changes to the law, which goes into effect July 1, 2011, regarding the review of certain survey plats before they are recorded in the Register of Deeds Office. Johnson stated that in 1999 the Board of County Commissioners passed a Resolution to appoint Campbell and Johnson Engineers to review survey plats before they are recorded. It was the consensus of the Board to continue as we have in the past with Campbell and Johnson reviewing the required survey plats.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are continuing to make road repairs and he will be meeting with representatives from FEMA this week.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, June 14th; the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Abilene, on Wednesday, June 15th and participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, June 17th.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and P J Owen, Owen Trucking discussed the problems they are having when they haul to Rolling Meadows Landfill in Topeka. Commissioner Engle, Murdock and Owen will tour both Rolling Meadows Landfill and Hamm Quarries Landfill on Wednesday, June 22nd.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported Vonda Pumalro, Health Nurse has applied for and received the Wal-Mart Foundation grant in the amount of $500, which will be used for educational purposes.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Rona Awalt, Billing Clerk at the Health Dept. effective Monday, June 27th.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change, with a 3 month introductory period, for Brittney Dorman from Office Clerk to Office Clerk/Billing Clerk, effective June 27, 2011, at $11.00 per hour.

Gering reported they need to hire a Registered Nurse, at the Health Dep. to fill a vacant position.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager and Paul McNutt, Paul’s Tree Service discussed the request for bids for the removal of 1 Ash tree and the trimming and pruning of 36 other trees on the Courthouse square.

Bids were received from: David Hughes, Clyde for $100 per hour, with the total number of hours to complete not specified and from Paul’s Tree Service in the amount of $5,180. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Paul’s Tree Services in the amount of $5180.

Carol Miller, CASA Director presented their 2012 budget appropriation request in the amount of $13,000, the same as request the past several years. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness presented the 2012 Emergency Preparedness budget and discussed various items with the Board.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan and McCreery discussed the Architectural and Engineering Services Agreement for the proposed jail project and answered questions from the Board regarding the agreement and project.

John Harris, Country Club Bank presented information regarding the process to be followed in financing the proposed jail project.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 17-2011 appointing Regina L. Thompson as Assistant County Attorney to assist with the Nicole Hoard case.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m., until Monday, June 27, 2011.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Gary May, District Sanitarian; Neil Regnier; Jim Menard, Cloud County EMS Association; Gary Dvorak, Area Agency on Aging; Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Cloud County Tourism Directors; Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan & McCrerey Architects and Planners; Toby Nosker, KNCK Radio; Todd Nicholson.

The Board reviewed department monthly expense vouchers.

The Board approved payrolls totaling $120,338.88.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the sales tax and compensating used tax received for June (May sales) in the amount of $64,711.77, compared to $57,141.07 received in 2010.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed the reduction in DOC grant funds and her plan for dealing with those budget reductions. Anderson discussed the purchase of a vehicle for her department, since all bids received were rejected because they did not meet the bid specifications.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items relating to the proposed jail project with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported there were 127 locations throughout the county needing to be repaired after the June storms. To date the actual cost of repairs completed is $56,169.78; they will be upgrading their phone system; and the air conditioner on the lower level of the highway department building may have been struck by lighting and he will be contacting the county’s insurance company.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the tour of Rolling Meadows Landfill and Hamm Landfill on Wednesday, June 22; they have a supply of wood chips, at the Transfer Station, they will give away to anyone needing them for mulch.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will be replacing 2 computers and she has received a price of $2,519.00 from Computer Solution for the purchase of 1 desktop computer and 1 laptop computer.

Gering reported Kay Berk applied for and received a grant to attend a conference on Male Sexually Transmitted Diseases to be held in St. Louis, Mo. July 10-15. The only cost to the county will be $316.30 for the purchase of a round trip airline ticket.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he has written 1 permit for repairs and closed 4 permits during the last month.

May and Nick Regnier visited with the Board regarding a variance for a new septic system. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Regnier’s request for a variance of 251’ for the installation of a new septic system.

Jim Menard, Cloud County EMS Association presented their 2012 Budget appropriation request in the amount of $10,000. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

Gary Dvorak, Area Agency on Aging presented their 2012 budget appropriation request in the amount of $4000, with the funds to be used to supplement the wages of the Concordia Senior Center nutrition staff. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, June 21.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-154, in the amount of $150.30.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #18-2011 to cancel check # 122894, in the amount of $25.00, due to being lost in the mail.

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Tourism Directors presented the 2012 budget for the Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee, in the amount of $118,085, which will be included in the county budget.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon and will resume open session at 1:15 p.m.
On motion by Commissioner Capsers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #19-2011 to cancel check # 59911, in the amount of $1,398.07, due to a program error at the time the checks were printed.

Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrerey Architects and Planners visited with the Board about the proposed jail project. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Architectural and Engineering Services Agreement with Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrerey Architects and Planners Inc. for the proposed jail facility.

The Board toured the current jail facility.

The Courthouse and county offices will be closed Monday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. The Commissioners will conduct their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, July 5th.

The Board adjourned at 3:35 p.m.
Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks for the various departments.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director requested a fifteen (15) executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m. Also included in the session was the County Clerk.

The Board requested a second executive session for continued discussion on land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:27 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:37 a.m. Also included in the session were Lowell and the County Clerk.

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

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the revisions to the Employee Handbook.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she attend the Regional Health Administrators meeting, in Washington County, last week; and discussed other routine items.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of the District Court presented information on video conferencing for the Court System. She presented the 2012 Budget for the 12th Judicial
District in the amount of $48,950.00, with Cloud County’s share being $13,598.30. Throckmorton presented the 2012 Cloud County District Court Budget in the amount of $134,906.00, and increase of $21,600. The budget increase is due to the one-time cost of the proposed video conferencing project and a software conversion and an increase in attorney fees.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m., until Monday, July 11, 2011.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Charles Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Joe Jindra and Linda Sutton, Kansas Small Business Development Center; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $121,029.62.

Joe Jindra and Linda Sutton visited with the Board about the Kansas Small Business Development Center. They asked the Board to appropriate $14,000 in the 2012 County budget to help fund the center. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director requested a fifteen (15) minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session at 9:05 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:20 a.m. Also included in the session were the County Attorney and the County Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Cloud County supporting and facilitating a prospective manufacturing project to locate in Concordia by purchasing real estate at a cost of $150,000 plus closing costs and leasing that real estate at no cost for a period of five (5) years to a manufacturing enterprise employing approximately 150 people over that five (5) year ramp up period of employment. Cloud County’s support and the real estate purchase are pending upon execution of a mutually satisfactory Development Agreement with the manufacturing prospect and the City of Concordia.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the use of diversion funds.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution # 20-2011 for County Federal Aid Projects Right of Way Clearance for Project # 15C-4233-01 located 4 miles South and ¾ mile East of Jamestown. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the County Federal Aid Project Right of Way Clearance.

Asch presented Resolution # 21-2011 for the installation of 2 stop signs at the SE Corner 3-8-3 and the NW Corner 3-8-3 (intersection of Eagle Road and 160th Road). On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Resolution for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Eagle & 160th Road.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of a 2006 Peterbilt from Doonan Truck and Equipment, at a cost of $70,395 after trade.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they are continuing to scan their older documents.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported they are working on district budgets and they are gathering information for their video conferencing project for the court system.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are completing the road repairs and debris clean-up caused by the June storms and are beginning to work on regular road projects.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are getting ready for the fair; the Extension Office will be accepting old cell phones to be recycled; and Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Extension Office will be sponsoring a Diabetes workshop in October.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will be having a booth at the Cloud County Fair; they are working on their grant applications which are due Friday; and the Cloud County Health Dept. sign has been installed on the North side of the Health Dept. building.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are mowing the brome at the Transfer Station; they have a supply of wood chips, at the Transfer Station, to give away; he has purchased another stock trailer for the Recycling Dept.; and they are getting ready to ship another load of cardboard.

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported they have 3 new patrol vehicles on the road now; he is working with the Board and the architects on the proposed jail project; discussed the
video conferencing project and the cost savings; and they will be having a DARE booth at the Fair.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported they have certified values to the County Clerk; and they are continuing to work on their GIS project.

Charles Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager asked the Board and Department Heads to give them a written list of any projects they need completed and they will work on those as time allows.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk discussed various items regarding personnel issues and the revised Personnel Policies.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

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

Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board presented the 2012 Budget appropriation request for the Cloud County Fair Association in the amount of $35,000, the same as requested in 2011. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County budget.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser presented information on GIS services for the County. They will be contracting with GIS Workshop from Lincoln, Nebraska for technical support, beginning July 15, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, at a cost of $1,145, with the option to review the contract at that time.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed tree trimming and tree removal at the Health Dept. and repairs to the steps at the building.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2010-155 to #2010-158 totaling $981.84.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the City Study Session, concerning the hospital building project, on Wednesday, July 6th at City Hall.

The Board will attend a meeting on Wednesday, at 12:00 noon at City Hall to discuss the Flood Control Project.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until Monday, July 18, 2011.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 18, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Kay Berk, Assistant Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Gary May, District Sanitarian; Anita Strommen, Cloud County Resource Council.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-159 thru #2010-160 totaling $166.27.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended a meeting, on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Concordia Senior Citizen Center regarding the availability of the transportation van for evening and week-end use; and he attended a meeting with the architects and Sheriff Marks regarding the proposed jail project.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended a meeting Wednesday, July 13th at City Hall regarding the recreational area at the South Flood control project; she attended the JJA Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, July 13th; she attended the Tourism meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2011; and she participated on Coffeetime on Friday, July 15, 2011.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit for the Aurora Coop for a buried utility line 395 ft. West of 260th Road on Rock Road. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the ROW Use Permit.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved raising the mileage rate from 50.5 cents to 51 cents per mile for privately owned automobile mileage reimbursement, to match the State mileage reimbursement.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Troy Shepard, effective July 18, 2011 from $ 8.59 per hour to $ 10.00 per hour due to added duties and responsibilities due to the absence of Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various routine items with the Board.

Kay Berk, Assistant Home Health Director discussed various routine items with the Board.

Gary May, District Sanitarian presented his monthly update and discussed the procedures for the inspection of septic systems at the time of property transfer.

Anita Strommen, Cloud County Resource Council Director presented their 2012 Budget appropriation request in the amount of $5,000. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the County Budget.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Doug Hanson and Donald Courville to the Cloud County Commission on Aging, replacing Gertrude Poe and Liz Steinle.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Kyle Bogart as a temporary part-time custodian, effective July 19, 2011, at a rate of $7.25 per hour.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, July 25, 2011.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 25, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Toby Nosker, KNCK Radio; Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrerey.

The Board reviewed monthly expense vouchers for the various departments.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $121,295.89.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the DOC 2011 carryover reimbursement budget summary for signature, in the amount of $7,721.73. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the DOC 2011 carryover reimbursement budget summary.

Anderson presented the DOC 2011 Budget adjustment summary in the amount of $12,666.17. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the DOC 2011 Budget adjustment report.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager presented a request from the City of Concordia for an increase of $20,000 in the yearly amount the county pays for dispatch services. If the requested increase is approved the amount paid by the county would increase from $80,000 to $100,000 per year. The Board will discuss this when preparing the County budget.

Uri requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:20 a.m. Also included in the session was Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Linda Bogart, County Clerk.

Uri also discussed the upcoming TIF projects.
Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various items with the Board.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, July 19th; the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, July 20th; and the North Central Regional Planning Executive Board meeting, in Beloit on Thursday, July 21st.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-161 totaling $19.40.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (Mileage rate from 50.5 cents per mile to 51 cents per mile should have read mileage changed from 50 cents per mile to 51 cents per mile.)

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

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

The Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. and will resume open session at 1:15 p.m.

Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell discussed the establishment of a Public Building Commission, for the proposed jail project.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved designating Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell as Bond Counsel, for the proposed jail project, subject to mutually agreeable contractual provisions.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved designating Country Club Bank, as financial advisors for the proposed jail project, subject to mutually agreeable contractual provisions.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal discussed the procedure for issuing warrants.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 3:31 p.m. and resumed open session at 3:41 p.m. for the discussion of land acquisition. Also included in the session was Artie Lucas, Goldberg, Sullivan and Mccrerey; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; and Linda Bogart, County Clerk.

The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m.
Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Jana Roush, Deputy Register of Deeds.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Brad Berk; Joshua Meyer; Barbara Henry; and Toby Nosker, KNCK.

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-162 and #2010-163 totaling $229.62, as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 22-2011 to cancel check # 123371, in the amount of $1,026.00, due to being vouchered twice.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 23-2011 to cancel check # 123670, in the amount of $120.00, due to the merchandise being returned.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director asked the Board if they would be willing to attend a joint executive session with the Concordia City Commission to discuss confidential business information.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Manhattan, on July 26th and the North Central Regional Planning Executive Board meeting, in Beloit, on July 28th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various items with the Board.
Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the county’s share of compensating use tax and sales tax received for July 2011 (June sales), in the amount of $59,173.84, compared to collection in 2010 of $59,983.29.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Crawford as voting delegate to the KAC Annual Conference to be held in Topeka, November 13-15, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Caspers as the 1st alternate voting delegate to the KAC Annual Conference to be held in Topeka, November 13-15, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Engle as the 2nd alternate voting delegate to the KAC Annual Conference to be held in Topeka, November 13-15, 2011.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented information on the rates being charged Republic County and the possible need to increase those rates.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager invited the Board to attend the Concordia City Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd and participate in an executive session to discuss confidential business information.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

Jana Roush, Deputy Register of Deeds presented a classification change for the resignation of Rebecca Charbonneau, effective July 29, 2011, who is leaving to continue her education.

The Board recessed at 11:35 a.m. and will resume open session at 1:15 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #24-2011 to establish a Public Building Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments to the Public Building Commission: Barbara Henry, whose term will end January 2015, was appointed by Commissioner Crawford; Joshua Meyer, whose term will end January 2013, was appointed by Commissioner Engle; and Brad Berk, whose term will end January 2013, was appointed by Commissioner Caspers.

The Board recessed at 1:35 p.m. to allow the Public Building Commission to conduct their organizational meeting.

The Board resumed open session at 1:50 p.m.
The Board acknowledged step increases, given upon the Sheriff’s authority, for Roger Garret, Corrections Officer from $13.92 to $14.72 per hour and Marlan Nelson, Corrections Officer from $14.72 to $15.52 per hour, both to be effective August 1, 2011.

The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m. until Monday, August 8, 2011.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Concordia City Commissioners Lyle Pounds, Marsha Wentz, Gary Fraser, Tim Parker and Charles Johnson; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $121,504.65.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-164 totaling $36.00.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Cunningham Telephone for a buried utility cable for Bridge Project 15C-4233-01 located 4 miles South and ¾ mile East of Jamestown. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the ROW Use Permit.

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

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported the new early retirement incentive program for state employees does not apply to the court employees; and gave an update on the Blue Ribbon Commission.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported she has mailed the 2010 delinquent real estate letters and published the delinquent Real Estate list. The delinquent amount totals $301,000 which is an increase of $55,000 over last year’s delinquent amount.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they were very pleased with turn out at the Cloud County Fair and they are starting to prepare for the State Fair.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are planning to seal approximately 30 miles of county roads and they will be working in Glasco and Miltonvale to help seal their streets, when the weather permits.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they have almost completed the 120 day cover on the Construction/Demolition Pit; and during the Cloud County Fair they collected 22 gallons of plastic and a stock trailer full of cardboard.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are busy with immunizations and KanBe Health checks; Kay Berk will be at CCCC next week for their student orientation; and they are receiving training for the new program they have purchased.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported she will be looking for a part-time person for data entry.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported mostly routine business in their office.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are finishing with budgets for the townships and special districts.

Commissioner Crawford reported they are still looking for a location for the proposed jail project.

The Department head meeting ended and the Board resumed open session at 10:20 a.m.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the fees being charged Republic County.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:15 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 30 minute executive session at 1:32 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:02 p.m. to discuss confidential business information. Also included in the session were the Concordia City Commissioners, Concordia City Manager, Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director and the County Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a second 30 minute executive session at 2:03 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:33 p.m. to continue discussion of confidential business information. Also included in the session were the Concordia City Commissioners, Concordia City Manager, Kirk Lowell and the County Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a third executive session for 15 minutes at 2:35 p.m. and resumed open session at 2:50 p.m. to continue discussion of confidential business information.
Also included in the session were the Concordia City Commissioners, Concordia City Manager, Kirk Lowell and the County Clerk.

On Thursday August 11, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. the Board will conduct a work session, with the county auditor to finalize the county budget.

On Thursday, August 11, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. the Board will conduct a Special meeting with the Concordia City Commissioners, Concordia City Manager and Kirk Lowell to discuss confidential business information.

The Board adjourned at 3:35 p.m. until Monday, August 15, 2011.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Charles Wilson, Glasco Mayor; Charles Ernsbarger and Michael Dove, Glasco City Council; Lowell Thoman, Vice-President CloudCorp; Randy Smith, Jamestown Mayor; Ben Retter, President CloudCorp; Larry Sharpe, KCAMP; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Kevin Cowan, Gilmore and Bell; Fred Larsen; Dean Anderson; Noel Hanson; David Carlgren; Carrie Williams, AgMark; Curt Frazier, Frazier and Johnson; Jeff Bechard, AgMark.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director presented information and Joint Resolution for the cost of installing fueling stations in the communities of Glasco, Aurora and Jamestown. The three communities are asking for the $250,000 received from the wind farm to help fund these projects. The Board will study the information and meet with the group again next week with a decision.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five minute executive session, to discuss land acquisition, at 9:41 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:46 a.m. Also included in the session were Kirk Lowell and the County Clerk.

Walsh discussed various other items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will begin working on various sealing project this week.

Larry Sharpe, KCAMP gave an overview of services provided by KCAMP; he discussed Cloud County’s loss ratio for the past several years; and discussed the reappraisal of County buildings that was conducted by Hirons and Associates, Inc. The reappraisal was completed at KCAMP’s request, to give them updated replacement cost insurance values.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the rates being charged Republic County.

At 11:15 the Board conducted a public hearing to determine the advisability of the proposed issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds, in an amount not to exceed $26,000,000 for the proposed AgMark Expansion Project.
During the hearing Kurt Frazier gave an overview of the previous expansion project and Jeff Bechard gave an overview of the proposed new 10 year expansion project.

Kevin Cowan, Gilmore and Bell discussed the Cost Benefit Analysis that was required and the benefits to the various entities involved over the 10 year period.

The hearing closed at 11:50 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #26-2011 a Resolution of Intent to Issue Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of commercial grain handling and storage facility in an amount not to exceed $26,000,000.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the adoption of Resolution #25-2011 to authorize the sale and conveyance of certain unimproved land by Cloud County, Kansas to AgMark, LLC.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #27-2011 to act jointly with the City of Concordia to purchase ½ interest in the property located at 1401 E. 6th, the former Alco Discount Store, and make it available for development, in an amount not to exceed $75,000, together with ½ of the closing cost.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 8th regular meeting and both special sessions on August 12th.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented a classification change for JoDee LeDuc from Clerk to Deputy Vehicle Clerk, effective August 15, 2011, due to increased responsibility with the new State implemented vehicle program, with a wage change from $13.82 per hour to $14.57 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Amber LeDuc and Rose Ann McGannon as part-time clerks in the Treasurer’s office.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, August 12th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting on Tuesday, August 9th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he spoke at the Rotary Club meeting on Friday, August 12th, regarding the proposed new Law Enforcement Center building project.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m., until Monday, August 22nd.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on August 22, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sherry Nelson, Transfer Station Secretary; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Gary May District Sanitarian; Mark Isley, Group Benefit Specialists; Tom L’Ecuyer, Aurora City Council; Charles Wilson, Glasco Mayor; Michael Dove and Charles Ernsbarger, Glasco City Council; Lowell Thoman, CloudCorp; Kirk Lowell, Executive Director CloudCorp; Randy Smith, Jamestown Mayor; John Herbin, Jamestown City Council; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Artie Lucas and Lawrence Goldberg, Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrery.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $118,229.41.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 28-2011 allowing property taxes levied to finance the 2012 Cloud County budget to exceed the amount levied to finance the 2011 Cloud County budget.

The Board conducted their 2012 Budget hearing, with total expenditures of $9,235,531 and an estimated levy of 58.488 mills, which is an increase of 2.88 mills. No one appeared in opposition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved adopting the 2012 Budget as presented.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about the purchase of the former Alco property and presented a revised Dispatch Service Agreement for the Boards review.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds and Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented the new hire for Stacie Jackson, as a part-time employee, effective August 22, 2011, at a rate of $8.00 per hour. Jackson will work ½ time in the Register of Deeds office and ½ time in the Treasurer’s office. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.
Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five (5) minutes executive session, to discuss non-elected personnel, at 9:10 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:15 a.m. Also, included in the session was the County Clerk.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Sherry Nelson, Secretary discussed a proposed Solid Waste Agreement with Hamm Quarries.

At 9:30 the Commissioners conducted a conference call with the Republic County Commissioners to discuss a proposed rate increase from the current rate of $52.00 per ton to $54.70 per ton. The Republic County Commissioners asked that a revised contract be prepared and sent to them for review.

Murdock and Steve Horkman will be attending the Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR) Conference, in Manhattan, on August 23rd and 24th.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have completed the sealing project in Miltonvale; they will be working in Glasco on Tuesday; and they will be starting on the county sealing projects.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 5 year Waste Services Agreement with N.R. Hamm Quarry, Inc.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented the new hire for Dana Alkire at a part-time homemaker, effective September 6, 2011, at a rate of $8.75 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Gary May, District Sanitarian reported he has issued 4 new permits for repair and 1 new permit for new construction during the last month.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Solid Waste Disposal Interlocal Agreement with Republic County, effective August 22, 2011.

Mark Isley, Group Benefit Specialists presented an overview of services provided by his company. The Board will study the information and make a decision next week.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m. and will resume open session at 1:30 p.m.
Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director reviewed information that was presented last week. The communities of Aurora, Jamestown, and Glasco are each requesting $83,334 of the money received from the Meridian Way Wind Farm, to be used toward the cost of installing fueling station in each of their communities.

Commissioner Engle stated he is in favor of using the funds received from Meridian way to help fund projects within the county and is pleased to see all of the communities working together to see that the various projects can be completed.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved using the $250,000 of Meridian Way Wind Farm money to be used toward the cost of the proposed fueling stations in the cities of Aurora, Jamestown, and Glasco.

Kirk Lowell discussed the counties participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program.

Artie Lucas and Larry Goldberg with Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrery discussed the proposed Law Enforcement Project.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board to pursue acquiring land in the South development site, currently owned by the City of Concordia, for the proposed Law Enforcement Center, unless it is proven it is not a viable site for the project.

The Board adjourned at 3:42 p.m., until Monday August 29th.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Arlene Clayton; Joe Hurla, 360 Energy; Toby Nosker, KNCK: Jessica LeDuc, Concordia Blade Empire.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

The Board reviewed information regarding the sales tax and compensating use tax received in August (July sales) in the amount of $52,848.53, compared to $68,002.25 received in August 2010.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed Cloud County’s participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #29-2011 for Cloud County’s participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager presented the Commercial Real Estate Contract for the purchase of the former Alco property. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Real Estate Contract for the purchase of the former Alco property.

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

At 9:30 a.m. the Board and Asch conducted the consultant selection for Bridge Project 15C-4233-01. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Evaluation Consultants Selection Form.

Proposal to be considered in the selection process were received from BG Consultants, Manhattan; Campbell & Johnson, Concordia; and Cook Flatt & Strobel, Topeka. After completing the selection process, according to Federal guidelines, Campbell and Johnson was selected as consultants on Bridge Project 15C-4233-01.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Commissioner Engle and Commissioner Crawford attended a meeting with representatives of Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrery; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Gary Fraser, Concordia City Commissioner; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Jim Walhmeier, CEO Cloud County Health Center; and Toby Nosker, KNCK radio on Monday, August 22, 2011 to discuss the proposed Law Enforcement Project.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting on Thursday, in Beloit, on Thursday, August 25, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-165 in the amount of $934.02.

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

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a wage change for Brittney Dorman from $11.00 per hour to $11.38 per hour due to completing her 90 day introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Gering presented a classification authorization for the hire of Loni Kindel as an LPN, to fill an open position, at the Health Dept., effective September 12, 2011, at a rate of $16.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the new hire.

Gering discussed various other routine items.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved contracting with Group Benefit Specialists to provide services to oversee the County Employee Benefits package.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items with the Board.

Joe Hurla, 360 Energy discussed the energy grant and possible projects that would qualify.

The Commissioners will participate on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, September 2, 2011.

The Courthouse and County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 6, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Jessica LeDuc, Blade Empire; Toby Nosker, KNCK;

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $117,943.50.

The Chairman signed the department expenses checks.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed a reported violation to the Kansas Open Meeting Act. He asked Commissioners Engle and Crawford to review the 12-part series regarding the Kansas Open Meetings Act that is located on the Kansas Attorney General’s website and notify him when they have completed this review. Walsh told them if they would complete this review no further action will be taken on his part.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine items for the Road and Bridge and Weed Dept.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board signed a Proclamation designating September as Recovery Month for Pawnee Mental Health.

The Board reported they participated on KNCK Coffeetime, on Friday, September 2nd.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported RMA Engineers will be coming to survey for new benchmarks for the Construction/Demolition Pit; and various other routine items.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.
On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Crawford as the voting delegate and Commissioner Caspers as the alternate voting delegate to the KWORCC Annual Meeting to be held in Topeka on November 14, 2011.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

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

Because members of the Museum Board did not attend the meeting, the Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m., until Monday, September 12, 2011.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager

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

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the intergovernmental meeting to be held Wednesday, September 14th; discussed the South Development Property and also the purchase of the former Alco building.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have finished patching the Agenda road and are planning to start the county’s sealing projects next week; and representatives from FEMA will be here tomorrow to gather information on the cost of the flood repairs.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, September 9th.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer discussed the new state mandated Vehicle Program that will be implemented in all 105 counties on December 1 – December 6. She stated that during the implementation of the new program the Treasurer’s office will not be able to do any vehicle transactions; however, they will still be able to collect taxes. She will be attending the Kansas County Officials Association annual conference, in Wichita, September 14th thru 16th.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported the 2 committees that have been reviewing statistics regarding the court systems will be meeting to finalize their information for submission to the Blue Ribbon Commission.
Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported routine business in her office.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they have been preparing for the State Fair; preparing their school programs; and preparing for the “What’s Cooking With Diabetes” class, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield, to be held at the Catholic Parish Hall on October 17 and for pre-registration or information contact the Extension Office.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported they are preparing for a tax foreclosure sale, which will probably be held within 60-90 days; he has met with school officials to discussed procedures for reporting crimes that happen on school property; and they will be presenting programs at the schools in the county, in the near future, to discuss the law.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have finished patching this week; and they will be working on the road at the Transfer Station.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are now hauling to Hamm Quarries at Perry; they are mowing at the old landfill site; and they are getting ready for their fall inspection.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser reported their summer field work is complete; and they are working on a new mapping project and when it is complete Cloud County will be classified as a totally automated county and GIS compliant.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are getting ready for flu clinics. They will be giving flu shots on Monday’s and Wednesday’s from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., no appointments are required, and the cost is $29.00. An evening clinic will be held on September 22nd from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager reported they are continuing to do routine maintenance.

The Board and Department Heads commended Mathews and Troy Shepard for the good job they are doing.

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported they participated in the STEP Program that was conducted over the Memorial Day and Labor Day week-ends. By participating in the program they receive grant funds and they have purchased video equipment for 3 patrol vehicles.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk discussed the Risk Management Grant Program that is available thru KCAMP; discussed the services provided by Group Benefit Specialists; and reported she will be attending the Kansas County Officials annual conference, in Wichita September 14 - 16.

Commissioner Crawford gave an update on Project Bird and the Law Enforcement Project.
The Department head meeting ended at 10:50 a.m. and the Board resumed opened session at 11:00 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they have completed the 120 day cover for the Construction/Demolition Site; and the Road and Bridge Dept. will be making repairs to the road at the Transfer Station.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the management representation letter for the 2010 audit.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed routine items with the Board.

The Board will attend the Intergovernmental meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, to be held at Concordia City hall at 6:30 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until Monday, September 19, 2011
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Mike Lamm; Connor Lamm, CHS Government Student.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $119,930.21.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer and Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal discussed the upcoming tax foreclosure sale. There will be 9 properties included on the sale with a total of approximately $49,000 in unpaid property taxes.

Walsh discussed the bidding process for the Law Enforcement Building project and also the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility permit with Steve Graham for a buried utility line at 2507 Acorn Road, Miltonvale, Kansas. On motion by commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the utility permit.

Commissioner Crawford reported she had received a thank you, for the Road and Bridge Department, for making the repairs to the Agenda Road.

On Thursday, September 29th, Foley Tractor will be conducting a workshop on the Motor Grader Rebuild Program and Commissioners Engle and Caspers will be attending with Asch and Larry Shuler, Shop Foreman.

Asch reported they are continuing to work with FEMA to gather information on the Flood Damage.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director will be meeting with RMA Engineers on Thursday, September 22nd regarding their proposal for engineering work at the Transfer Station; the Road and Bridge Dept. is completing repairs on the road at the Transfer Station; and they shipped a load of #8 news last week.
Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed various items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. (The date of the evening flu shot clinic is to be September 21\textsuperscript{st} and not September 22\textsuperscript{nd}).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-166 totaling $168.24.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 30-2011 to transfer funds from the Community College Tuition Fund, in the amount of $.25 and from the County Bond and Interest Fund, in the amount of $160.93, to the County General Fund, since the funds are to be closed.

All of the Commissioners attended the Inter-governmental meeting, at Concordia City Hall, on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism Meeting on Tuesday, September 13\textsuperscript{th}; participated on KNCK Coffeetime, on Friday, September 15\textsuperscript{th} and attended the Mental Health First Aide Class on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a Memorandum Agreement with Republic County for Family Planning Services. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

Gering reported their 2012 grants awards will total $82,742: State Formula $7,000; Family Planning $23,970; Maternal and Child Health $9,145; Child Care Licensing and Registration Program $36,894, which is an increase from 2011 due to the addition of Phillips County; Immunization Action Plan $5,733.

The Board made a call to Larry Goldberg with Goldberg, Sullivan & McCrery Architects for the Law Enforcement Project.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Valerie Sheely as a fulltime Corrections Officer, effective September 21, 2011.

The Board acknowledged a step increase for David Tanking, a fulltime Corrections Officer, from $13.12 per hour to $13.82 per hour, effective September 18, 2011. The change was implemented by the Sheriff’s authority.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, September 26, 2011.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 26, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; J P Metzler, RMA Engineers; Bruce Brown, Brown Environmental; Gary May, District Sanitarian.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved completing the paperwork and allowing the Chairman to sign the check to the Cloud County Title Company, in the amount of $71,669.35, for the county’s portion of the purchase price of the former Alco Building.

The Board made a conference call to the Rice County Commissioners concerning their jail project that was completed several years ago.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented Resolution #31-2011 for the reappointment of members to the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board. The following members were appointed to serve 2 year terms beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013:

Gary Frint, Belleville Chief of Police as Law Enforcement (Chief of Police) Representative; Gene Helms Washington County Commissioners as Washington County Commission Representative; Brian Marks, Cloud County Sheriff, as Law Enforcement (Sheriff) Representative; Bev Mortimer, USD # 333 Superintendent, as Education Representative; Bob Richard, Beloit City Council Member, as Beloit City Commission Representative; Mark Rothfuss, Outpatient Therapist, as Mental Health Representative; Denis Shumate, Community, as Mitchell County Commissioner Representative; Guy Steier, Cloud County Magistrate Judge, as Judiciary Representative; Regine Thompson, Attorney, as Belleville City Commission Representative; Robert Walsh, Cloud County Attorney, as Prosecution Representative.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments to the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about various items.
The Board will be attending a meeting on Friday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m., at Concordia City Hall, with members of the Concordia City Commission and representatives from BG Consultants to discuss the engineering study for the South Development.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session at 9:31 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:41 a.m. Also included in the session were Ellen Anderson and the County Clerk.

Robert Walsh discussed the Kansas Open Meetings Act regarding the County Commissioners and entities receiving funding from the county.

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

Commissioner Caspers reported on a road concern he received and the Board and Asch discussed the county’s gravel cost/share policy. No decision was made to change the policy.

Commissioners Engle and Caspers will be attending a Motor Grader Rebuild Program to be presented by Foley Tractor, to be held in Mankato on September 29th with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Larry Shuler, Shop Foreman.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and J P Metzler with RMA Engineers discussed an On-Call Agreement with RMA Engineers, as Quality Control Engineers for the Transfer Station regarding the Construction Demolition Site. The Board will have the County Attorney review the Agreement and a decision will be made next week.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

Bruce Brown, Brown Environmental and Gary May, District Sanitarian discussed the type of septic system required to support the proposed condos that are being built in the old missile silo. May and Brown recommended the “Advanced Enviro-Septic Treatment System” (AES) by Presby Engineers. The Board decided to take May’s suggestion as to the type of system and also the permit fee to be charged.

May reported he has closed 2 permits in the last month. He also, discussed a complaint he received last month concerning a system located at 2456 Republic Road. May stated he would recommend a new system be installed and the Board stated they would take his recommendation.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2010-167, in the amount of $15,077.56.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved a Proclamation designating October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month in Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Carson Timmons, to fill a vacant position, as a part-time corrections officer, effective September 21, 2011, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

The Board made a call to John Harris with Country Club Bank concerning the suggested anticipation loan for the Law Enforcement Project.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting held in Mankato, on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 3, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Camey Thurmer, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas; Carolee Miner, Sheila Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK; Mark Bachamp, Olsson Associates; Hannah Haist, Kirstin Strait, Anna Christenson, CHS Government Students.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $120,367.34.

The Chairman signed department expense checks.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed various items related to the purchase of the former ALCO building. The board will attend a study session with the Concordia City Commission, on October 19th to discuss this further.

Uri and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed a meeting that was held on Friday, September 30th to discuss the South Development.

Marks reported he, Undersheriff Mason Johnson and Commissioner Engle will be traveling to St. Joseph, Missouri, this week, to meet with the Architects concerning the Law Enforcement Project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Consultant Agreement for Bridge Project 15C-4233-01. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services By Consultant.

Asch discussed the Equipment Rebuild Workshop held by Foley Tractor, on Thursday September 29th, in Mankato. Commissioners Engle and Caspers and Larry Shuler, Shop Foreman also attended the workshop.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting in Beloit on Tuesday, September 27th.
Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition meeting on Friday, September 30th, in Osborne.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting, in Clay Center, on Tuesday, September 27th; she attended 3 meetings for North Central Regional Planning Commission on Thursday, September 29th, in Beloit.

Commissioners Crawford and Caspers attended a meeting with Concordia City Commission and Engineers concerning the South Development, on Friday, September 30th, at Concordia City Hall.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Kirk Barr as a part-time corrections officer, effective September 27, 2011, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition meeting he attended on Friday, September 30th, in Osborne.

Murdock reported another load of cardboard was shipped last week and to date 268.9 Tons of recyclables have been shipped so far this year.

Murdock presented an Agreement with RMA Engineers for Engineering services for the Transfer Stations Construction/Demolition Site. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Agreement between Cloud County and RMA Engineers for Design Professional Services.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the chairman to sign the Description of Engineering Services and Related Matters between Cloud County and RMA Engineers for Design Professional Services.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Crawford as the Voting Delegate and Commissioner Caspers as Alternate Voting Delegate to the KCAMP Annual meeting, to be held in Topeka, Monday, November 14, 2011.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will be conducting flu shot clinics at the following locations: on October 4th at the Miltonvale Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; on October 11th at the Nicol Home in Glasco from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and October 19th at the Clyde Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They will be giving flu shots at the Health Dept. on Monday’s and Wednesday’s from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Camey Thurmer, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas presented a Proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approves signing the Proclamation.

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:00 p.m.

Carolee Miner, Sheila Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK presented an overview of services; Miner discussed how they are coping with the budget cuts and how those cuts will impact the services they provide; and changes they are anticipating in the future.

Miner reported she will be retiring in November and their Board of Directors has been appointed Shelia Nelson-Stout as President/Chief Executive Officer.

Mark Bachamp, Olsson Associates, Manhattan, Kansas introduced himself and gave a brief overview of services his company can provide.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax collected for September (August sales) was $58,585.03, compared to collections received September 2010, in the amount of $57,408.00.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m., until Monday, October 10, 2011.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Jonathan Strowig, Deputy Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Janet Hieger, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Jonathan Strowig, Deputy Sheriff visited with the Board regarding a training class he and Chris Edin, Concordia Police Chief are organizing for students in the Criminal Justice Program at Cloud County Community College. The Board gave their permission to use the newly acquired ALCO building but requested he get permission from the City of Concordia also.

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

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed a trip that he and Undersheriff Mason Johnson made last week to St. Joseph, Missouri to meet with the architects on the Law Enforcement Project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Authority to Award Contract for Commitment of County Funds for Project 15-C4233-01. The Bid was awarded to L & M Contractors, Great Bend for a total cost of $306,379.65, with the county share to be $67,700. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Authority to Commit County Funds.

Asch discussed various other items with the Board.

Janet Hieger, Blue Cross Blue Shield presented the 2012 renewal rates for the health insurance for county employees. The 2012 rates for single coverage is $516.78; Employee/child coverage is $1,045.40; Employee/Spouse coverage is $1110.17; and Employee/Dependent is $1,638.82. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved renewing the health insurance coverage for 2012 with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he attended the Kansas Landfill Association Conference, in Salina on Thursday, October 6, 2011; and discussed various routine items with the Board.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 32-3011 cancelling check # 060211, in the amount of $1,398.07, due to the fact the computer combined two vendors.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #33-2011 for the annexation of land into the City of Concordia for the construction of a new sub-station by Prairie Land Electric Cooperative which is required to provide power to the North Development.

Commissioner Engle reported he went to St. Joseph, Missouri on October 3 – 5, 2011 to meet with the architects on the Law Enforcement Project.

Commissioner Caspers reported that he attended the Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) conference in Scott City, on October 6 – 7, 2011.

The board adjourned at 12:20 p.m., until Monday, October 17, 2011.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 17, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Carol Faring, Deputy County Treasurer; Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper.

Others attending were: Phil Gilliland, Citizens National Bank; Mark Isley, Group Benefit Specialists.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $119,844.94.

Phil Gilliland, Citizens National Bank discussed temporary financing for the Law Enforcement Project.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the progress on the Law Enforcement Project.

Sheriff Marks and Commissioner Caspers will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, October 24th thru 26th to visit with representatives of SteelCell of North America and tour their facilities.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the sealing project on the Aurora Road is complete and they will begin working on the Jamestown/Glasco road north of Highway 9 to the county line; and he and Larry Shuler, Shop Foreman will be traveling to Topeka this week to look at an excavator.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported KDHE was here on Wednesday, October 12th to inspect the old landfill site; and Carl Eyman with KWORCC was here on Friday, October 14th to inspect the Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2010-168 in the amount of $30.02.
Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, October 14th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, October 11th.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will be conducting a flu shot clinic, in Clyde, on Wednesday, October 19th at the Senior Citizens Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and they will be conducting an evening flu shot clinic, at the Health Dept., on Wednesday, October 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented an application for a grant thru the Duclos Foundation, in the amount of $2,000. Grant funds will be used to help support the resource/surveillance position. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the grant application.

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

Mark Isley, Group Benefit Specialist discussed the benefits Cloud County provides their employees.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board authorized changing carriers for the county’s Short Term Disability from UNUM to American United Life (AUL); to provide a base Long Term Care Insurance policy through UNUM with the ability to purchase additional coverage; offer a volunteer vision program thru Superior Vision; and change the Section 125 coverage from AFLAC to Colonial.

Mark Isley made a presentation to department heads on the benefit changes, the new benefits being made available, and also the services his company will be providing Cloud County.

The Board made a conference call to Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell; John Harris, Country Club Bank; and Artie Lucas and Lawrence Goldberg concerning the financing for the Law Enforcement Project.

The Board will be attending a study session with the Concordia City Commission on Wednesday, October 19th.

The Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m., until Monday, October 24, 2011.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were:

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the sealing project has been completed on the Jamestown/Glasco Road from Hwy 9 North to the County line.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Brad Czapanskiy as a construction laborer, effective October 17, 2011.

The Board will tour county roads with Asch next Monday afternoon, October 31, 2011.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported that because of the dry conditions they have prepared a 3 sided dirt berm and persons wanting to dispose of fireplace ashes can deposit them there. The berm is located by the metal pile and they will have signs posted as to the location.

Murdock stated that because of the dry conditions they are unable to burn the tree pile, at the Transfer Station; and GeoCore will be here tomorrow to inspect and test our test wells at the old Landfill site; and at the Recycling Center they shipped another load of cardboard last week.

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

The Board acknowledged the following wage changes, due to Sheriff’s authority: Jonathan Strowing from $15.19 per hour to $16.05 per hour and Nicholas Patterson from $15.19 per hour to $16.05 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for John Primeaux, to fill a vacant position,
from part-time corrections officer to full-time corrections officer, effective October 31, 2011, at $13.12 per hour.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a classification sheets for the hire of 2 Home Health RN’s, due to the Health Dept accepting numerous new clients due to the closing of the Innovative Care Office, in Concordia. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Linda Coons, as Home Health RN, effective October 31, 2011, at a rate of $16.73 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Kimberly Randall, as Home Health RN, effective October 31, 2011, at a rate of $16.73 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Dana Alkire from part-time homemaker to full-time homemaker, effective October 31, 2011, with no wage change.

Gering reported they would be conducting an evening flu shot clinic on Wednesday, October 26th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Health Dept.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, October 19th and also the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, October 19th.

All of the Commissioners attended a study session with the Concordia City Commission on Wednesday, October 19th.

The Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m., until Monday, October 31, 2011.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending were: Ted Samuelson, Concordia Senior Center; Lance Lagasse; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Christa Deneault, Siri McGuire, Brittany Randall, Gabe Sprague and Ike Uri, CHS Government Students.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $120,279.13. The Board reviewed department monthly expense vouchers.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the trip he and Commissioner Caspers made to Atlanta, Georgia last week to tour the facilities of SteelCell of North America.

Ted Samuelson visited with the Board regarding the funding to the Cloud County Commission on Aging and the percentages to be used to distribute funds to the area Senior Citizen Centers.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in October 2011 (Sept. sales) totaled $66,265.63, compared to October 2010 in the amount of $62,755.34.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented preliminary cost estimates, in the amount of $156,989.08, for the extension of Plum Road if the jail were to be located in the South Development. Asch reported a project of this size would take approximately 8-9 weeks for his department to complete.

Asch reported he has received a request for a 45 mile speed limit sign to be installed on Quaint Road between the City limits and 130th Road. No action was taken. The Board will tour that area on their road tour today.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser visited with the Board about the Flood Insurance Program.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the test wells were inspected last week and they are waiting the results.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported KDHE completed the Immunization Survey for the Health Department last week and no deficiencies were found; and they will continue to give flu shots until their supply of vaccine is gone.

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

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Arvid Flewelling, as a member of the Benefit Fire District #1 C&R board, since he is moving from the area.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attend the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, in Clay Center; and the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, October 27th, in Beloit.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved not to re-join the National Association of Counties since were are now members of the Kansas Legislative Policy Group.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Empower as administrators of the county’s Flexible Benefit (Section 125) Plan.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented a copy of the Cloud County Emergency Operations Plan for Board review. The Board will review the Plan and Eubanks will return next week for final approval.

Lance Lagasse discussed a proposed building project at the Cloud County Fairgrounds. The Saddle Club, the Cloud County Fair Board and the Cloud County 4-H organizations are proposing a 100’ x 140’ open air structure, with 16’ side walls, be constructed next to the existing beef barn. The pavilion will be used during the Cloud County Fair, as well as, by other organizations for functions throughout the year.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board moved that contingent upon receiving the yearly funds, in March, from the Meridian Way Wind Farm the Board would commit $40,000 to the building project for the beef pavilion at the Cloud County Fairgrounds.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon and will resume at 1:30 p.m. for a tour of Plum Road and Quaint Road with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, County Sheriff; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager; Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending were: Artie Lucas and Lawrence Goldberg, Goldberg Sullivan and McCrery; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission; Page Reed, Cameron Krager, Trent Tholstrup, Megan Frost, Tyler Snavely, Paige Evans, Kadin Zimmerman, Kaleb Gerard, Drew Erkenbrack, Shane Zimmerman, Blake Woellhof, CHS Government Students; Elisa Gerard, CHS Government Instructor.

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks.

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

Brian Marks, Sheriff brought pictures that he had taken during the trip he and Commissioner Caspers took to Atlanta, Georgia to visit the SteelCell manufacturing facility and also their visit to a jail that was being constructed.

Marks reported that he and Mason Johnson, Undersheriff will be attending the Kansas Sheriff’s Association Annual Conference in Hutchinson; and he reported the Sheriff’s Dept. has worked several vehicle/deer accidents recently and wanted to remind people to be cautious while driving.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Application for Tax Exemption on the former ALCO building.

Diana Gering, Health Dept. discussed hiring another part-time Home Health Aide due to an increase in the number of clients needing services; and she discussed various other routine items.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are not required to have a Storm Weather Pollution Prevention Plan for the Recycling Center but would need a plan for the Transfer Station and RMA, Engineers is currently working on it.
Murdock reported he and Dana Ringer would be in Wichita on November 9 – 10 to attend the Solid Waste Management Conference and Operators Training Course, presented by KDHE.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 34-2011 to cancel check # 124520, in the amount of $148.25, due to this being a duplicate payment.

Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager visited with the Board about the pickup being used by the Maintenance Department. He also visited about the Employee Christmas Dinner. The Board set the date for the dinner on December 19th and asked Mathews to place and ad in the Blade and the Advertiser requesting proposals for the dinner.

Jim Johnson, Maintenance Manager visited with the Board.

Artie Lucas and Lawrence Golberg, GS & M Architects visited with the Board about the Law Enforcement Project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Joint Road Terrace Use Permit for Roger Koester for the installation of a terrace in the N2 S2 11-7-2. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Jt. Road Terrace Use Permit.

Asch reported he had sent out pipe proposals to J & J; DC Wholesale; and Welborn. Proposals are to be returned by November 18th and the Board will review them on Monday, November 21st.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director presented the final draft of the Cloud County Emergency Operations Plan for approval. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved and signed the Emergency Operations Plan.

The Courthouse and County Offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th, in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

The Board will attend the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference, in Topeka, November 13th thru 15th.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, November 21, 2011.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 21, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Caleb Brzon, Concordia Auto Mart; P J Owen, Owen Trucking; Elisa Gerard, CHS Government instructor; Drew Ukens, Tircia Davis, Rissa McNichols, Emily Hoard, Kaity Buckland, Dalton Ediger, James Tyler, Slater Champlin, Caleb Bowers, Aaron Comstock, CHS Government Students.

The Board approved the payrolls paid November 14, 2011 totaling $118,990.43.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items concerning the Law Enforcement building project.

Walsh requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:48 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:53 a.m. Also included in the session was the County Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the purchase price of $6,200 from Concordia Auto Mart for a 2004 Chevy pickup for use by the Maintenance Dept.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented paperwork for the hire of Corey Roush and Jarron Baxter as construction laborers, effective November 28, 2011, at a rate of $11.02 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Corey Roush and Jarron Baxter as construction laborers, to fill 2 vacant positions at the Highway Dept.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved a request for a Right of Way Use Permit for Rural Water District #1 for a buried waterline approximately ½ mile South of Highway 28 on 60th Road.

Asch presented the proposals for the purchase of corrugated metal pipe. Proposals were received from: Welborn Sales $17,039.62; J & J Drainage $20,087.45; and DC Wholesale $20,193.67. Asch recommended accepting the lowest proposal from Welborn.
Sales. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the low proposal from Welborn Sales, in the amount of $17,039.62 for the purchase of corrugated metal pipe.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and P J Owen, Owen Trucking discussed the 2012 hauling contract. Owen Trucking is currently charging $314.37 per trip and is requesting an increase to $318.00 per trip for 2012, due to the increased cost of diesel fuel and tires. No decision was made and the Board asked them to return next week for a decision.

Murdock reported they shipped a load of cardboard, a load of #8 news and a load of clothes and shoes last week. For the year they have shipped a total of 359 Tons of recyclables.

The Recycling Center and Transfer Station will be closed on November 24, 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Commissioners attended the Kansas Association of Counties meeting, in Topeka, on November 13 – 15 and the City Commission study session on Wednesday November 16th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, November 18th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting on Wednesday, November 16th, in Junction City.

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

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the engagement letter with Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered to conduct the 2011 Annual Audit and assist with the preparation of the 2013 County Budget.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a classification sheet for the hire of Blythe Atwell as a Home Health Aide/Homemaker, effective December 1, 2011, at a rate of $9.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Blythe Atwell due to the number of additional clients received with the closing of Innovative Care.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Maintenance Agreement with R & L Fire & Security Specialists, LLC for service on the alarm system at the courthouse.

Commissioner Caspers asked that it be noted that he feels there should be a formal process to determine how the Meridian Way Wind Farm monies are distributed. We
should wait until spring and see if and how much money we receive, then give cities, clubs, groups, etc. a deadline to turn in their projects. Commissioners should then study the projects, get input from the citizens before making the decisions on where and to whom the funds are distributed. If anyone has comments on this or any other county issues, the can email him at ghost@nckcn.com.

The Courthouse and County Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, November 28, 2011.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 28, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; P J Owen, Owen Trucking; Josh Rhodes, CHS Government Student.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $120,594.02.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers for the various departments.

Commissioner Engle requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive session, for the discussion of land acquisition, at 9:03 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:13 a.m.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager stopped by to ask the Board about the topics they want to discuss with the Concordia City Commissioners at their study session on Wednesday, December 7th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Utility Permit from AT&T for a buried utility line at 1511 Noble Road. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the utility permit.

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

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and P J Owen, Owen Trucking presented the 2012 Solid Waste Hauling contract for approval. They are recommending an increase in the per trip rate for 2012, from the current rate of $314.82 per trip to $318.00 per trip, due to
the increased cost of diesel fuel and tires. On motion by Commissioner Capspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2012 Solid Waste Hauling contract with Owen Trucking, at a rate of $318.00 per trip.

Murdock and the Board set the Solid Waste Committee meeting for Thursday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse meeting room.

The Board reviewed the information received regarding the amount of compensating use tax and sales tax received in November 2011 (October sales) in the amount of $62,753.86, compared to the $57,252.50 received in November 2010.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Noel Hanson to the Benefit Fire District # 1C&R Board of Directors, replacing Arvid Flewelling, who has resigned after 50 years of service.

Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager presented the one proposal received for the Employee Christmas luncheon. The proposal was received from Texas Red’s Catering at a cost of $7.50 per plate. The Christmas luncheon will be held on December 19th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mathews discussed various other items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 5, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Sherry Nelson, Transfer Station Secretary; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Courtney Lanoue, Lauren Forshee, Emily Hasch, Kyle Baglo, Page Reed, Ashlynn Lambert, Jordan Brown, Mackenzie Parker, Brittany Noel, Whitney Hillman, Linda Dehnel-Snavely, Dylan Moore, Drew Knapp, David Strait.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director and Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the former Alco Building and various other items with the Board.

Commissioner Engle requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss land acquisition. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 10 minute executive at 9:15 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m. Also included in the session were Kirk Lowell, Brian Marks, Robert Walsh, and Linda Bogart.

Brian Marks, Sheriff and Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the skid steer and dump truck that were seized equipment that was used in a fraud case and the procedure for making restitution to the victims. The county has first option to purchase the seized equipment and the Cloud County Highway Dept. will purchase the skid steer for $7500 and the dump truck for $15,000.

Asch discussed various other items with the Board.

Asch requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 10:00 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:05 a.m. Also included in the session were Robert Walsh and Linda Bogart.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Sherry Nelson, Transfer Station Secretary discussed the 2012 contract with Republic County.
Murdock presented a classification for the hire of Gary McGinnis as a part-time operator at the Recycling Center. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Gary McGinnis as a part-time operator at the Recycling Center, effective December 5, 2011, at a rate of $8.00 per hour.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported Early Head Start has asked if a small electric range could be installed at the Health Dept. building. They have received a grant in the amount of $267, which will cover $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the stove. The Health Dept will pay the remaining $267 of the cost.

Gering presented a change in job title for Shirley Johnson from Home Health, RN to Home Health RN/PR Liaison, with no wage change, effective December 1, 2011. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change in job title for Shirley Johnson.

Chuck Mathews, Assistant Maintenance Manager discussed the purchase of a snowblower and mounting hardware for the John Deere tractor for the Health Dept. at a cost of $1290. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board moved to allow the maintenance Dept. to purchase the snowblower and mounting hardware for the John Deere tractor from Concordia Tractor, Inc. at a cost of $1290.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2011-00001 and # 2011-00002 totaling $1,167.76.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation designating December 7, 2011 as “Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance” in Cloud County.

The Commissioners will attend a study session with the Concordia City Commissioners on Wednesday evening, December 7th at 6:30 p.m., at Concordia City Hall.

The Commissioners will attend the Solid Waste Committee meeting on Thursday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse meeting room.

Commissioner Caspers requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 12:03 p.m. and resumed open session at 12:08 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m., until Monday, December 12, 2011.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 12, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Michaela Copple and Junie Morgan, CHS Government Students; Darrel Hosie; Norman and Sherry Johnson; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Joe Weber, GS&M; Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Tourism Co-Directors; Charles Wilson, Mayor of Glasco; Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning; Diana Coggin, Clean Line Energy; Jon Puckett, Mayor of Miltonvale; Marsha Wentz, Mayor of Concordia; Terry S. Koch, Mayor of Clyde; Dana Brewer; Randy Smith, Mayor of Jamestown; and Elaine Bowers, State Representative for 107th District.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board accepted the recommendation of the Cloud County Commission on Aging and approved the appointment of Dan Gerber as a Cloud County representative to the North-Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board replacing Betty Saunders.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 35-2011 cancelling check #124561, in the amount of $187,717.60, due to the check not being received by the vendor.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 36-2011 cancelling check #124958, in the amount of $120.62 due to the check being issued to the wrong vendor.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 37-2011 cancelling check #125000, in the amount of $774.54, due to the check being issued to the wrong vendor.

Norman and Sherry Johnson and Darrel Hosie discussed their concerns about locating the proposed Law Enforcement Center in the North Development.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the meeting he attended with the Republic County Commissioner regarding the proposed rate increase for 2012. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the Solid Waste Inter-local Agreement with Republic County for 2012, at a rate of $60.00 per ton plus fuel compensation.

Murdock reported he attended the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition meeting in Osborne on Friday, December 9, 2011.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented the resignation for Elaine Paul as a Home Health RN, at the Health Dept., effective December 19, 2011. The Board acknowledged the resignation.

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Tourism Co-Directors presented a recommendation from the Tourism Committee for the appointment of Melissa Bradley to the Convention and Tourism Board replacing Tejal Patel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the recommendation of the Tourism Board and approved the appointment of Melissa Bradley replacing Tejal Patel.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2011-18 to #2011-60 totaling $4,013.38.

Commissioner Engle reported he met with representatives of Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrery on December 6th and 7th; and he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on December 8th.

The Board attended the study session with the Concordia City Commission on Wednesday, December 7th and attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting on Thursday, December 8th.

The Board placed a call to Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell concerning the Jail Project.

The Board recessed at 12:20 p.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Diana Coggin, Clean Line Energy presented information on their company and the proposed projects they are developing in the State of Kansas.

The Board discussed the location for the proposed Law Enforcement Center and reviewed a draft of a “Letter of Intent” with CloudCorp.

Kirk Lowell and Dana Brewer presented the 2012 Funding Agreement with CloudCorp, in the amount of $55,000 for Board signature. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2012 Funding Agreement between CloudCorp and Cloud County.

The Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m., until Monday, December 19, 2011.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director; Barbara Henry, Joshua Meyer and Brad Berk, Members of the Public Building Commission.

Kirk Lowell, CloudCorp Executive Director presented a Letter of Intent for Property Purchase for the Boards review. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Letter of Intent for the purchase of land in the Concordia North Development.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented quotes he received from Foley Tractor; Victor L. Phillips; Murphy Tractor and Sellers Equipment regarding the purchase of a used loader for his department. No decision was made.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented the 2012 Solid Waste Inter-local Agreement with Republic County. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Solid Waste Inter-local Agreement for depositing and handling Republic County solid waste at a rate of $60.00 per ton plus the Republic County share of the monthly fuel compensation, to be determined by the amount of tons generated each month by Republic County.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, 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 Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2012 contract with Pawnee Mental Health, in the amount of $68,875.00.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Shirley Township of the Cereal Malt Beverage Application by Patrick Girard DBA The St. Joe Store.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote
the Board approved Resolution #38-2011 to transfer $6,000, in unused funds, from the
County Election Fund to the Election Capital Outlay Fund.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed the Flood Insurance Program and some of the
administrative requirements for the program.

The Board received a call from Larry Goldberg and Artie Lucas with Goldberg, Sullivan
and McCrery.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. to host the employee Christmas Luncheon and resumed
open session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board called Joe Norton, Gilmore and Bell.  Mr. Norton explained the procedures
for issuance of revenue bonds and guided the Board thru the paperwork necessary to
start the process for issuing bonds for the Law Enforcement Project.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote
the Board approved Resolution #39-2011 requesting the Public Building Commission
(PBC) to issue revenue bonds in the amount not to exceed $6,000,000 for the purpose of
paying all or a portion of the costs to acquire a site and construct and equip thereon a new
Law Enforcement/Detention Center in the county to be leased to Cloud County, Kansas.

The Board recessed at 1:45 p.m. to allow the Public Building Commission to conduct
their meeting.

The Board resumed open session at 2:12 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote
the Board approved signing a letter appointing Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness
Director as Exercise Program Manager for Emergency Management Training in Cloud
County, which was effective January 1, 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote
the Board approved accepting the recommendation of the Glasco Senior Center for the
appointment of Carmelita Berndt to the Cloud County Commission on Aging.  Ms.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote
the Board approved Abatement #2011-60 to 2011-0074 totaling $3,991.82 as presented.

The Board adjourned at 3:20 p.m., until Tuesday, December 27, 2011.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 27, 2011 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Johnita Crawford, Members Gail Engle, and Gary Caspers, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

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

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Arlene Clayton; Chad Blackwell, Murphy Tractor; Mark Johnson, Sellers Equipment; Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Cloud County Tourism.

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2011-75 thru 2011-81 totaling $223.22.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $119,399.89.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers for the various departments.

The Board reviewed information from the County Treasurer stating the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in December (November sales) was $66,331.28, compared to the $57,243.13 received in December 2010.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved $2,500 be encumbered from the Election Fund Budget for the year 2011 for the purchase of Advance Ballot Mailing and Return Envelopes and other election supplies.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager was present to discuss heater repair to the former ALCO building. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved authorizing $1,012.00 for the cost of repairs, with the City of Concordia also paying $1,012.00 to Hood Heating for the repair.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented quotes for loaders. Foley Tractor, $109,000 for a 2009; Victor L. Phillips, $93,100 for a 2008; Murphy Tractor, $91,000 for a 2009; and Sellers Equipment, $87,000 for a 2008. Chad Blackwell from Murphy Tractor attended to discuss his quote, and Mark Johnson from Sellers Equipment attended to discuss his quote. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of the loader from Sellers Equipment for $87,000.00 for a 2008 Doosan wheel loader.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #39-2011, presented by Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, to transfer from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Road and Bridge Special Machinery Equipment Fund, such amount not exceed 25% of the Road and Bridge Fund Budget. Appropriation of such amount to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a five (5) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Also included in the session was Steve Williams with the County Appraisers office. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a five (5) minute executive session at 9:50 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:55 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various routine matters.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed routine business and that the Home Health Aides will be attending a Drug Identification Class presented by Mike Copple on January 11, 2012.

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Co-Tourism Directors discussed Board appointments. The terms of three members expire 12/31/11. They include Ron Hearns, Tejal Patel and Larry Sorell. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the nomination on Misty Monzon (replacing Ron Hearns), Tejal Patel and Larry Sorrel to fill the terms through 12/31/2014.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved $340.00 Encumbered Funds for Cloud County Convention & Tourism for an 1/8 page ad for 2012 Kansas Sampler Guide.

Arlene Clayton discussed various items.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., until Tuesday, January 3, 2012.