Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on January 7, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Gail Engle, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Burl Maley and Janet Eubanks, Chemical Dependency Committee; Dolores Landry, Betsy Reed, Susan Cantine-Maxson, Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee; Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $131,228.53.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager discussed various routine items with the Board.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various routine items with the Board.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the contract with the City of Concordia for dispatch services. Uri presented a draft of the revised contract for Board consideration. Uri will return next Monday to discuss the revised contract.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the cost of gravel increased to $5.60 per ton in 2011; increased again to $6.00 per ton at the beginning of 2012; and increased to $6.50 per ton effective January 1, 2013. Asch discussed the county the surfacing policy and reported it has not been revised since January 2011. Because this is the second increase in the cost of gravel, since the policy was amended, it was recommended the cost share portion be increased from $3.35 per ton to $4.00 per ton. Asch will bring in an updated policy for approval next week.

Asch discussed other routine items with the Board.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a change for Kathy Hajny, due to reaching the end of her introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a wage change for Kathy Hajny, from her introductory wage of $11.68 per hour to the recommended wage of $11.93 per hour, effective December 30, 2012.

Murdock discussed various other routine items with the Board.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #860 - #866 totaling $501.60.

Abatement # 860 was allowed Cary Stupka, Concordia City, in the amount of $55.38, due to the 2003 Ford being sold in July 2012.

Abatement # 861 was allowed Cary Stupka, Concordia City, in the amount of $55.70, due to the value was for the incorrect model of 2011 Ford.
Abatement #862 was allowed Cary J. Stupka Construction, in the amount of $7.64, due to the 1972 GMC was sold in July 2012.

Abatement # 863 was allowed Jeff Nelson, Sibley Township, in the amount of $1.14, due to the vehicle being sold in November 2012.

Abatement #864 was allowed Gerald Weber, Lincoln Township, in the amount of $9.00, due to the 1977 GMC is non-running.

Abatement #865 was allowed Jeff Tholstrup, Lincoln Township, in the amount of $236.82, the value placed on the vehicle was the wrong model.

Abatement #866 was allowed Jeff Tholstrup, Lincoln Township, in the amount of $135.92, due to the 1995 Chevy being sold.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the retirement reception for Jim Bourne on Friday, December 28, 2012; and the Clyde lighting dedication and reception of Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the retirement reception for Jim Bourne on Friday, December 28, 2012; and the Clyde lighting dedication and reception on Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the retirement reception for Jim Bourne on Friday, December 28, 2012.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the surety bonds for several township treasurers.

Burl Maley and Janet Eubanks, Chemical Dependency Committee gave an overview of services provided by the committee. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2013 Funding Agreement with the Chemical Dependency Committee, in the amount $38,922.

Dolores Landry, Betsy Reed, Susan Cantine-Maxson, Tammy Britt and Susie Haver, Cloud County Convention & Tourism Committee reported the terms of Betsy Reed (Kansas Creek Inn); Jerry Stenberg (Clyde Hotel); Susan Cantine-Maxson (Brown Grand Theatre); and Scott Seifert (Clyde Chamber) expired December 31, 2012.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Betsy Reed; Jerry Stenberg; Susan Cantine-Maxson and Scott Seifert to the Cloud County Convention and Tourism Board.

Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board gave an update on the projects they are planning for the fair grounds. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Engle, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Jason Wheeler, Sherry Nelson and Jim Jackson to the Cloud County Fair Board.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon until Monday, January 14, 2013.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on January 14, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Charles Johnson.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Commissioner Engle as Chairman for 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford to approve Resolution # 2013-1 approving county depositories. Central National Bank was designated as depository for the County Clerk and Sheriff. Citizens National Bank was designated as depository for the County Attorney; and United Bank and Trust was designated as the depository for the Register of Deeds. All banks in the county were designated as depository for the County Treasurer.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-2 designating the Concordia Blade Empire as the official county newspaper for 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-3 approving the Waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the following Committee appointments for 2013:

**Commissioner Crawford:**
- North Central Regional Planning Commission
- CloudCorp Board of Directors
- JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Convention & Tourism Board
- Juvenile Detention Committee

**Commissioner Caspers:**
- NCK Regional Homeland Security Council
- Cloud County Resource Council

**Commissioner Engle:**
- Chemical Dependency Committee
- Alternate to Solomon Valley E-Waste Committee
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

All Commissioners will serve on the Solid Waste Committee; Health Advisory Board and the Sanitary Code Committee.
The Board also appointed the County Clerk as Freedom of Information Officer; Dr. Roger Warren as District Coroner; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager as ADA/Safety Coordinator; and Justin Murdock as the Cloud County representative on the Solomon Valley E-Waste Committee.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved, on behalf of the Public Building Commission, the payment of the following invoices:

Goldberg, Sullivan and McCrerey $5,981.40; City of Concordia $2,451.85; Zahner Hansen Construction Group $477,161.39.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Brian Marks, Sheriff; and Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator discussed the revised dispatch contract.

No action was taken. Both parties will continue to gather information and meet again at a later date.

Charles Johnson discussed the proposed hospital project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Revised Road Surfacing Policy changing the cost share amount for landowners from $3.35 per ton to $4.00 per ton, due to the increase in gravel prices, for Board approval, as discussed last week. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Revised Road Surfacing Policy as of January 14, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Brent Trost as an equipment operator, to fill an open position, effective January 28, 2013, at a 6 month introductory wage of $12.22 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Ronald Buckland, as a construction laborer, to fill an open position, effective January 21, 2013, at $11.32 per hour.

Asch reported weight limits have been implemented on Bridge #8310 (West of 150th on Camp Road) and Bridge # 8331 (North of Camp Road on 160th Road) until repairs can be made to the bridges.

The Board recessed at 10:07 a.m. to conduct their monthly department head meeting.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds presented information on the fees the Register of Deeds office collected last year. Lambert expressed some of her concerns regarding the CIC software and the conversion process.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported Debra Wright has been appointed as the new Magistrate Judge in Mitchell County; they have a new digital recording system in both court rooms; and the Highway Patrol is now on the new electronic ticketing system.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported that as of July 1, the JJA and Community Corrections will be merging with the Department of Corrections.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various routine items.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they have completed painting the public meeting room and are continuing with other routine maintenance projects.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported all the CIC upgrades are complete and the departments are only using the AS400 for look-ups; we now have a temporary web-site and he is waiting for CIC to confirm who will be
hosting our web-site so he can begin to build it; and he discussed the back-up procedures for the county computer system.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported the Transfer Station hauled ten (10) less loads in 2012 which calculated to a savings of approximately $12,000; and the Recycling Center shipped 392 Tons of recyclables in 2012, which has kept about 19 ½ loads from going to the Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are out of flu vaccine at the Health Dept. and they will not be re-ordering; Jessica Bénoche has been hired as a new Home Health RN, effective January 21st and Rhonda Fraser has been hired and a new Homemaker/Home Health Aide, effective February 4th and they will be hiring another RN to fill an open position.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that because of long time employees retiring he has hired 2 employees and they now have a full crew at the Highway Dept.

Brian Marks, Sheriff reported two (2) officers will be graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy, in Hutchinson, on Friday; and the cells for the new Law Enforcement Center will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week; and the number of prisoners booked into the jail increased in 2012 with a total of 720 bookings.
Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the filing deadline for the City/School General Election is noon on Tuesday, January 22nd, and a Special Question Election will be held on Tuesday, February 26th, and she reported that as of January 1st anyone registering to vote in the State of Kansas for the first time will be required to provide proof of U.S. Citizenship.

The Department Head meeting ended at 11:00 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 11:10 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Grant.

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

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian discussed licensure for contractors. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board decided they will no longer follow the Wastewater Contractor Licensure Agreement that was implemented by Rural Lakes LEPP. Stamm will continue to conduct contractor meetings annually.

Stamm reported she has had a request from Carol Lingo to cancel a permit, that was issued by Rural Lakes, because the problem has been corrected and the permit is no longer needed. The Board approved allowing Stamm to cancel the permit.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-4 cancelling check # 128722, in the amount of $28.05, due to the check not being received.

The Commissioners may attend the owners meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at the construction site.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting, in Concordia, on Tuesday, January 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., until Monday, January 21, 2013.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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.

Others attending were: John Forshee, Director River Valley Extension Dist. #4

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $136,286.10.

Brian Marks, Sheriff requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a ten (10) minute executive session at 9:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:30 a.m.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a Joint Road Terrace Use Permit for Richard and Travis LeClair, for the SW1/4 25-6-1 (290th Road and Milo Road).

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the board approved the 2013 Employment Agreement with Andy Asch, Highway Administrator/Weed Director, with a base salary of $39,688.06 plus and additional $13,300 for duties as Weed Director.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Household Hazardous Waste program.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2013 Employment Agreement with Justin Murdock as Solid Waste/Recycling Director with a wage of $17.15 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-2 thru #2013-12 totaling $811.86.

Abatement # 2013-2 was allowed Heather Williams, Glasco City, in the amount of $18.46, due to only having the boat for 1 month.

Abatement # 2013-3 was allowed Rocky Lefort, Nelson Twp., in the amount of $34.58, due to the boat should not be on the tax roll.

Abatement # 2013-6 was allowed Paul Beach, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $114.72, due to the boat being located in Clay County and the jet ski is located in Riley County.

Abatement #2013-7 was allowed Paul Beach, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $100.06 due to the boat being located in Clay County jet ski being in Riley County.
Abatement # 2013-8 was allowed Paul Beach, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $119.48, due to the boat being located in Clay County and the jet ski being in Riley County.

Abatement #2013-9 was allowed Paul Beach, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $149.92, due to the boat being located in Clay County and the jet ski being in Riley County.

Abatement # 2013-10 was allowed Paul Beach, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $113.88, due to the boat being located in Clay County.

Abatement # 2013-11 was allowed John R. & Lisa Ann Mastin, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $154.00, due to items being sold.

Abatement #2013-12 was allowed Dennis L. & Rita McClellan, Summit Twp., in the amount of $6.76, due to having an auction on October 20, 2012.

All Commissioners attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting, in Topeka, on Thursday, January 17th.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on January 11th; he participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, January 18th and he and Undersheriff Strowig attended the graduation ceremonies at the Law Enforcement Academy, in Hutchinson, on Friday, January 18th.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she has hired Rhonda Fraser as Home Health Aide/Homemaker, effective February 4, 2013, at $9.50 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Rhonda Fraser as Home Health Aide/Homemaker, to fill an open position.

Gering reported she has hired Jessica Begnoche as Home Health RN, to fill an open position, effective January 21, 2013 at $17.03 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2013 Employment Agreement with Diana Gering as Health Administrator, with a base salary of $33,735.00 plus and additional $10,000 for additional duties.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-5 cancelling check # 128649, in the amount of $865.83 due to the check being issued to another vendor.

John Forshee, Director River Valley Extension District #4 gave an update and discussed the various programs available thru the Extension District. Forshee reported they are in the process of updating the phone system used by the Extension District. They are working with Twin Valley to install a new phone system and internet for their offices that would be compatible with all of the office in the district.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the surety bonds for Rick Hanson, Sibley Township Treasurer and Linda Richard, Oakland Township Treasurer.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m., until Monday, January 28, 2013.
Adjourned session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a letter of supporting the efforts of the City of Concordia in applying for the Transportation Enhancement Grant to fund a trail system in the southern portion of the City.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Clay Center, on Tuesday, January 22nd; and the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended County Government Day and the Kansas County Commissioner Association meeting, in Topeka, on Thursday, January 24th.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed a camera system for the Courthouse. No action was taken.

Sheriff Marks 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 9:25 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:30 a.m. Also included in the session was Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed a change to the surfacing policy to include the county’s cost of mining native gravel. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

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

Commissioner Caspers requested a fifteen (15) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a fifteen (15) executive session at 10:16 a.m. and resumed open session at 10:31 a.m. The County Clerk was also included in the session.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2013-15 in the amount of $61.76.

Abatement # 2013-15 was allowed Mark B. Nelson, Grant Township, in the amount of $61.76, due to the wrong model on the 2008 Ford was used.
On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2013 Employment Agreement with Troy Shepard as Maintenance Manager, at a wage of $14.10 per hour.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed various items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon.
Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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.

Others attending were:

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $129,632.69.

The Chairman signed the department monthly expense checks.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2013-16 and Abatement #2013-18 totaling $722.74.

Abatement #2013-16 was allowed Brent Halepeska, Starr Twp., in the amount of $720.42, due to the 2009 vehicle was traded in January 2012 for a 2011 Chevy.

#2013-17 was used for an escaped tax.

#2013-18 was allowed Roger and Gretchen Nelson, Grant Twp., in the amount of $2.32, due to the 1977 Truck was burned in Oct. 2012.

The Board received a report on the amount of Sales Tax and Compensating Use Tax received for January (December sales) 2013, in the amount of $65,047.22, compared to the amount received in January 2012 of $63,240.27.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various routine items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Kent Lervold from part-time corrections officer to full-time corrections officer, effective February 4, 2013, at a rate of $13.12 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Garreth Stegman from part-time corrections officer to full-time corrections officer, effective February 4, 2013, at a rate of $13.12 per hour.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented information on the NCKCHOA meeting to be held in Minneapolis, on April 3, 2013.

Asch discussed various routine items with the Board.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) meeting in Topeka on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29th and 30th.
Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, January 31st.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they sent out the Solid Waste billing statements last week; he reported he attended the Clean Line Energy Public meeting held on Friday, February 1st; and discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter of support and to contribute $2,000 to Duck’s Unlimited, if their grant application is accepted for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act for a series of projects on Jamestown and Talmo Wildlife Areas.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented the 2013 Pharmacist Contract with Steven Palmquist. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract with Steven Palmquist as Pharmacist for the Health Dept., at Gering’s request, for 2013, at a rate of $35.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a contract with Justin Poore, D.O. as Health Officer for 2013 at a rate of $252 per month.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved an increase of $3,000 for Sheriff Marks, to bring his salary in line with Sheriff’s wages in other counties with comparable population and valuation as Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the surety bond for Arvine Hiner, Shirley Township Treasurer.

The Board adjourned at 12:03 p.m., until Monday February 11, 2013.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 11, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Steve Williams, Field Appraiser; Barry Porter, County Appraiser.

Others attending were: Steve Connor; Dennis Colsden, Regional Coordinator for Ks. Division of Emergency Management, North Central Region.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the 2014 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for Board approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Plan.

Asch presented the 2012 Annual Weed Eradication Progress Report for Board approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the report.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a Right of Way Use Permit for Pat Lambert for a buried electrical line approximately 850’ East of 270th Road (under Union Road between 270th Road and 280th Road).

Steve Conner stopped in to visit with the Board.

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

Steve Williams, Field Appraiser reported they are finishing final reviews and getting ready to set final values.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will be conducting CPR classes for county employees and will be sending a sign-up sheet around; and they have received about 20 doses of flu vaccine.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported he has been busy installing new computers at the Health Dept.; and discussed the new web-site for Cloud County, which will be hosted by CIC.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he attended an Open House held by Grain Belt Express Clean Line Energy on February 1st; they will be completing the 120 cover for the construction/demolition site today; and they may be shipping several loads of recyclables in the near future.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager discussed various routine items.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are trimming trees; and completing some rock jobs and he has been working on the State reports for the Weed Dept.
LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported there are several proposed bills before the legislature that will affect the District Court offices; she reported they are now using the Highway Patrol electronic ticketing system and it is working well; and they will begin using an electronic time sheet for payroll this week.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds discussed proposed legislation that will affect the Register of Deeds office.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported the Special Question Election will be held on February 26th and Advance Voting began on February 6th; the High School Government classes will be in her office on Wednesday, February 20th for voter registration; and they are also preparing for the April 2nd City School General Election.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:50 a.m., and the Board resumed open session at 10:55 a.m.


Murdock presented a classification change for Sherry Nelson from full-time Office Manager to part-time Office Manager. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented information for the hire of Brandi Bray, as Home Health RN, effective February 11, 2013, at a rate of $17.03 per hour, to fill a vacant position. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Brandi Bray.

The Commissioners opened the eight (8) bids received for tires for the Appraisers vehicle. The Bids were received from the following businesses: Womack Sunshine Ford $400.84; California Phil’s $596.00; Concordia Chevrolet-Buick $567.60; Baumann Repair $517.80; Concordia Auto Mart $690.80; Kansasland $523.88; Miller Auto $609.28; and Budreau Muffler $553.48. The Board asked Barry to review the bids and report back next week.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-20 thru #2013-43 totaling $5,937.82.

Abatement # 2013-20 was allowed W. Benson Keil, Sibley Township, in the amount of $436.64, due to a split in parcels.

#2013-21 was to add the value to a new parcel due to the value being split between parcels.

Abatement # 2013-23 was allowed Anna Retta Waite, Concordia City, in the amount of $17.56, due to damage to property resulted in reduced value (payment under protest).

Abatement # 2013-25 was allowed Anna Retta Waite, Concordia City, in the amount of $72.98, due to damage to property resulting in reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-26 was allowed Anna Retta Waite, Concordia City, in the amount of $32.42, due to damage to the property resulting in reduced value.

Abatement #2013-27 was allowed Robert Robeson, Lyon Township, in the amount of $474.10, due to damage to property resulting in reduced value.
Abatement #2013-28 was allowed Rita Lutz Trust, Concordia City, in the amount of $190.32, due to reduced sales price resulted in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-29 was allowed Mark Myer, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $411.88, due to damage to the property resulted in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-30 was allowed John Meyers, Concordia City, in the amount of $543.82, due to change in class used for valuation.

Abatement # 2013-31 was allowed L. Joe Gerard, Center Township, in the amount of $186.14, due to an AG Use error resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-32 was allowed Ryan K. McMillan, Concordia City, in the amount of $ 635.28, after an interior inspection resulted in new information and the value being reduced.

Abatement #2013-33 was allowed Michael R. Lambert, Concordia City, in the amount of $370.02, due to damage to property and interior inspection resulted in new information and a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-34 was allowed Tim E. Lewis, Concordia City, in the amount of $80.25, due to reduced sales price and interior inspection resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-35 was allowed Richard L. Kindel, Aurora City, in the amount of $109.30, due to damage to the property and interior inspection resulted in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-36 was allowed Richard Kindel, Aurora City, in the amount of $153.18, due to damage to the property and after interior inspection and reduced sales price resulted in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-37 was allowed John R. Hood Trust, Concordia City, in the amount of $574.54, due to deferred maintenance resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-38 was allowed John R. Hood, Concordia City, in the amount of $183.62, due to a corrected classification.

Abatement # 2013-39 was allowed Casselrock, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $253.38, due to a reduced sales price and functional obsolescence resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-40 was allowed Casselrock, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $82.86, due to deferred maintenance on property resulted in a reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-41, was allowed Concordia Tractor Co., Inc, Concordia City, in the amount of $869.14, due to data error corrected, resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-42, was allowed Richard Cairns, Concordia City, in the amount of $161.08, due to the house quality was less than previously listed resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement #2013-43 was allowed Corelogic Tax Services, Concordia City, in the amount of $497.32, due to deferred maintenance and reduction in sales price resulted in a reduced value.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved paying the following bills on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group $276,453.90; Goldberg Sullivan & McCreery $4,381.34; and Cloud County Highway Dept. $9,235.30.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-6 to cancel check #129064 in the amount of $205.32, due to the check being issued for the incorrect amount.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Application for Electric Service with Prairie Land Electric Cooperative for service at the new Law Enforcement Center.

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

Dennis Colsden, Regional Coordinator for the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, North Central Region discussed the importance of Emergency Management for Cloud County. He reported that of the 12 counties in the North Central Region, Cloud County is the only county that does not have a full-time emergency manager. Colsden asked the Board to consider having a full-time Emergency Manager for Cloud County and explained some of the advantages of having an up to date Management Plan.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, February 8, 2013.

The Commissioners may attend the owners meeting at the jail site on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners may attend the inter-governmental meeting in Glasco, on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The Courthouse and County offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of the Presidents’ Day Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m, until Tuesday, February 19, 2013.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on February 19, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Steve Williams, Field Appraiser; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Gertrude Poe and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Deb Scheibler, Workforce One.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $126,745.14.

Steve Williams, Field Appraiser reported they have reviewed the tire bids that were opened last week and are recommending the Board accept the bid from Baumann Repair, which was the low bid and had a 60,000 mile rating and included road hazard. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Baumann Repair in the amount of $517.80, because it met all of the bid specifications.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager 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 8:47 a.m. and resumed open session at 8:52 a.m. Also included in the session was the County Clerk.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending a letter to the Concordia City Manager and the Concordia City Commission stating their views on the use of TIF funds as matching funds for their grant application.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-46 and #2013-47 totaling $76.92.

Abatement #2013-46 was allowed Ryan Price, Concordia City, in the amount of $64.92, due to the truck being sold August 1, 2012.

Abatement #2013-47 was allowed Ronald Novak, Buffalo Twp., in the amount of $12.00, to the truck being sold in June 2012.

Gertrude Poe and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging asked about the procedure and possibility of removing the Jamestown Senior Center from the Cloud County Commission on Aging due to inactivity and inability for representatives to attend the Commission on Aging Board meetings. The Board will research the matter before any decision is made.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Corey Roush from Utility Worker to Heavy Equipment Operator, with a wage change from $12.66 per hour to $13.44 per hour, effective February 18th, to fill an open position. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he and Steve Horkman will be attending the Works Conference, in Manhattan, on March 26th and 27th; they will be finishing the 120 cover at the Construction/Demolition Site; they have shipped 88 tons of recyclables so far this year. Murdock asked about applying for the Household Hazardous Waste Grant. After discussion the Board decided to table a decision on the grant application indefinitely.

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

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Kimberly Randall, Home Health Director effective February 25, 2013.

Commissioner Engle reported he participated on KNCK Coffeetime, on Friday, February 15, 2013.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Deb Scheibler, Workforce One gave an overview of the services available and the Kansas Works program.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Chief Elected Officials Agreement with Kansas Workforce.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. and will attend a luncheon and owners meeting, at the jail site, at 1:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until, Monday, February 25, 2013.
Adjourned session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Donald Dean, Campbell and Johnson Engineers; Tom Gennette, Ron Copple and Larry Uri, City of Concordia; Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Interim Director; Jay Lowell, Blade Empire; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Michelle Graham, Local Meridian Way Site Administrator; Lucas Chavey, Meridian Way Lead Technician; Adam Renz and John Taylor, EDP Renewables.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of compensating use and sales tax received in February (January sales) in the amount of $64,986.60, compared to the amount received in February 2012 of $56,994.86.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-44 to #2013-53 totaling $605.30.

Abatement #2013-44 was allowed Jarrod C. Brooks, Concordia City, in the amount of $73.52, due to the 2004 Ford was sold August 6, 2012.

Abatement #2013-45 was allowed Jarrod C. Brooks, Concordia City, in the amount of $10.06, due to the boat belonging to Bryan Forshee.

Abatement # 2013-48 was allowed Glen C. Nelson, Jamestown City, in the amount of $55.12, due to the boat burning in July 2011.

Abatement # 2013-49 was allowed Brett L. Jackson, Concordia City, in the amount of $90.04, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-50 was allowed Brett L. Jackson, Concordia City, in the amount of $174.40, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-51 was allowed Kansas Care Inc, Concordia City, in the amount of $187.22, after a conversation with the Director it was determined there was no personal property located in Cloud County since October 2011.

Abatement # 2013-52 was allowed Steven C. Chartier, Sibley Township, in the amount of $10.74, because he did not have the vehicle in 2012.

Abatement #2013-53 was allowed Sean McDonald, Grant Township, in the amount of $4.20, due to the boat being gone since June 2012.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various routine items with the Board.
Brian Marks, Sheriff presented an invitation to the Board to attend the Dedication of the Jamestown Wildlife Area, Phase II and Talmo Marsh Area Projects to be held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Jamestown.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Bobbie Eichenberger to the Cloud County Commission on Aging, effective March 1st, to replace Doug Hanson.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Donald Dean, Campbell & Johnson Engineers presented a Supplement Agreement for the Construction Engineering Services for Bridge #15C-4233-01 (located South and East of Jamestown). The total increase in the cost of the project is $3,708.79, with the County paying 20% of the cost. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Agreement.

Asch presented a Utility Permit from Mid Kansas Underground for a buried fiber optic cable approximately 1.3 miles west of US Highway 81 on Wagon Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Utility Permit application.

Asch reported he will be attending the Annual Weed Conference, in Topeka, on March 4-6.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees Tele-conference on Thursday, February 21, 2013.

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

Tom Gennette, Ron Copple and Larry Uri, City of Concordia presented applications for three (3) projects to be considered for the Wind Farm Funding. The projects included new restrooms for the Peewee fields at the Concordia Sports Complex; new playground equipment for the Second Street Park and Concordia City Park. No decision was made and the Board will consider all requests for funding after March 31st.

The Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 3:30 p.m.

John Taylor and Adam Renz, EDP Renewables met with the Board and presented their annual check, in the amount of $300,000, for the Meridian Way Wind Farm Community Development Fund.

The Board may be attending the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, February 27, in Glasco.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

The Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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.

Others attending were: Heather Letourneau, Ricky Kreiter, Angelica Mares, Erica Johnson, Joshua Pounds, Jarin Brown, Joel Timme, Emily Trigg, Kristen Stupka, Marie Brewer, CHS Government Students; Lori Rice; Arlene Clayton; and Larry Sharpe, KCAMP.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $132,413.81.

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks for all departments.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-58 to #2013-63 totaling $708.36.

Abatement # 2013-58 was allowed John Mihm, Concordia City, in the amount of $13.08, due to he did not have the boat in 2012.

Abatement #2013-59, was allowed Allyn D. Kaufmann, Concordia City, in the amount of $25.34, due to a correction of property characteristic date resulted in a lower value.

Abatement #2013-60 was a allowed Cloud Investments, LLC, in the amount of $631.94, due to the economy influence factor resulted in a lower value.

Abatement # 2013-61 was allowed Kenneth Girard, Colfax Township, in the amount of $21.10, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-63 was allowed Heather Williams, Concordia City, in the amount of $16.90, because they no longer have the boat.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-7 cancelling check #129012, in the amount of $15.00, due to the class being cancelled.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved sending letters of congratulations to Skyler Hittle in recognition of his 4A State Wrestling Championship and Alyssa Champlin for being chosen as the 2013 Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the dedication held Friday, March 1, 2013, for the Jamestown Wildlife Area Phase II and the Talmo Marsh Area Projects.
Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 and that the Council has hired Carol Alexander as the new director of Club 81; and he also attended the reception for Todd Whitney on Thursday, February 28th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, February 28th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the inter-governmental meeting, in Glasco, on Wednesday, February 27th; and he attended the dedication of the Jamestown Wildlife Area Phase II and Talmo Marsh Area Project, on Friday, March 1st.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve Resolution #2013-8 ordering the Preparation for Tax Foreclosure Sale.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the Kansas One Call annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:30 p.m., at the American Legion.

Asch reported they will be sending out requests for tire bids. Bids are to be returned to the County Clerk’s office by 4:30 p.m. on March 15th and will be opened on Monday, March 18th during his weekly appointment.

Asch presented a Utility Agreement with AT&T to place a pedestal and 1581’ of buried copper telephone cable along the west side of 210th Road, starting 3244’ South, from State Hwy K9, on the west side of 210th Road, going South 1581’, then boring east across 210th Road to drive going to new AT&T tower on east side at 1702 210th Road.

Asch presented a Joint Road Waterway Use Permit with Bachand Farms Inc, for a waterway in the SW ¼ 8-7-1 (East side of 250th Road, ¼ North of Jade Road). On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Joint Road Waterway Use Permit.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Ronald Buckland from Construction Laborer to Utility Worker, to fill an open position, effective March 4, 2013, with a wage change from $11.32 per hour to $12.66 per hour.

Asch will be attending the annual Noxious Weed Conference, in Topeka, March 5 - 6.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed a design change for the Construction/Demolition Landfill as recommended by RMA Engineering; and the Transfer Station will begin staying open on Wednesday evenings, until 6:00 p.m., beginning March 13th.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she and Shirley Johnson will be attending the Governor’s Conference in Wichita.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Jessica Begnoche from Home Health Nurse to Home Health Director, effective March 4, 2013, to fill an open position, with a wage change from $17.03 per hour to $17.28 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Shirley Johnson from Home Health RN to MCH Director and Part-time Home Health RN, effective March 4, 2013, with a wage change from $17.03 per hour to $17.28 per hour, due to added responsibility and because of increased qualifications for the MCH grant.
Larry Sharpe, KCAMP presented information about KCAMP and about the county’s insurance coverage and claims incurred.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m, until Monday, March 11, 2013.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director City of Concordia; Thaniel Monaco, BG Consultants; Bruce Johnson, Concordia Police Chief; Carol Miller, CASA Director; Dave Tangemann, File Safe; Ted Samuelson.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the canvass, held March 4th, and the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-64, #2013-66, #2013-68, #2013-69 totaling $1,152.84.

Abatement # 2013-64 was allowed Keaton M. Snively, Clyde City, in the amount of $366.10, pickup titled and tagged so he was able to sell after being wrecked.

Abatement #2013-66 was allowed Michael Stein, Meredith Township, in the amount of $289.92, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-68 was allowed Michael Stein, Meredith Township, in the amount of $461.52, due to the penalty being reduced and the 1996 International was traded on 2002 Kenworth prior to 2012.

Abatement # 2013-69 was allowed Michael Stein, Meredith Township, in the amount of $35.30, due to the penalty being reduced.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Chad Buckley, City of Concordia Utilities Director; and Thaniel Monaco, BG Consultants discussed the installation of the gas line for the North Development.

Bruce Johnson, Concordia Police Chief asked for permission to use the old ALCO Building for training classes. The Board gave their permission for the use of the facility for the training classes.

Carol Miller, CASA Director asked for permission to place blue pinwheels on the Courthouse square during the month of April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. The Board asked her to check with the Maintenance Dept. to be sure there aren’t any maintenance projects planned.

Dave Tangemann, File Safe discussed the possibility of installing security cameras and an access control entry system for the courthouse. No decision was made and the Board will continue to research this matter.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine items. The Board and Asch will attend the NCK Highway Officials meeting, in Minneapolis, on April 3.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the CloudCorp annual meeting on Thursday, March 7th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting, on Friday, March 8th.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented a Draft of the Recycling Trailer Agreement with the City of Clyde. The Board will review the Agreement and visit with the County Attorney approving the Agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved, on behalf of the Public Building Commission, the following invoices: Zahner Hansen Construction Group, Inc. $428,622.50; Goldberg Group Architects $5,617.90; and Kansas State Treasurer $195,552.10.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Jarron Baxter, Jerry Bunch and Taylor Solt as part-time corrections officers, effective March 5, 2013, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the FY2014 JJA Grant application in the amount of $249,348.00 for approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the grant application.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-9 appointing Al Parades, City of Concordia Representative to the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-10 appointing Mark Fleming, Jewell County Commissioners to the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-11 appointing Alison Mueller, Washington County Commissioner to the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Ted Samuelson stopped by to visit with the Board about the Jamestown Senior Center.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m., until Monday, March 18, 2013.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were:

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $127,929.26.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-71 and #2013-72 totaling $754.46.

Abatement # 2013-71 was allowed Gregory M. Copple, Miltonvale City, in the amount of $724.44, due to the four wheelers being sold.

Abatement #2013-72 was allowed Bobby Sjolander, Grant Twp., in the amount of $30.02, due to the penalty being reduced.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and the Board opened the four (4) tire bids received. Bids were received from Kansasland, Concordia; Becker Tire, Salina; Commercial Tire, Salina; Thompson’s OK Tire, Beloit. The Board asked Asch to review the bids and determine the lowest bid for each type of tire and report back to them next week.

Commissioner Crawford reported she has received complaints concerning two (2) county roads. The first was concerning a tree problem at 110th Road and Hawk Road and the second concerning the culvert 1 ½ miles North of Union Road on 170th Road. The Board asked Asch to check into these problems and report back next week.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented the Agreement with the City of Clyde for the Recycling Trailers. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Recycling Trailer Agreement with the City of Clyde.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board decided that due to the fact a letter was received from the residents of Jamestown concerning the Jamestown Senior Center the funding to the center would not be cut.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the Storm Spotters Class that was held on Monday, March 11th at Cloud County Community College. Eubanks reported there were 75 people who attended the class.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented the 2014 Grant applications for Board approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the 2014 Grant applications, totaling $86,848.75, for Family Planning, Maternal Child Health; Immunization Action Plan; and Child Care Licensing.

Gering presented the 2013 Employment Agreement with Christine Rogers for Home Health Dietary Services. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the of the 2013 Employment Agreement with Christine Rogers, at a rate of $45.00 per hour for dietary consultations.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m., until Monday, March 25, 2013.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Marlene Stamm, Sanitarian.

Others attending were: Steve Snyder, Cloud County Gun Club; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Jon Puckett, Linda Foster, Darla Bebber, Nick Brummet, Tammy Marrs, Walene and Steve Graham, Representatives of Miltonvale & Merit, Inc.; Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Everett Ford.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

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

Steve Snyder, Cloud County Gun Club discussed the club that is being organized in Cloud County. The group is currently working with the NRA (National Rifle Association) and various state organizations to find a location and funding to be able to construct a shooting range in Cloud County.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager reported the Concordia City Commission accepted the bid of $179,449 and pre-ordered materials in the amount of $77,000 for the construction of a gas line to the North Development. Uri reported construction should start within a few days.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Joint Road Terrace Use Permit for Travis and Richard LeClair for the NE4 9-7-1. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Joint Road Terrace Use Permit.

Asch reported he had reviewed the tire bids that were opened last week, and reported the low bids for each of the various types of tires was accepted. Total cost of tires to be purchased from each company is: Kansasland $24,203.91; Thompson’s OK Tire $2,655.76; Becker Tire $12,870.33; and Commercial Tire $8,732.00.

Asch reported he has sold their old generator through the Government Surplus Online Auction; they will have several Road and Bridge employees attending a gravel workshop in Minneapolis on April 17th.

Asch presented the paperwork for the hire of Vincent Armstrong, as a Construction Laborer, to fill an open position, effective April 1, 2013, at a rate of $11.32 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Asch reported he has the checked on the two (2) road complaints he received, from Commissioner Crawford, last week. Concerning the problem at 110th and Hawk Road he will contact the landowner, Michael Miller, concerning this matter; and regarding the culvert on 170th Road (1 ½ miles North of Union Road) they will begin those repairs sometime this spring.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he and Steve Horkman will be attending the WORKS Conference, in Manhattan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27.
Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting, on Tuesday, March 19th; and participated in the KWORCC Teleconference Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, March 21st.

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

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the River Valley Extension District #4 Annual meeting on Monday, March 18th; and the Dig Safe meeting on Wednesday, March 20th.

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

Marlene Stamm, Sanitarian gave the Board an update regarding the permits that have been completed and the new permits that have been issued.

Stamm asked the Board to approve a variance for the monitoring well for Larry Hall from 100’ to 30’ from the laterals. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the variance.

Tammy Marrs, Merit, Inc. and representatives of Miltonvale gave a power-point presentation and presented written proposals for the four (4) projects they are asking the Board to consider for Wind Farm Funding. The projects include a Spa/Beauty Salon; Customized Countertop Business; Tootle Park renovations & Highway Sign; Day Care and Preschool. Marrs reported with these projects they are predicting 13-21 new jobs would be created. No decision was made and the Board will consider the proposals at a later date.

Everett Ford asked about the Wind Farm Funding and the application deadline.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Jerry Collins, Commander Concordia VFW; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Jennifer Kindel, Julie Snavely, Diane Price and Sonia DeRusseau, CASA Representatives.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $129,808.53.

The Chairman signed department expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2013-73 and #2013-74 totaling $531.80.

Abatement #2013-73 was allowed Foley Equipment Co., Concordia City, in the amount of $501.34, due to the 2001 Kenworth being sold March 2, 2012.

Abatement #2013-74 was allowed Jeff Burchfiel, Nelson Twp., in the amount of $30.46, due to the 1983 Boat was sold in May 2012.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a Proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information regarding the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in March (Feb. sales) in the amount of $59,859.64, compared to the amount received in March 2012, in the amount of $58,526.56.

Jerry Collins, Commander of Concordia VFW visited with the Board about the Veteran’s Memorial, located on the Courthouse square, and their proposed plans to update the memorial.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, March 26th. They are discussing the possibility of conducting training for teachers and school administrators on school safety and school shootings.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, March 28th; and she completed the Leadership Training Course on Tuesday, March 26th.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager presented information on dispatch expenses for Board review. Uri and Bruce Johnson, Concordia Chief Police will return at a later date to go over the information with the Board.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed a correction to the tire bids. The total for Thompson OK Tire should have been $2,655.76 instead of $3,333.36 and the total for Becker Tire should have been $12,870.33 instead of $3,757.53. The total cost of all tires to be purchased is $39,349.20.

Asch reported the culvert needing repairs is on 270th Road (North of Union Road) and not on 170th Road, as reported in the minutes earlier; and he discussed various other road projects they will be starting soon.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the fees for the CPR classes and the possibility of changing those fees; and she discussed the contract with Cloud County Community College for the 2013-2014 school year and other routine matters.

Jennifer Kindel, Julie Snavely, Diane Price and Sonia DeRusseau, CASA Representatives presented a Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Proclamation.

Kindel gave the Board an overview of services, training opportunities that are available through CASA and gave a report on the number of cases filed in 2012 and so far in 2013.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until Monday, April 8, 2013.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were: Bill Powell; Will Strommen; Devin O’Neil; Lexie Gilbert; Nikki Blankenbeckley; Madison Brockman; Erin Hansen; Natasha Bess; Logan Whitney; Bailey Kymer; Daniel Longfellow.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various routine 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 presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2013-75 totaling $206.16, as presented.

Abatement # 2013-75 was allowed Randy and Julie A. Lange, Starr Twp., in the amount of $206.16, due to the 1995 Ford Truck being valued twice.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he is waiting on quotes for chemical prices which are to be returned to him by April 19th; and discussed several road projects that are being planned.

Asch and Commissioners Engle and Caspers attended the NCK County Highway Officials Association meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd, in Minneapolis.

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

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported she is conducting child care provider training and they are starting to prepare for the Cloud County Fair.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported they are waiting for the installation of their new server to be completed; they are using the Highway Patrol electronic ticketing system and it is working well; and discussed proposed legislation that will affect the courts.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the spraying season will be starting for the Weed Dept.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they have been completing routine maintenance projects.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported the new county web-site has been up for approximately one month; he discussed the new CIC inventory program; and reported there have been several problems with computer viruses within the last month.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed proposed legislation and how it could affect the county.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are working on plans for the secondary containment for their above ground fuel and oil tanks; they have shipped over 100 tons of recyclables so far in 2013; and they are going to try and concrete the loading dock at the Recycling Center this year.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported routine business at the Health Dept.; and Kindergarten Roundup is Friday, April 12th and they will be preparing for kindergarten immunizations; and waiting to hear from the State about the grant funding for the next year.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported routine business in the County Clerk’s Office; and they are finishing up the City School Election.

The Department Head meeting ended at 10:45 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be attending a KDHE Financial Assurance Workshop, in Garden City, on Tuesday, May 7th.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m., until Monday April 15, 2013.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Madison Brockman, Erin Hansen, Derek Pearson, Blaine Payeur, Alan Garcia, Zach Hibbs, Jorge Duenas, Kyle Bogart, Kaylee Mosher, Alyssa Champlin, Lindsey Widen, Emily Brown, Allissa Kearn, Brentin Hake, Jordan Pounds, Shelby Fraser, Koral Plush, CHS Government Students; Bruce Johnson, Concordia Police Chief; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Amanda Wahlemeier and Wanda Phillips, National Orphan Train Complex.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $130,320.97.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-76 thru #2013-79 totaling $723.80.

Abatement #2013-76 was allowed Auto Outlet Dismantlers, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $354.34, due to the 1999 Volvo was gone.

Abatement #2013-77 was allowed Charles H. Almon, Aurora City, in the amount of $352.10, due to the 2005 Chev has a 12M tag since January 2012.

Abatement # 2013-78 was allowed Jacob Dorman, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $3.00 due to the 1979 GMC Truck was sold in October 2012.

Abatement #2013-79 was allowed Kenton Morgan, Sibley Township, in the amount of $14.36, due to the 1970 Ford Truck was titled to junk out for parts.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-12 cancelling check # 129639, in the amount of $1,125.00, due to a billing error.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group $356,344.20; Goldberg Group Architects, P.C. $4,732.54; City of Concordia $45,332.10; and City of Concordia $13,012.41.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Bruce Johnson, Concordia Police Chief and Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed a draft agreement for the renewal of dispatch services and the cost of operating the dispatch. No action was taken.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed insurance coverage for JJA/Community Corrections. The Board asked Walsh to continue discussion with KCAMP, the county’s insurance carrier, concerning the insurance coverage for JJA/Community Corrections.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit with Concordia Tractor, Inc. for the placement of signs, on county right-or-way, at 1441 Union Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Agreement.

Asch discussed various other routine items with the Board.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the OCCK Legislative meeting on Monday, April 8th; the Tourism meeting on Tuesday, April 9th; and the JJA/DOC Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, April 10th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended a special Resource Council Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 10th.

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

All Board members attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, April 9th.

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

Amanda Wahlmeier and Wanda Phillips, National Orphan Train Complex presented information about the number of visitors at the Complex during the recent Smithsonian exhibit “The Way We Worked” and presented other information about the Complex.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the 2014 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for signatory approval. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

The Board adjourned at 12:23 p.m., until Monday, April 22, 2013.
Adjourned session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on April 22, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; 20 CHS Government Students.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2013-80 totaling $16.04, due to a correction on an intangible tax return.

Abatement # 2013-70, was allowed Darline Rasure Trust, Concordia City, in the amount of $16.04, due an amendment on an intangible tax return April 17, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board for the application of a Cereal Malt Beverage License, for the Cloud County Fairgrounds, by Nick Gerard DBA The Rock Quarry.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they are having issues with the Courthouse boiler and he discussed various other maintenance issues. The Board asked Shepard to get estimates for the cost of the boiler repair and report back next week.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-13 to cancel check # 129143, to the Kansas County Treasurer’s Association, in the amount of $200.00, due to the check not being received by the vendor.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-14 appointing Regine Thompson, as Acting County Attorney in Case # 10-CR-93, due to a conflict of interest of the county attorney.

Walsh 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 at 9:20 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:25 a.m.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the landscaping at the new Law Enforcement Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a hiring authorization for Ronald Bergstrom as a mechanic for the Road and Bridge Department, effective May 6, 2013, at an introductory wage of $12.80 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire, which will fill an open position.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they shipped a load of cardboard last week and will be shipping a load of #8 newspaper today and in 2013 to date they have shipped approximately 155 tons of recyclables.

Murdock reported that anyone needing wood chips for landscaping may contact the Transfer Station.

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

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, April 17th.

Commissioner Engle reported he participated in KNCK Coffee Time, on Friday, April 19th.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the following projects for the 2013 Wind Farm Funds: $80,000 to Merit, Inc. to be used for 3 projects in Miltonvale (Project #1 Spa & Beauty Shop; Project #2 Customized Countertop Business and Project #3 Day Care & Preschool); $67,000 to City of Concordia for restrooms at the Sports Complex; $53,000 to National Orphan Train Complex for parking lot and drainage issues; and $100,000 will be reserved for future economic opportunities.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., until Monday, April 29, 2013.
Adjourned session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Johnita Crawford and Gary Caspers, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

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

Others attending were: 7 CHS Government Students.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $129,542.82.

The Board reviewed Department Expense Vouchers.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting as presented.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information regarding the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in April 2013 in the amount of $50,113.12, compared to the amount received in April 2012, in the amount of $52,769.78.

The Commissioners may attend a landowner luncheon at the Meridian Way Farm on Friday, May 3, 2013 from 11:30-1:00.

Commissioner Caspers attended the KWROC Board of Trustees meeting on April 25, 2013 in Topeka.

Commissioner Crawford attended the North Central Regional Planning Meeting on April 25, 2013 in Ellsworth and the Pawnee Mental Health Annual Banquet on April 22, 2013 in Clay Center.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month”.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Sheriff Brian Marks discussed various routine matters.

The Commissioners will be attending the KCCA Annual Meeting in Wichita May 7-9, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-15 in Regard to Unsustainable Federal Debt and a Call for Action.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine road matters.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various routine matters and he will be attending the Financial Assurance Workshop on May 7, 2013 in Emporia.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on May 6, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Johnita Crawford and Gary Caspers, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

County staff attending were: Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; and Diana Gering, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending were: 5 CHS Government Students; Marlene Stamm, District Sanitarian; Jim Menard, Cloud County EMS; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning; Ashley McMillian, CloudCorp; Steve Robb, Municipal Consulting, LLC; and Toby Nosker; KNCK.

The Chairman signed department expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting as presented.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager, discussed routine maintenance matters regarding the boiler.

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Engle attended the landowner come-and-go luncheon at the Meridian Way Wind Farm on Friday, May 3, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May as “Mental Health Month”.

The Commissioners will be attending the KCCA Annual Meeting in Wichita May 7-9, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2013 Dispatch Service Agreement with the City of Concordia for an annual fee of $100,000.00.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed various routine road matters and that he will be attending the Kansas County Highway Association Conference on May 7-8, 2013 in Wichita.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed various routine matters and he will be attending the Financial Assurance Workshop on May 14, 2013 in Emporia. (This is a corrected date from May 7, 2013).

Diana Gering, Health Department Administrator, discussed various routine Health Department matters and that she and Shirley Johnson attended the Governor’s Conference-Maternal Child Health Meeting on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2013 in Wichita.

Marlene Stamm, District Sanitarian, discussed real estate inspection requirements for wastewater systems in Cloud County.

Jim Menard Cloud County EMS and Eric Voss, Fire Chief brought in a budget appropriation request for 2014 for the Cloud County EMS Association, for the Board to review.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:00 p.m.

Steve Robb, Municipal Consulting, LLC brought in a Cost Benefit Analysis of the Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC for Cloud County and discussed the incentives involved.
The Board adjourned at 1:30 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 13, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jerry Collins, IT Director; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of the District Court; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Barry Porter, Appraiser; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $125,898.37.

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

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported the mower has been repaired and they are starting to mow and discussed various routine maintenance items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following vouchers, on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group $471,293.37 and Goldberg Architects Group $6,168.16.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented information on a public hearing to be held concerning the Elm Creek to Summit Transmission Line being proposed by ITC Great Plain and Mid Kansas Electric Co. The public hearing will be held on June 3, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Jr.-Sr. High School.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Jim Bourne, effective May 20, 2013, and Brendon Asch, effective May 28, 2013, as seasonal utility workers, at a rate of $8.00 per hour.

The Board conducted their monthly department head meeting.

Jerry Collins, IT Director discussed the county web-site; and the regional IT Group he has joined; and the anti-virus program for county computers.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of the District Court discussed proposed legislation; the electronic ticketing system now being used by the Highway Patrol; the new electronic payroll system the State is using; and she reported they are waiting to receive information regarding the budget for the court system.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they will be starting to work on various road projects and they are selling chemicals.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they are waiting to receive the new pump for the marble water ball; they are starting to mow and do yard work; and they will be spraying the Courthouse lawn when the weather conditions allow.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they burned the tree pile last week; they have completed the burn around the fuel tanks; they will begin using the new Construction/Demolition cell later this summer; and they may be shipping a load of clothes and shoes this week.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed a workshop that will be held on May 30 for preliminary discussion on the new flood insurance maps; and he discussed legislation that has been proposed this legislative session.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are preparing for their Medicare cost report audit next week; and she discussed various routine maintenance issues.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the progress on the jail project and various training classes the officers will be taking.

Linda Bogart, Cloud County Clerk reported the county auditors will be here next week.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be attending the Financial Assurance meeting, in Emporia, on Tuesday, May 14th.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the roof problems they are having at the Health Department building.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2013-82 and #2013-84 totaling $101.04.

Abatement # 2013-82 was allowed James C. Workman, Concordia City, in the amount of $5.04, due to the car being sold May 26, 2012.

Abatement # 2013-84 was allowed Richard Kindel, Aurora City, in the amount of $96.00, due to the Solid Waste Fee being written off.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Cloud County Fairgrounds for Nick Gerard, DBA The Rock Quarry.

At the Board’s request, Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed an invoice received from the City of Concordia for payment on behalf of the Public Building Commission.

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

All of the Commissioners attended the Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) meeting, in Wichita, on May 7th thru 9th.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m., until Monday, May 20, 2013.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on May 20, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Lois Lervold; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Gertrude Poe and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Tom Wierenga, Zahner Hansen Construction Group.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approve Abatements #2013-85 and #2013-86 totaling $427.90.

Abatement #2013-85 was allowed Mark B. Nelson, Grant Twp., in the amount of $197.48, due to the 1985 Freightliner was sold April 11, 2011.

Abatement # 2013-86 was allowed Mark B. Nelson, Grant Twp., in the amount of $230.42, due to the 1985 Freightliner was sold April 11, 2011.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Conditions of Grant for the JJA Grant. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Conditions of Grant for the JJA Grant.

Lois Lervold asked about the possibility of expanding the hours of operation at the Transfer Station. The Board asked her to return next week during Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Directors appointment so he could answer any questions she may have.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the bill submitted by the City of Concordia for payment by the Public Building Commission.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the Master Agreement and Pricing Schedule for the County’s Plexar phone system with AT&T.

Brian Marks, Sheriff gave a report on the damage in Miltonvale and the Aurora Area due to the Saturday storms.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Levi Herring, as part-time corrections officer/transport driver, to fill an open position, effective May 13, 2013, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Right of Way Use Permit for Rural Water District # 1 for a buried waterline ½ mile North of Union Road on 80th Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.
Asch presented a Right of Way Use Permit for Rural Water District # 1 for a buried waterline ½ mile east of 150th Road on Eagle Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the permit.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting, in Topeka, Thursday, May 16th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, May 15th.

Commissioner Engle participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, May 17th.

Gertrude Poe and Don Ramseyer, Cloud County Commission on Aging presented their 2014 Budget appropriation request, in the amount equivalent to 1 mill. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Master Agreement and Pricing Schedule with AT&T for the county’s Plexar system.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved paying the following invoices on behalf of the Public Building Commission: City of Concordia $88,677.62; Zahner Hansen Construction $754.41; Zahner Hansen Construction $18,110.05; and Zahner Hansen Construction $3,152.39.

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

Ton Wierenga, Zahner Hansen Construction Group gave the Board an update on the progress of the Law Enforcement construction project.

The Courthouse and County offices will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 28th.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Tuesday, May 28, 2013.
Adjourned session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 28, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Lois Lervold; Robin Cole, Executive Director, Pawnee Mental Health; Tom Wierenga, Zahner Hansen Construction Group.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $126,279.44.

The Board reviewed the department monthly expense vouchers.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in May (April sales) in the amount of $60,170.57, compared to the amount received in May 2012 of $60,600.07.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-91 to #2013-93 totaling $1208.36.

Abatement # 2013-91 was allowed Lois R. Andersen Trust No. 1, Concordia City, in the amount of $245.96, due to a correction in the property characteristic data and interior inspection resulted in a lower value.

Abatement # 2013-92 was allowed Casey’s Retail Company, Concordia City, in the amount of $658.20, due to inequitable value with neighborhood properties.

Abatement # 2013-93 was allowed Randy L. Smith, Jamestown City, in the amount of $304.20, after an interior inspection resulted in new information and lower value.

Brian Marks, Sheriff and Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed proposed legislation affecting security in public facilities.

The Board received a letter from the City of Miltonvale thanking the Road and Bridge department for helping with the clean-up after the recent storm.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported a road problem at 165th and Plum Road. The Board asked Andy Asch, Highway Administrator to check into the problem.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a wage change for Greg Dockins, Road Supervisor, from $15.30 to $17.16 per hour, due to completing his introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change.

Asch discussed various other routine items with the Board.
After the 2012 Audit the Board recommended that no transfer of funds will be made from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Road and Bridge Machinery and Equipment Fund.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, May 21st and the Resource Council meeting, at Club 81, on May 21st.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, May 21st and the Inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board conducted the 2012 Delinquent Solid Waste hearing.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and Kathy Hajny, Transfer Station Secretary presented the 2012 list of Delinquent Solid Waste fees totaling $8,245.00. No one attended the hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-16 attaching the delinquent Solid Waste fees to the 2013 Tax Rolls.

The hearing ended at 10:15 a.m.

Lois Lervold; Murdock and the Board discussed the hours for the Transfer Station. Lervold asked if the hours of the Transfer Station could be extended. She suggested the Transfer Station stay open all day on Saturday’s and until 8:00 p.m. one day a week all year round, rather than changing the hours with daylight savings time. The Board asked Lervold to gather signatures from patrons who would like to see the hours changed and present them to the Board before any change is made.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported that during 2012 the Health Dept. made 3,634 Home Health visits and 304 Therapy visits, which is approximately 1000 more visits than in 2011.

Gering reported she has signed a contract with Christine Rogers as WIC Consultant for Cloud County.

Robin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director gave an overview of their staffing changes; services provided in Cloud County; KanCare and budget cuts. Cole presented their 2014 Budget appropriation request in the amount of $70,000, which is an increase of $1,125 over 2013. The Board will take the request under advisement when preparing the county budget.

Tom Wierenga, Zahner Hansen Construction and Brian Marks, Sheriff and the Board placed a phone call to Rick Morton, Goldberg Architects to discuss the gas line for the new Law Enforcement Center.

The Board adjourned at 12:34 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 3, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Vonda Pumarlo, Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director; Kim Cudney, District Judge.

Others attending were: Arlene Bray and Bill Garrison, Cloud County Conservation District.

The Chairman signed the department expense checks.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the 2014 JJA Supplemental State Block Grant Application, in the amount of $3,209.00, for approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the grant application.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-17 cancelling check # 130159, in the amount of $2,147.38, due to the total includes the amount owed to two vendors.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement #2013-94 totaling $325.82.

Abatement # 2013-94 was allowed Gail B. Engle, Concordia City, in the amount of $325.82, due to the value being lowered after inspection of property.

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

Asch discussed a request he received, from Kenneth Henning, concerning the closing of Green Road, located in the East ½ of 27-7-5 (Solomon Township).

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Official Bond for Diana Portenier, Summit Township Treasurer.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported that due to a pending retirement in her office she has hired Melissa Chaplin, as a full-time clerk, effective June 10th, at a wage of $14.12 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commission Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Kim Cudney, District Judge visited with the Board about security in the courtroom.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Vonda Pumarlo, Health Dept. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the possibility of using the former ALCO building
as a Point of Dispensing during a disaster. The Board did not have a problem with their using the building but suggested Pumarlo visit with Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager also.

Arlene Bray and Bill Garrison, Cloud County Conservation gave an overview of services provided by the Conservation District and presented the 2014 budget appropriation request in the amount of $20,000, which is the same as requested the past several years. The Board will consider the request when preparing the county budget.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commissioner meeting on Thursday, May 30th, in Beloit.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m, until Monday, June 10, 2013.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser.

Others attending were: Carol Miller, CASA Director.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $135,750.84.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager discussed various routine maintenance items with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Kyle Bogart from part-time custodian to full-time custodian, effective June 10, 2013, at $10.00 per hour.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff visited with the Board about the law enforcement center project.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Nicholas Patterson, effective June 3, 2013, from Road Officer to Undersheriff, to fill an open position, at a rate of $17.39 per hour.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote to approve the Notice of Road Vacation for the road beginning ¼ mile South of the Northwest Corner of 26-7-5 (Solomon Township) then ¼ mile West (also known as Green Road).

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

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court discussed the State budget cuts and how it will affect their funding and budget; and she explained how Magistrate Judges positions are filled and there is a vacancy in Republic County due to the death of John Eyer.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are preparing for the Cloud County Fair which will be held July 23rd thru 27th; the extension office personnel will be attending training concerning the Affordable Health Care Act; and they will be conducting babysitting clinics in Belleville and Clay Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they have been selling chemicals to landowners.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they are mowing and doing yard work and other routine maintenance projects.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are working on their 120 day cover at the construction/demolition site and should have it completed this week.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported that CIC would be doing software updates on Monday and Tuesday; and AT&T will be upgrading the DSL for the Courthouse in the near future.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported that because of new State requirements the Health Department will be providing QuantiFERON TB Gold tests for the college athletes beginning July 1st.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the new Law Enforcement Center and he reported Nicholas Patterson has been appointed as the new Undersheriff.

Linda Bogart, Cloud County Clerk reported CIC personnel will be here next week to help them with their July checklist and abstract, since this is their first year using their software.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:40 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-18 canceling check # 130018, in the amount of $457.15, due to the check being issued to the wrong vendor.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved sending notice to the Lincoln Township Board for the application of a Special Event CMB License for the American Legion Club 76 for an event to be held June 22nd at the Cloud County Fairgrounds.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the 2014 budget request for the Transfer Station and the hours of operation for the Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she and Vonda Pumalro met with Brian Marks, Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager and Eric Voss, Concordia Fire Chief about using the former Alco Building as a Point of Dispensing during an emergency.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser presented a draft of the Resolution for the Appointment of the County Appraiser. Porter will return on July 1st with the final Resolution and also the Interlocal Agreement with Republic County for Board signature.

Carol Miller, CASA Director presented their 2014 Budget Appropriation request in the amount of $14,000, which is an increase of $1,000 over the amount requested in 2013. The Board will consider the request when preparing the county budget.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m., until Monday, June 17, 2013.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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: Joe Jindra, KNCK; Judy Deal, Concordia Rotary Club; Lois Lervold; Dana Brewer, President Cloud County Historical Society; Betty Losh, Treasurer Cloud County Historical Society; Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK.

Joe Jindra, KNCK stopped in to visit with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the American Legion Club 76 for the Fairgrounds.

Judy Deal, Concordia Rotary Club visited with the Board about the Rotary Club using the Alco parking lot for their pie and ice cream sale on July 3rd. The Board gave permission for use of the parking lot by the Rotary Club on July 3rd.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Wednesday, June 12th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting on Monday, June 10th.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following vouchers on behalf of the Public Building Commission: City of Concordia $119,631.02; Zahner Hansen Construction Group $188,135.10; Goldberg Architects $5,067.69.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are spraying County Right of Way when weather permits; they are addressing thistle problems with landowners; and various other routine items.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they completed the 120 day cover at the construction demolition landfill on Thursday and had their annual KDHE inspection on Thursday.

Lois Lervold discussed the hours of the Transfer Station and presented a petition with 213 signatures from citizens requesting the hours be changed to 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday. Because the Transfer Station operates solely on fees the Board feels it would be very difficult to extend the hours of operation without increasing the fees.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items with the Board.
Dana Brewer, President and Betty Losh, Treasurer of the Cloud County Historical Society presented an overview of the capital improvement projects that were completed in 2012. They presented the 2014 budget appropriation request, for the Historical Society, in the amount of $36,000, which is the same as 2013. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK gave an overview of services provided by OCCK. They presented the 2014 budget appropriation request, for OCCK, in the amount of $106,094, which is the same amount requested in 2013.

The Board adjourned at 11:53 a.m., until Monday, June 24, 2013.
Adjourned session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

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

Others attending were: Gary Dvorak, Concordia Senior Center; Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director; Linda Sutton, NCK Small Business Development Center.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $130,814.48.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in June (May sales) in the amount of $54,509.74, compared to the amount received in June 2012 of $57,215.59.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the concealed carry legislation. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign a letter to the Kansas Attorney General requesting a six (6) month exemption on the new concealed carry legislation that takes effect July 1, 2013.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director inquired about insurance coverage for her office. The Commissioners decided that JJA/Community Corrections should get their own insurance policy, not a policy under the County. Also presented was a revised Budget. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Signatory Application for 2014 Community Corrections Grant Funds Final Revised Budget Summary and Budget Narrative.

Commissioner Caspers presented the 2014 Budget request for Cloud County Resource Council in the amount of $5,000. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Commissioner Caspers had a telephone conference with KWROCC on Thursday, June 20, 2013 regarding the monthly Trustee’s meeting.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator, discussed routine items and presented an Order of Road Vacation. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Road Vacation of the following Road: Beginning ¼ mile South of NW corner of 26-7-5 then ¼ mile West (also known as Green Rd).

Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Engle attended the Juvenile Detention Board meeting in Concordia on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

Commissioner Engle attended Coffee Time with Roger Nelson on Friday, June 21, 2013.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Resolution #2013-19 to cancel check #129995 for $225.00 to the Appellate Clerk’s Office. The Check needed to be 2 separate amounts.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed routine matters and that he and Commissioner Engle will be attending the E-Waste meeting in Osbourne on Thursday, June 27th, 2013.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator, discussed routine matters.

Gary Dvorak, Concordia Senior Center presented the 2014 Budget Appropriation request in the amount of $4,000. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Ashley McMillian, CloudCorp Excecutive Director presented the 2014 Budget Appropriation request for CloudCorp in the amount of $55,000, the same as requested in 2013. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Linda Sutton, NCK Small Business Development Center presented the 2014 Budget Appropriation request in the amount of $14,000. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian gave an update on the permits that have been issued, finalized, and real estate inspections completed.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.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 1, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Barry Porter, County Appraiser

Others attending were: Jen Warkentin, Phil Sudduth, Beth Waddle, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Susie Haver, Tammy Britt, Dolores Landry, Susan Cantine-Maxon, Betsy Reed, Cloud County Convention & Tourism; Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board.

The Chairman signed the department monthly expense vouchers.

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

Brian Marks, Sheriff visited with the Board about various routine items concerning the owners meeting that was held Friday, June 28th.

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

All Commissioners attended the owners meeting held on Friday, June 28th, at the new jail site.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Junction City, on Tuesday, June 25th and the Governor’s reception held on Wednesday, June 26th at Concordia Tractor, Inc.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Governor’s reception on Wednesday, June 26th at Concordia Tractor, Inc. and the Solomon Valley E-waste Coalition meeting, in Osborne, on Thursday, June 27th.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director presented information on the Solomon Valley E-Waste meeting he and Commissioner Engle attended, in Osborne, last week.

Murdock reported the Recycling Center will accept cardboard and paste board but no fireworks and any fireworks taken to the Transfer Station must have been watered down and held for at least three (3) days, to prevent causing a fire.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the following appointments to the Cloud County Commission on Aging Board, beginning July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014:

- Joyce Menard to represent the Clyde Senior Center replacing Lois Tobyne
- Rosella Hubert to represent the Concordia Senior Center replacing Betty Saunders
- Fred Stegmaier to represent the Jamestown Senior Center replacing Novella Trude.

Jen Warkentin, Phil Sudduth and Beth Weddle representing Big Brothers and Big Sisters gave an overview of services provided by Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Warkentin presented an appropriation request for 2014 in the amount of $2,000, which would be used to match four (4) Concordia Elementary School students for the next school year. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.
On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-20 appointing Barry Porter as Cloud County Appraiser for four (4) years beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

Susie Haver, Tammy Britt, Dolores Landry, Susan Cantine Maxon, and Betsy Reed, Cloud County Convention and Tourism presented their 2014 Budget, in the amount of $135,850 and gave an overview of their future plans for promoting Cloud County.

Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board presented their 2014 appropriation request in the amount of $40,000, an increase of $5,000. The Board will consider the request when preparing the County budget.

The Courthouse and County offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 12:03 p.m., until Monday July 8, 2013.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $135,576.05.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-21 cancelling check # 130280, in the amount of $345.18, due to the recipient needing two checks.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford unanimous vote to sign an Interlocal Agreement and Contract with Republic County and Barry Porter as County Appraiser for the respective counties.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the new concealed carry legislation.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a fifteen (15) minute executive session, for attorney/client privilege, at 9:15 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:30 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a second fifteen (15) minute executive, for attorney/client privilege, at 9:32 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:47 a.m.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he has received prices for sealing oil of $2.09 from Ergon of Salina and $2.30 per gallon from Vance Brothers of Kansas City. They are planning to seal approximately 15 miles of roadway this year.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they have had numerous email requests from people doing genealogy research.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported their fiscal year ended June 30th and they are completing their year-end reports.
Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are preparing for the Fair and the theme for this year’s fair is “Salute to Our Heroes”; Kim Larson the new Ag Agent will be starting this week; and in August they will be conducting classes on Memory Retention.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are spraying, doing pipe work and ditch cleaning.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported they have been trimming trees and yard work at the Health Dept. building; they have replaced the pump in the marble ball and are continuing to do various other maintenance projects.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported routine business at both the Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported the CIC updates went well and there were no problems.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the phone system for the Health Dept. and reported they received information concerning their grants and there have been some funding cuts.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they have completed their July valuations to be used for budget purposes and the total county valuation has increased by $4,452,129. Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer asked her to relay to the Department Heads that she has sent out 848 letters for delinquent Real Estate taxes and the amount of unpaid Real Estate Taxes total $638,453.22, and property owners have until July 24th to pay their delinquent taxes before they are published in the newspaper and additional fees are added.

The Department Health meeting ended at 10:45 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste reported the overhead door at the Transfer Station has been repaired and the skid loader at the Recycling Center has been repaired.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m., until Monday, July 15, 2013.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Ashley McMillian, CloudCorp Executive Director; Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager.

Ashley McMillian, CloudCorp Executive Director visited with the Board about various items.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff visited with the Board about the Law Enforcement/Detention Center project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Utility Agreement with AT&T for buried cable from Key Road and US Hwy 81 east to 145th Road, south 2 miles to Iron Road, east to 150th Road then south to the intersection of Hwy 24 an 150th Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Utility Agreement.

Asch presented an Agreement with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for a buried 18” pumping line across 30th Road approximately ¼ mile north of Vale Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Agreement.

Asch reported the sealing projects proposed for this year are: 40th Road from Highway 9 to west of Glasco (Jamestown-Glasco Road); 90th Road from Highway 24 to the county Line (Delphos blacktop) and 120th Road from Highway 24 to the county line.

The Board viewed the Courthouse south parking lot with Asch and Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager. The Board asked Asch to estimate the cost of proposed repairs and report back next week.

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

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

On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved increasing the mileage reimbursement rate to 56 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2013, to match the amount allowed by the Kansas Department of Administration.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote to allow the chairman to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant application with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices, on behalf of the Public Building Commission: City of Concordia $125,000.00; City of Concordia $6,509.05; Zahner Hansen Construction Group $ 295,226.00; and Goldberg Group Architects $6,476.07.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the need for another part-time Home Health Aide/Homemaker.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about various issues. Uri presented their 2014 budget request for dispatch services in the amount of $120,000, which is an increase of $20,000.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

The Board attended a meeting with District Judge Kim Cudney and elected officials from Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic and Washington counties, to discuss the concealed carry legislation and how it affects county facilities, courtrooms and offices related to court operations.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until Monday, July 22, 2013.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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: Kirk Lowell

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $132,853.08.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-22 appointing Starla Borg-Nelson as Acting County Attorney retroactive back for June 25, 2013, due to the County Attorney being out of town.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Concordia City Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 17th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended a meeting at Cloud County Health Center, on Tuesday, July 16th, to discuss Health issues of Cloud County; the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday, July 16th; the Concordia City Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 17th; and the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting, in Topeka, on Thursday, July 18th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attend the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, July 17th; the Concordia City Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 17th; participated on Coffeetime on Friday, July 19th; and went to Miltonvale to visit the projects that are being completed with Wind Farm Funds.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff visited with the Board about some public concerns they have received concerning the Law Enforcement Project and the issues will be addressed, with the contractors and architects, at the next owners meeting, to be held on Tuesday, July 30th.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Dustin Hittle, from Truck Driver to Heavy Equipment Operator, to fill an open position, effective July 22, 2013, with a wage of $13.44 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Asch presented an application for a bridge project in the off-system bridge program with Kansas Department of Transportation. The Bridge is located 1 mile West & 1 ½ miles North of Hollis. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approve the application.

Asch presented estimates for repairs to the Courthouse South parking lot. The estimate for patching is $9,181.80 and for the overlay is $12,890.58. No decision was made at the time concerning how much of the project will be completed this year and when it will be started.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Solid Waste survey they received from Kansas Department of Health & Environment. He discussed various other routine matters.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they have ordered a new sign, from Champlin Tire Recycling, for the Health Department. She discussed various other routine items with the Board.

Kirk Lowell stopped by to visit with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:34 a.m., until Monday, July 29, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.
Adjourned session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 29, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager

The Board reviewed the departments monthly expense vouchers.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-23 to cancel check # 130231 in the amount of $847.38, due to the parts being returned and a credit issued.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to nominate Commissioner Engle as the voting delegate and Commissioner Crawford as alternate voting delegate to the KWORCC Annual meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of an invoice to Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water Management, in the amount of $60.00, on behalf of the Public Building Commission.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received for July (June sales) in the amount of $69,374.80, compared to the amount received in 2012, in the amount of $58,878.93.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the 2013 year end line item adjustments for the Community Case Management Program (CCM) and the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program (JISP) for approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the line item adjustments.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager visited with the Board about the progress on the installation of the gas line at the Law Enforcement Center and discussed various other items.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Utility Use Permit with A T & T for placing buried fiber cable from the Manhole west of Highland Avenue on 11th St. , west on 11th St. to 130th Road, south 1 mile to the
intersection of 130th Road and Quail Road, then to handhole just east of the intersection, and buried hand holes as indicated on the prints. A short section of fiber cable will be placed in the north right of way of Quail Road in front of the tower at 1241 Quail Road.

Asch reported representatives from the Kansas Department of Agriculture were here last week to inspect the Weed Dept., and everything went well.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, July 23rd.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Clay Center, on Tuesday, July 23rd and the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, July 25th.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board appointed Commissioner Engle as voting delegate, Commissioner Crawford as 1st alternate voting delegate and Commissioner Caspers as 2nd alternate voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties Annual meeting.

The Board opened the two (2) bids received for the sale of the two (2) Sheriff’s vehicles. The bids on the 2004 Chevrolet Impala were received from Concordia Chevrolet/Buick, in the amount of $3,626.00 and Dan and Michaela Hyman, in the amount of $3,513.00. No bids were received on the 4 wheel drive pickup.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the high bid of $3,626.00 received from Concordia Chevrolet/Buick for the 2004 Impala.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
AUGUST 5, 2013

Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 5, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director; Lyle Peterson, Ks. Dept. of Commerce

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $130,869.66.

The Chairman signed the department expense checks.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2013-212 in the amount of $37.54.

Abatement # 2013-212 was allowed for Foster Losh, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $37.54 due to the vehicle being sold to father.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the owners’ meeting and addressed some of the issues that have been bought up, concerning the project. The Board asked the Walsh to contact the Architect and Contractor regarding the retainage fee and it was the consensus of the Board that it remains at 10%, as per the contract, and not reduced to 5%.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Community Corrections 2013 Quarterly Budget Adjustment report for approval in the amount of $6,616.14. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the report.

Anderson also presented the Community Corrections 2014 Carryover Reimbursement Plan in the amount of $8,001.36, for signatory approval. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Carryover Reimbursement Plan.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-23 re-appointing the following people to the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections/Juvenile Services Advisory Board:

Gary Frint, Law Enforcement; Brian Marks, Law Enforcement; Bev Mortimer, Cloud County Commissioners Representative; Alison Mueller, Washington County Commissioners; Bob Richards, Beloit City Council; Mark Rothfuss, Mental Health; Denis Shumate, Mitchell County Commissioners Representative; Guy Steier, Judiciary Representative; Regine Thompson, Belleville City Commissioners Representative; Robert Walsh, Prosecution Representative.

The appointments are for a 2 year term, beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Vincent Armstrong from construction laborer to truck driver, to fill an open position, effective August 12, 2013, at $12.22 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

Asch discussed the storm damage and reported a number of culverts were washed out and there was major road damage, in basically the North ½ of the county, and that because of the cost of repairing the damage they will probably not be able to seal roads this year.

Arlene Clayton discussed the Convention and Tourism office.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition.

Murdock presented the hire of Rodney Hine, as part-time equipment operator at the Transfer Station, to fill an open position, effective August 5, 2013, at a wage of $8.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Rod Howard, effective August 16, 2013.

Diana Gering Health Administrator presented a classification change for Brandy Bray from Home Health RN to Home Health Director, to fill an open position, effective August 5, 2013, at a wage of $17.28 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jessica Begnoche as Home Health Director, effective August 9, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Kayla Davis, as part-time Home Health Aide/Homemaker, effective August 19, 2013, at a rate of $9.00 per hour.

Lyle Peterson, Kansas Department of Commerce presented an update and overview of the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. Peterson explained the changes that will be implemented to the Student Loan Repayment Program, which is part of the ROZ program.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Emergency Preparedness Disaster meeting and the owners meeting, both held on Tuesday, July 30th.

Commissioner Crawford attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, July 30th and the JJA/Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting, in Concordia, on Wednesday, July 31st.

Commissioner Engle attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, July 30th.

The Board signed a Declaration of a state of Local Disaster Emergency for Cloud County.

The Board will conduct a work session on Tuesday, August 6th, at 8:00 a.m. for preliminary work on the County budget.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m, until Monday, August 12, 2013.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Kim Larson, Extension Agent; Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular meeting as corrected; and the minutes of the special session on August 6, 2013 as presented. (remove the word the in the Paragraph concerning Robert Walsh, County Attorney)

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2013-208 totaling $24.00.

Abatement # 2013-208 was allowed Douglas Kroeger, Miltonvale City in the amount of $24.00.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney requested a 15 minute executive to discuss attorney/client privileges. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 15 minute executive session, for attorney/client privilege at 9:01 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:16 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a second 10 minute executive session, for attorney/client privilege, at 9:18 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:28 a.m. Also included in the session was Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator requested a five minute executive session for non-elected personnel. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board recessed into a 5 minute executive session at 9:30 a.m. and resumed open session at 9:35 a.m. Also included in the session was Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported routine business.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are repairing damage to roads caused from the heavy rains received last week; and spraying Johnson Grass.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the delinquent Real Estate list has been sent to the newspaper for publication, and the total of unpaid taxes was $451,264.07. Williams also discussed the State Motor Vehicle program and the problems they are having when they try to renew a disabled license tag.

Kim Larson, the new Ag Agent with River Valley Extension District reported she is completing her Master’s Degree in Agronomy, through Kansas State; and she is completing some training at Smith County.

Pat Gerhardt, Extension Agent reported they are getting ready for the State Fair; and the memory classes with begin in two weeks.
Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported routine business at both the Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she and Health Dept. staff would be attending Community Night at the College; and they may be participating in the Health Fair; she is working with the Hospital on accreditation for both the Hospital and Health Dept.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported routine business.

The department head meeting ended at 10:30 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 10:40 a.m.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended a meeting with Robert Walsh, County Attorney, Vicki Kopsa, Paralegal and representatives from Stupka Construction, at the jail site on Tuesday, August 6th; and he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, August 9th.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed information he received on a used baler for the Recycling Center.

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

The Commissioners will attend the owners meeting, on Tuesday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m., at the jail site.

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m., until Monday, August 19th at 9:00 a.m.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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: Toby Nosker, KNCK

The board approved department payrolls totaling $130,215.53.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices, on behalf of the Public Building Commission:

- Goldberg Group Architects $1,960.95
- Zahner Hansen Construction Group $115,198.20

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended a meeting at Cloud County Health Center, on Thursday, August 15th to discuss the Cloud County Health assessment report and participated in a KWORCC Conference call on Thursday, August 15th.

All Commissioners attended the owner’s meeting on Tuesday, August 13th at the jail site.

Commissioner Engle attended a meeting on Tuesday, August 13th, with Robert Walsh, representatives of Goldberg Group Architects, and representatives of Stupka Construction.

The Commissioners would like to publicly thank Stupka Construction for coming to the new jail site on several occasions and pointing out, to the Commissioners and Architects, the various items that needed attention.

Brian Marks, Sheriff and Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed various issues concerning the jail project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented new hire authorization for Anthony Smith, as a Construction Laborer, to fill an open position, effective August 26, 2013, at a rate of $11.32 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Asch presented a Utility Permit for Dale Berk, for a buried utility line at 1951 Quail Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the utility permit.

Asch reported they are continuing to repair the damage caused by the recent storms.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition meeting he attended, in Osborne last week; and discussed replacing the yard truck at the Transfer Station.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator presented a new hire authorization for Ashley Forshee, as a full-time Home Health RN, effective August 20, 2013, at a rate of $17.03 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Gering reported that beginning September 9th the Health Department would be giving flu shots on a walk-in basis from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board conducted the 2014 Budget Hearing. No one was in attendance. The proposed 2014 budget shows expenditures of $10,478,222 and an estimated mill levy of 66.587, which is an increase of 3.273 mills.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-24 expressing the property taxation policy with respect to financing the 2014 annual budget.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the proposed Budget for 2014.

The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m., until Monday, August 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
Adjourned session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; and Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

The Board reviewed the department monthly expense vouchers.

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

Commissioner Crawford presented a Proclamation on behalf of Pawnee Mental Health designating September as Recovery Month. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Proclamation.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-239; 2013-259 thru 2013-262 totaling $1,594.74.

Abatement # 2013-239 was approved for Jason Kreiter, Concordia City, in the amount of $277.98.

Abatement # 2013-259 was allowed Auto Outlet Dismantlers, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $253.60, due to the 2005 Chevy being state assessed.

Abatement # 2013-260 was allowed Auto Outlet Dismantlers, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $302.88, due to the 2005 Chevy being state assessed.

Abatement # 2013-261 was allowed Auto Outlet Dismantlers, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $352.34, due to the 2005 Chevy being state assessed.

Abatement # 2013-262 was allowed Auto Outlet Dismantlers, Inc., Concordia City, in the amount of $407.94, due to the 2005 Chevy being state assessed.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, August 21st.

Brian Marks, Sheriff and Robert Walsh, County Attorney visited with the Board about the Law Enforcement Project and various other items.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a wage change for Brent Trost, from $12.22 to $13.44 per hour, effective August 26, 2013, due to completing his introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Asch presented a classification change for Ronald Buckland from Utility Worker to Heavy Equipment Operator, to fill an open position, effective August 26, 2013, from $12.66 to $13.44 per hour. On motion by
Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the change, to fill an open position.

Asch presented a classification change for Vincent Armstrong from Truck Driver to Utility Worker, to fill an open position effective August 26, 2013, from $12.22 to $12.66 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change to fill an open position.

Asch presented a hiring authorization for Richard L. Bergstrom, J., as truck driver, to fill an open position, effective September 3, 2013, at $12.22 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring authorization to fill an open position.

Asch reported he would be meeting with representatives from FEMA today to view the damage caused by the recent storms.

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

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

The Commissioners will attend the owner’s meeting, at the jail site, on Tuesday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m.

The Commissioners will host the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courthouse meeting room.

The Commissioners will participate on Coffeetime, on Friday, August 30th.

The Courthouse and County offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.
Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 3, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $129,987.43.

The Chairman signed department expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-277; 2013-286; 2013-212 totaling $196.40.

Abatement # 2013-277 was allowed Vinita A. Regnier, Concordia City, in the amount of $60.74 due to the value being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-286 was allowed Colonial Savings, Concordia City, in the amount of $98.12, due to the value being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-212 was allowed Foster Losh, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $37.54.

Abatement was originally approved on August 5, 2013 but due to a processing difficulties it was resubmitted and reapproved on September 3, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved appointments to the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee as follows: Bob Gering, Chairman of the Committee representing Cloud County Rural FD # 4; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Vonda Pumarlo, Health Dept. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Rhonna Annon, CCHC Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Brian Marks, Sheriff’s Dept.; Eric Voss, Fire Chief, Concordia Fire Dept.; Andrew Asch, Highway Administrator; Max Coleman Miltonvale Rural Fire Dept.; Gary Caspers, Cloud County Commission; Beverly Mortimer, USD 333; Janet Eubanks, Cloud County Community College; Bruce Johnson, Concordia Police Chief; Marc Derousseau, Clyde; Mike Brayton, Glasco; Joe Jindra, News Media; Edmund Rudolph, Clyde Fire Department; Jon Puckett, Miltonvale; Kathy Coleman, Miltonvale EMS; Derek Holmes, Concordia High School Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Roger Perkins, USD 334; Corey Reese, USD 224.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group 3 invoices totaling $28,247.49; and Kansas State Treasurer $117,331.25.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Miranda Siebolt, Assistant Manager of the Holiday Inn Express to fill the unexpired term of Lindey Glenn on the Convention and Tourism Committee.
Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the sales tax and compensating use tax received for August (July sales) in the amount of $62,469.52, compared to the amount received in 2012 in the amount of $60,414.40.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the gas line to the law enforcement center and presented a draft of a Gas Service Agreement for Board review and explained the permitting process for their proposed Flood Control Project.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the estimated cost of the damages from the recent rain storm was $285,694.20 and of that estimated cost approximately $269,214.59 could be submitted to FEMA for partial reimbursement.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are working on the road to the Construction/Demolition Landfill; and discussed various other routine items.

All of the Commissioners attended the owner’s meeting, at the jail site on Tuesday, August 27\textsuperscript{th}; attended the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, August 28\textsuperscript{th}; and participated on KNCK Coffeetime on Friday, August 30\textsuperscript{th}.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, in Beloit, on Thursday, August 29\textsuperscript{th}.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Emergency Preparedness meeting at the Fire Department on Wednesday, August 28\textsuperscript{th} and attended the Resource Council meeting on Thursday, August 29\textsuperscript{th}.

The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m., until Monday, September 9, 2013.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 9, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Kim Larson, Extension Agent; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Barry Porter, County Appraiser.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Elaine Bowers, State Senator 36th District; Susan Concannon, State Representative, 107th District; and C.W. Klebe, Attorney General’s Office.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager discussed the Gas Utility Service Contract. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved and signed the Gas Utility Service Contract with the City of Concordia.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Use of Public Road Right of Way for the Plum Road portion of the City’s Flood Control Project.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian requested a variance to change the distance between a well and laterals from 100’ to 50’ for property at 1153 Key Road. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the variance from 100’ to 50’ at 1153 Key Road.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Kyle Bogart from full-time maintenance to part-time mower, effective August 19, 2013.

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

Kim Larson, Extension Agent reported they are working on Ag Day for Kids; she reported the 4-H shooting sports group will be having a fund raising event at Fall Fest.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court reported Starla Borg-Nelson has been appointed as the new Magistrate Judge for Republic County.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are continuing to work to repair the roads after the heavy rains last month.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reviewed the numerous projects they are working on.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they finished the road to the Construction Demolition landfill last week.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported the new fiber optic cable has been installed at the Health Dept. and discussed several viruses that are hitting the computers in the courthouse.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported walk-in flu shot clinic started today at the Health Dept.; and on October 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. they will be conducting a drive thru flu shot clinic, at the Cloud County Fairgrounds.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported they printed the redemptions for delinquent Real Estate; and they are preparing for the September 20th distributions.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds reported they have had numerous people in to do genealogy research.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed the new Flood Insurance maps and reported on a seminar he attended in Russell.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they are preparing for the USD 333 Bond Election on November 5th; and the City of Aurora may be having a special election in October for the sale of their gas utility.

The Department head meeting ended at 10:51 a.m. and the Board resumed open session at 11:00 a.m.

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

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the meeting she and Commissioner Crawford will be attending, in Russell, on Thursday, September 12th.

Elaine Bowers, State Senator; Susan Concannon, State Representative; and C.W. Klebe, Attorney General’s Office discussed the concealed carry legislation; security in county facilities and the exemptions for state and municipal buildings.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m, until Monday, September 16, 2013.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending were: Arlene Clayton; Mark Isley and Alicia Bond, Group Benefit Specialists.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $134,721.93.

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

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the North Central Regional Planning Commissioner meeting, in Beloit, on Monday, September 9th; the Convention and Tourism meeting on Tuesday, September 10th; and attended a forum on County Health Departments, in Russell, on Thursday, September 12th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the owner’s meeting on Wednesday, September 11th, at the jail site.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday September 13th.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items regarding the law enforcement project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility permit for Brad Berk, to place an access pipe across 200th Road near Plum Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote to approve the utility permit.

Asch reported he would be traveling to Belleville, this morning, to meet with the Republic County Commissioners; and they are still working on road repairs caused by the heavy rains.

Arlene Clayton discussed the quilt judging at the Cloud County Fair.

Mark Isley and Alicia Bond, Group Benefit Specialists discussed the effects of Health Care Reform and the county’s responsibilities to comply with the changes.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the meeting she and Commissioner Crawford attended, in Russell last week, concerning communications between County Commissioners and their local Health Departments.

Gering reported the Health Dept. would be conducting a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Cloud County Fairgrounds.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported he will be mailing the requests for bids for semi-trailer tires today. Bids will be due back to the County Clerk’s office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013, and will be opened on September 30th at 10:00 a.m.
The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m., until Monday, September 23, 2013.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 23, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending were: Dolores Landry

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

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the owners meeting and also the concealed carry legislation.

The Commissioners will attend the owners meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m., at the jail site.

Andy Asch Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Richard Bergstrom, Jr. from truck driver to mechanic, effective September 23, 2013, at an introductory wage of $12.80 per hour. On motion by commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Richard Bergstrom from truck driver to mechanic, to fill an open position.

Asch presented a hiring authorization for Travis Mills as a truck driver, to fill an open position, effective October 7, 2013, at an introductory wage of $12.00 per hour.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Dan Hyman, effective September 20, 2013.

Asch discussed his meeting, last week, with the Republic County Commissioners.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, September 19th, in Topeka, Ks.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended a meeting with the architects and contractors on Wednesday, September 18th, at the jail site.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Juvenile Detention meeting, which was held at the new Public Works Facility in Riley County, on Wednesday, September 18th.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the E-waste meeting he attended in Osborne, last week; they shipped 2 loads of # 8 news last week and will ship a load of shredded paper and a load of cardboard this week.

Dolores Landry visited with the Board about the Ames/Miltonvale road and asked about the possibility of striping the middle and/or edges of the road. The Board will visit with the Highway Administrator next week about this matter.
On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group $83,850.00 and Goldberg Group Architects $3,999.42.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the Management Representation letter for the 2012 county audit.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported the Health Fair would be held at the Armory, on October 15th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed establishing an emergency operation center and asked about the possibility of using the office portion of the current law enforcement center, once the new jail facility is opened. No decision was made at this time.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until Monday, September 30, 2013.
Adjourned session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 30, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, 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; Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $130,157.92.

The Board reviewed the monthly expense vouchers.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Pawnee Mental Health meeting, in Clay Center, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 and the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting, in Concordia, on Thursday, September 26, 2013.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, September 24, 2013; the LEPC meeting, at the Fire Dept., on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 and the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in September (August sales) was $64,988.01, compared to the amount received in 2012 of $56,037.65.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed several issues with the Board, including the law enforcement center; concealed carry legislation; the contract for the county sanitarian; and they discussed when and if the Raven Ridge Tactical Security Team should assist the Cloud County Sheriff’s Dept.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported most of the flood damage to the roads has been repaired; they are continuing to patch roads; he discussed the budget for his department; and reported he would get cost estimates for striping the Ames/Miltonvale road and report back to the Commissioners next week.

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

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Commissioner Engle as voting delegate and Commissioner Crawford as alternate voting delegate to the KCAMP annual meeting to be held Wednesday, October 30, 2013, in Wichita.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board opened the 3 bids received for semi-tractor tires for the Solid Waste Dept. Bids were received from: Kansasland Tire $4,269.75; Becker Tire $4,011.45; and Thompson’s Tire $5,400.00.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to accept the low bid of $4,011.45 from Becker Tire for the semi-tractor tires.

Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the video visitation system for the new law enforcement center.
Sheriff Marks presented classification changes for Jerry Bunch; Jerron Baxter; and Taylor Solt from part-time to full-time corrections officers, effective October 1st, at a wage of $13.12 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification changes.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager reported the gas line to the new jail should be in operation on Tuesday, October 1st.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they would be conducting a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Cloud County Fairgrounds.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian gave an update on the permits issued and permits that have been finalized. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve the 2014 contract with Marlene Stamm DBA NCK Environmental, LLC to provide sanitarian services for Cloud County.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Amended By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement for KCAMP membership.

The Commissioners will attend the owners meeting, on Tuesday, October 1st, at 1:00 p.m. at the jail site.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 7, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were:

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-361 and #2013-362 totaling $70.84.

Abatement # 2013-361 was allowed Glen C. Nelson, Jamestown City, in the amount of $55.28 due to an incorrect value being used.

Abatement # 2013-362 was allowed Glenn C. Nelson, Jamestown City, in the amount of $15.56, due to an incorrect value being used.

All of the Commissioners attended the owner’s meeting, on Tuesday, October 1st, at the jail site.

Brian Marks, Sheriff presented a hiring authorization for Austin Howard as part-time corrections officer, effective October 7, 2013, at a rate of $10.00 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a cost estimate, in the amount of $2,759.48, for center-line striping of the Ames/Miltonvale road. The project will be not be done until later next year, due to the weather and time restraints.

Asch reported the bridge located 1 mile West and 1 ½ mile North of Hollis, on the Cloud/Republic County line, has been accepted for cost share funds in 2015.

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

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they shipped a load of shredded paper last week, and will be shipping a load of hard-backed books this week and they have shipped 316 tons of recyclables to date in 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-26 cancelling check # 130511 to Event Promotions in the amount of $39.63, due to the purchase being made using a county purchasing card.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the drive-thru flu shot clinic that was held on Saturday, October 5th, and various other items with the Board.
The Board will attend the owners meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the jail site.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until Monday, October 14, 2013.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 14, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Kim Larson, Extension Agent; Shella Thoman, County Bookkeeper.

Others attending were: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Janet Hieger, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Alisha Bond, Group Benefit Specialists.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $130,546.60.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-27 appointing Regine L. Thompson as acting County Attorney in Cloud County Case No. 13-CR-258, because of a potential conflict of the county attorney, retroactive to April 18, 2013.

The Board received a call from Kim Goodnight with ITC who gave an update on the progress of the Elm Creek to Summit sub-station project. He reported they are in the beginning stages of the project and construction is scheduled to begin in late 2014.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of 8 invoices, on behalf of the Public Building Commission, to the Bob Barker Co., Inc. totaling $18,403.97.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the flood repairs to county roads is complete and they are working on the damages caused to several culverts; they are will continue patching roads as weather permits; and that next year the State will be replacing a bridge, located east of 80th Road, on Hwy. 9 and traffic will be detoured during construction.

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

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported that October is “National Cyber Security Awareness Month” and he discussed cyber- crimes and the problems they cause.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they are planning to start work on their 120 day cover this week, weather permitting; and they will conduct an inspection of the closed landfill next week.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported she is working on grants; the Health Dept. will be participating in the Health Fair; and discussed the drive thru flu shot clinic that was held on October 5th.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager reported the new sign is up at the Health Dept. and discussed the repairs that are needing to be done to the roof of the Health Dept. building.
Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the flood damage to road has been repaired and there are some culvert repairs that still need to be completed.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed the flood insurance maps.

Kim Larson, Extension Agent reported the wheat plots have been planted and their State reporting is complete.

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

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported advance for voting the USD # 333 Special Question Election will begin on Wednesday, October 16, 2013; and they are starting to work on final values.

The department head meeting ended at 10:45 a.m. and regular session resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Farm Lease for the Transfer Station property; weather permitting they will start the 120 day cover this week; and the inspection of the closed landfill will be next week.

Commissioners Engle and Caspers will travel to Perry, Ks. with Murdock on Thursday, October 24th to tour Hamm’s Quarry.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed the Health Departments procedures when working with the Sheriff’s Department concerning prisoners medication; she discussed the new equipment the Health Dept. has purchased; and she reported walk-in flu shot clinics will be held Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Board recessed at 11:41 a.m. and resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.

Janet Hieger, Blue Cross Blue Shield presented information on the renewal for 2014. With an overall decrease of 5.8% the monthly rates for Employee coverage would be $487.91; for Employee/Children coverage $1,015.23; for Employee/Spouse coverage $1,048.07; and for Employee/Dependents $1,575.36. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved renewing with BCBS for 2014 for employee health insurance coverage.

Alisha Bond, Group Benefit Specialists reviewed the other employee benefits. Bond reported there would be a small increase in the premiums for short term disability and also for the vision plan. On motion Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved continuing with the current vision and short term disability plans for 2014.

The Board adjourned at 2:55 p.m. until Monday, October 21, 2013.
Adjourned session of the October 21, 2013 meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director; Bob Gering, LEPC; Everett Ford.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of both the October 14th canvass and regular meeting as presented.

Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director visited with the Board about the former ALCO building and discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone Program.

Brian Marks, Sheriff and Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the ongoing issues with the law enforcement project and the steps that need to be taken to ensure the rest of the project will be completed in a timely manner.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Cloud County Detour Agreement with KDOT. The State will reimburse for the cost of gravel used on the county roads that will be used as a detour during the bridge replacement project (9-15 KA2055-01) on Hwy # 9. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Detour Agreement with KDOT.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the Farm Lease for the Transfer Station land. The Board suggested it may be time to negotiate the amount charged per acre.

The Board discussed the drop off of paper, to be recycled, at the Transfer Station. No action was taken.

Hours at the Recycling Center will be changed to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning, Monday, October 28th.

Murdock reported they will be starting the 120 day cover for the construction/demolition site this week; and the inspection of the old landfill site has been delayed until October 29th; he and Dana Ringer will be attending the Transfer Station Operators Training class, in Wichita, on November 6th and 7th.

Commissioner Engle, Commissioner Caspers, and Murdock will travel to Perry, Kansas on Thursday, October 24th, to tour Hamm Quarry.

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

Commissioner Caspers and Commissioner Engle attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at the jail site.

Commissioner Engle attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, October 11th and participated on Coffeetime on Friday, October 18th.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they gave 50 flu vaccinations at the Health Fair, on Tuesday, October 15th; the Health Dept. will be conducting flu shot clinics in Jamestown on Tuesday, October 22nd from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and at the Nichol Home, in Glasco, on Friday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.; and there has only been 3 confirmed cases of Pertussis (whooping cough) in Cloud County to date.

Bob Gering, LEPC and Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness discussed the reporting requirements for the LEPC, and in the future, information regarding the LEPC, may be posted on the County’s web-site.

Everett Ford discussed a special assessment on a parcel of property he purchased at a tax foreclosure sale and various other items.

The Commissioners will attend the owners meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at the jail site, and if necessary they will continue the meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until Monday, October 28, 2013.
Adjourned session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $134,562.19.

The Board reviewed the department’s monthly expense vouchers.

Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director stopped by to visit with the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 21st regular meeting and the minutes of the October 22nd owner’s meeting as presented.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director presented the Behavioral Health Grant Funds received, in the amount of $1,605.00 for approval. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved receipt of the Behavioral Health Grant Funds, in the amount of $1,605.00.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported the patching is complete; they are continuing to work on culvert projects; and their seasonal help will be working through this week.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Monday, October 21st; the owner’s meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd; the LEPC meeting, at the Fire Department, on Wednesday, October 23rd; toured the Hamm Quarry, at Perry, Ks. on Thursday, October 24th; and attended the ITC Donation at the National Orphan Train Complex, on Friday, October 25th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the owner’s meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd; and toured Hamm’s Quarry on Thursday, October 24th.

Commissioner Crawford attended the owner’s meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed their tour of the Hamm’s Quarry; he reported they sold the Ford L9000 (old yard truck) for $1,250.00; discussed the Farm Lease for the Transfer Station; and reported they have completed the 120 day cover on the construction/demolition landfill.

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be closed on November 28th; 29th; and 30th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
County offices will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and be closed on December 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported Brittney Dorman and Tonya Peltier have completed training and are able to do car seat safety checks; the Health Dept. has given over 600 flu shots to date; and they have had several people come in for cholesterol checks with the Cholestech LDX machine.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of David Tanking, as corrections officer, effective October 18, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the re-appointment of Dan Gerber to a second term on the Area Agency on Aging Board.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported he had visited with Alliance and Apple Tech concerning the warranty on the jail building, and he reported a 20 year warranty has been issued.

The Board will be attending the Kansas Association of Counties annual conference, in Wichita, October 29 – 31st.

The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.
Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director.

Others attending were: Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager; Ray Roberts, Kansas Secretary of Corrections; Johnny Goddard, Deputy Secretary of Corrections; and Elaine Bowers, State Senator.

The Chairman signed the monthly expense checks for all departments.

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

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer reported the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in October (Sept. sales) was $61,072.22, compared to the amount received in October 2012 of $67,209.01.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager discussed various routine items with the Board.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a wage change for Ronald Bergstrom from $12.80 per hour to $13.44 per hour, due to reaching the end of his introductory period. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the change.

Asch presented two (2) Right of Way Use permits with Rural Water District # 1. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote for a buried water line approximately 40’ West of 160th Road across Eagle Road.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a buried water line approximately 3/8 mile North of Key Road, crossing 145th Road.

Asch reported they are continuing to patch roads and are doing ditch and pipe work.

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds discussed the collection of mortgage registration fees.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they would be conducting an Evening Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic, on Thursday, November 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approve the re-appointment of Sister Beth Stover to a three (3) year term on the Pawnee Mental Health Services Board.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution # 2013-28 cancelling check # 130108 in the amount of $184.04 due to the check not being received by the vendor.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Levi Herring, as Transport Driver at the Sheriff’s Dept., effective November 28th.
On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Donna James, as part-time corrections officer, effective November 4, 2013, at a rate of $10.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a three (3) year farm lease, for the Transfer Station Land, with Karl Jacobsen, with an annual lease payment of $6,125.

Larry Uri, Concordia City Manager invited the Commissioners to attend a study session with the Concordia City Commission, to discuss the Alco Building, on Wednesday, November 6th, at 4:00 p.m.

The Courthouse, Health Dept. and all other county offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th, in observance of the Veteran’s Day Holiday.

The Commissioner attended the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting on Wichita, October 29th – 31st.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Ray Roberts, Kansas Secretary of Corrections; Johnny Goddard, Deputy Secretary of Corrections; and Elaine Bowers, State Senator stopped in to visit with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m., until Tuesday, November 12, 2013.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 12, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Brian Marks, Sheriff; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $134,399.77.

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

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the law enforcement project.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the concealed carry legislation and various other routine items.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Design Contract with Cook, Flatt & Strobel for Bridge Project 15C-4617-01 (Bridge #523) located 1 mile West and 1 ½ miles North of Hollis (East of 190th Road on the county line). On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Design Contract with Cook, Flatt & Strobel.

Asch reported the county’s cost of gravel and sealing material will increase by 60 cents per ton, from $6.50 per ton to $7.10 per ton, beginning January 1, 2014.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds discussed legislation that may be proposed during the next legislative session to remove mortgage registration fees, and the negative impact it could have on counties and local property owners.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court discussed the funding of judicial budgets and possible furlough’s for judicial employees; and she reported that Starla Nelson was sworn in as the new Magistrate Judge in Republic County on November 1st.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported representatives from FEMA will be here on Wednesday, November 13th.

Troy Shepard, Maintenance Manager discussed the heating and cooling system in the courthouse.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported he has been installing several new computers.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they have completed the 120 day cover for the construction/demolition site; and he and Dana Ringer attended the Solid Waste Operators Training Course last week; and county employees with CDL licenses will need to register with the state.
Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will conduct a Walk-In Flu Shot Clinic on Thursday, November 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported they will conduct the canvass for the USD 333 Special Question Election on Thursday, November 14th at 8:00 a.m.; and that budgets have been sent to the state.

The Department Head meeting ended at 11:00 a.m. and open session resumed at 11:05 a.m.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director discussed the annual Solid Waste meeting. The meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Murdock discussed the regulation that requires DOT inspection for the trailers at the Transfer Station.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported routine business.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended a meeting with the Secretary of Corrections, on Monday, November 4th; and attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 7th, in Beloit.

All of the Commissioners attended the study session with the Concordia City Commissioners on Wednesday, November 6th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency meeting on Friday, November 8th.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices, on behalf of the Public Building Commission: City of Concordia $240.00 and Performance Lawns $4,973.96.

The Board adjourned at 11: 40 a.m., until Monday, November 18, 2013.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

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

Others attending were: P J Owen, Owen Trucking.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes of the last regular meeting and the November 14th canvass, as presented.

On motion by commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement # 2013-371 and #2013-372 totaling $5,776.17.

Abatement # 2013-371 was allowed Corelogic Tax Services, Concordia City, in the amount of $4,683.45, due to abating a special assessment until 2014.

Abatement # 2013-372 was allowed Larry Ostrom, Concordia City, in the amount a of $1,092.72, due to abating a special assessment until 2014.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the owners meeting on Wednesday, November 13; participated in the KWORCC Teleconference on Thursday, November 14th and attended the canvass on Thursday, November 14th.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the owners meeting and the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, November 13th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attend the owners meeting and the inter-governmental meeting on Wednesday, November 13th; and attended the canvass on Thursday, November 14th; and participated on KNCK Coffee time, Friday, November 15th.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Jack Tyler, effective November 15, 2013.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Joint Waterway Use Permit for Janet Snavely for a waterway located ¼ mile South of Quail Road on the West side of 130th Road. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Waterway Use Permit.

Asch presented an agreement between Cloud County; KDOT; and BNSF Railroad for Project # 15 X-2834-01 for the placement of lights and cross arms at the intersection of Quail Road and the Railroad tracks approximately 1200’ West of the Southeast corner 2-6-3 (Brick Plant Road). On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the agreement.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director and P J Owen, Owen Trucking discussed the 2014 hauling contract. Currently the price charged per load is $322.00 and they are requesting an increase of $4.00 per load, to $326.00 per load. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the $4.00 per load increase and approved signing the hauling contract with Owen Trucking for 2014.
Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director visited with the Board about various items.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported the walk-in flu shot clinic went well; and discussed various other routine items with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m., until Monday, November 25, 2013.
Adjourned session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 25, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending were: Steve Williams, Field Appraiser; Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:  Everett Ford.

The Board approved the payrolls for all departments totaling $132,649.18.

The Board reviewed the month expense vouchers for all departments.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-376 to #2013-401 totaling $4,744.40.

Abatement # 2013-376 was allowed Lacey Dutton, Concordia City, in the amount of $19.04, due to the penalty being lowered.

Abatement # 2013-378 was allowed Joshua Koch, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $114.46, due to the jetski being sold back to dealer on August 6, 2013.

Abatement # 2013-379 was allowed Gallagher Plumbing & Heating, Clyde City, in the amount of $2892.18, due to the 2011 Ford has a light tag and the penalty was reduced.

Abatement # 2013-380 was allowed Gallagher Plumbing & Heating, Clyde City, in the amount of $44.22, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-381 was allowed Rex Istas, Concordia City, in the amount of $412.30, due to the 2001 Freightliner should be on Brown Disposal.

Abatement #2013-382 was allowed Lauralee Cunningham, Solomon Twp., in the amount of $9.90, due to the 1989 Ford was on the wrong rendition.

Abatement # 2013-384 was allowed Gallagher Plumbing & Heating, in the amount of $23.04, due to the wrong levy used to calculate tax.

Abatement # 2013-385 was allowed Wayne Jeardoe, Sibley Township, in the amount of $210.58, due to wrong tax unit used.

Abatement # 2013-387 was allowed Michelle Anguish, Concordia City, in the amount of $37.70, due to the penalty being reduced.
Abatement # 2013-388 was allowed Harold Wespe, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $46.86, due to the trailer was made from a 1997 Chevy PU.

Abatement #2013-390 was allowed K C Vending, Concordia City, in the amount of $310.50, due to the penalty being lowered.

Abatement #2013-391 was allowed K C Vending, Glasco City, in the amount of $12.38, due to the penalty being lowered.

Abatement #2013-392 was allowed K C Vending, Clyde City, in the amount of $4.76, due to the penalty being lowered.

Abatement # 2013-393 was allowed K C Vending, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $39.70, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-394 was allowed Douglas Smith, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $28.52, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-395 was allowed Doug Smith, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $90.42, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-396 was allowed Doris L. Warren, Starr Twp., in the amount of $54.32, due to being purchased by Macrae #20002650 on 6-26-12.

Abatement #2013-398 was allowed Dan Empson, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $29.08, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-399 was allowed Aurora Coop Elevator, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $110.70, due to the vehicle being traded to Fresian Chev in May.

Abatement #2013-400 was allowed John Hood, Concordia City, in the amount of $21.50, due to being sold August 20, 2013 to Jacob Marrs in Saline County.

Abatement # 2013-401 was allowed James Dwyer, Glasco City, in the amount of $342.94, due to the 2008 Ford F450 was sold July 18, 2013.

Commissioner Crawford discussed a concern she received with Steve Williams, Field Appraiser.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information on the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received in November 2013 (October sales) in the amount of $55,786.35, compared to the amount received in November 2012 of $64,608.74.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a refund of $100.00 to Bill Mason for a wastewater permit, which was not needed due to the discovery of a new system on the property.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the concealed carry legislation and various other items.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution # 2013-29 for the Removal of Weight Limit Sign on Culvert No. 6421, located between sections 17 and 20 of 6-4, which bridge spans West Branch Creek. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution #2013-29.
Asch presented a classification change for Vincent Armstrong from Utility Worker to Heavy Equipment Operator, effective December 2, 2013, with a wage change from $12.66 per hour to $13.44 per hour, to fill an open position.

Asch discussed a possible change to the Surfacing Policy due to the cost of gravel increasing January 1, 2014.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved donating $250.00 to the Cloud County Food Bank from the Employees of Cloud County.

Jerry Collins, IT Director discussed the internet service for the Courthouse.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the Tourism meeting and the CloudCorp meeting on Tuesday, November 19th; and the Juvenile Detention meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, November 20th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Monday, November 18th.

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

The Board reviewed the one proposal received for the Employee Christmas Luncheon. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board accepted the proposal from Larry Doyen DBA Texas Red’s Catering for the Employee Christmas Luncheon

The Board will attend the annual Solid Waste Committee meeting, on Tuesday, November 26th, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Courthouse meeting room.

The Courthouse and county offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Everett Ford visited with the Board about the special assessment on a piece of property he purchased at a prior tax foreclosure sale.

Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the proposal from Cunningham Communications for fiber optic to the courthouse.

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 2, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator; and Brian Marks, Sheriff.

Others attending were: Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Convention and Tourism

The Chairman signed the department expense checks.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, 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 Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-399 to #2013-409 totaling $699.16.

Abatement # 2013-399 was allowed Aurora Coop Elevator, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $110.70, due to the vehicle being traded.

Abatement #2013-402 was allowed Kelly Leon, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $.82, due to the wrong taxing unit being used.

Abatement #2013-403 was allowed Jeff Nelson, Sibley Twp., in the amount of $53.96, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-404 was allowed Robert Sulanka, Aurora Twp., in the amount of $24.00, due to the 1992 Ford burning up.

Abatement #2013-405 was allowed Donna M. Collins Dejmal, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $35.20, due to the RV Trailer should not have value.

Abatement #2013-406 was allowed Michael E. Stein, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $113.36, due to a clerical error on acreage resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-407 was allowed Michael E. Stein, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $113.20, due to a clerical error on acreage resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-408 was allowed Michael E. Stein, Lyon Twp., in the amount of $130.54, due to a clerical error in acreage resulting in a reduced value.

Abatement # 2013-409 was allowed Jarod Thomas Thoman, Jamestown City, in the amount of $117.38, due to the penalty being reduced.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Revised Surfacing Policy for approval. The cost of gravel will increase by 60 cents per ton on January 1, 2014. The policy change would increase the cost share for the landowner from $4.00 per ton to $4.35 per ton. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the Revised Surfacing Policy.
Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the Resource Council Special meeting on Monday, November 25th; and the Homeland Security meeting, in Beloit, on Tuesday, November 26th.

All of the Commissioners attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 26th.

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

Murdock reported the Recycling Center shipped a load of #8 newspaper last week and will be shipping a load of cardboard this week. In 2013 they have shipped a total of 408 Tons.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved signing a letter to Kansas Department of Transportation supporting the efforts of the Concordia Senior Citizens Center in applying for assistance in covering the operating expenses to provide public transportation services within the City of Concordia.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they have 145 doses of flu vaccine left.

Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed various items with the Board.

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt, Convention and Tourism Directors presented a request to appoint Matt Farmer to fill the unexpired term of Larry Sorell, who has resigned the position. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to approve paying the following invoice on behalf of the Public Building Commission: Zahner Hansen Construction Group $42,353.10.

The Commissioners will attend the owners meeting, on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the jail site.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon, until Monday, December 9, 2013.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 9, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Greg Dockins, Road Supervisor; Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds; LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of District Court; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Barry Porter, Appraiser.

Others attending were: Delmar Genereux

The Board approved the department payrolls totaling $174,184.92.

On motion by commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-411 to #2013-426 totaling $2,537.02.

Abatement # 2013-411 was allowed Zach Allen, Concordia City, in the amount of $70.10, due to the mobile home being sold in November 2012.

Abatement #2013-412 was allowed Robert L. Johnson, Meredith Twp., in the amount of $802.80 due to the 2005 GMC Truck was sold in December 2012.

Abatement # 2013-413 was allowed Nels Noel, Concordia City, in the amount of $47.32, due to the boat and motor were sold on November 13, 2013.

Abatement #2013-415 was allowed Larry L. LeDuc, Summit Twp., in the amount of $2.54, due to the 1998 Ford was sold December 3, 2013 out of state.

Abatement #2013-416 was allowed Dennis Burt, Buffalo Twp., in the amount of $33.74, due to the 2004 Chev 2500HD was sold October 23, 2013.

Abatement #2013-417 was allowed Norman Hayden, Concordia City, in the amount of $103.22, due to the wrong value was on the 1997 Bohn Trailer.

Abatement #2013-418 was allowed Timothy Liby, Colfax Twp., in the amount of $6.00, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement #2013-419 was allowed Timothy Liby, Colfax Twp., in the amount of $22.64, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-420 was allowed Michael G. Feight, Lawrence Twp., in the amount of $624.82 due to the 2011 was traded on a 2014 Ford.

Abatement #2013-422 was allowed Rooftop Renovations, Concordia City, in the amount of $323.82, due to moving to Missouri at the end of 2011 and vehicle is now tagged there but the rendition was never returned.

Abatement #2013-423 was allowed Rooftop Renovations, Concordia City, in the amount of $367.92, due to moving to Missouri the end of 2011 and rendition was never returned.
Abatement #2013-424 was allowed Richard Hiner, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $8.00, due to the vehicle being sold at auction on September 7, 2013.

Abatement # 2013-425 was allowed Richard Hiner, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $6.72, due to the vehicle being sold at auction on September 7, 2013.

Abatement #2013-426 was allowed Jarod Thomas Thoman, Jamestown City, in the amount of $117.38, due to confusion on returned rendition, which has now been cleared up.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the engagement letter with Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered for auditing services for 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Richard Kent Anderson, as a part-time juvenile transport officer, at a rate of $14.00 per hour, effective December 9, 2013.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the law enforcement project.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they would accept deer carcasses at the Transfer Station but they need to be double bagged and they are to go in the main building to be loaded in the truck.

Murdock also stated they would be accepting fireplace ashes at the Transfer Station. He stressed that they should be doused with water before they are brought to the Transfer Station and they need to be placed in the designated area south of the metal pile. Anyone with questions should call the Transfer Station at 785-243-3504 or stop at the office before dumping their ashes.

Greg Dockins, Road Supervisor visited with the Board. Commissioner Caspers asked him to contact Paul Rimovsky about assisting the POW Camp Concordia Committee with disposal of concrete that is being removed from the POW Campsite.

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

Judy Lambert, Register of Deeds discussed the proposed legislation concerning mortgage registration fees.

LeaDawn Throckmorton, Clerk of the District Court discussed HB 2303 and possible repairs to the thermostat in the District Court Office.

Jerry Collins, IT Director reported he is working on computer installation; the schedule for the installation of the fiber cable in the courthouse is 30-60 days; and they will be putting the meeting room schedule on the website in the near future.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported routine business at the Transfer Station; and at the Recycling Center they have shipped over 400 tons of recyclables this year.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they are working on year end reports; and routine business.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the law enforcement project; and the concealed carry legislation.

Linda Bogart, County Clerk reported Marylu Fellows will be retiring on December 31st and she is conducting interviews for her replacement.
The Department head meeting ended at 10:40 a.m. and open session resumed at 11:00 p.m.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator reported they will receive $12,093.00 in BT grant funds in 2014.

Delmar Genereux discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and the deadline to make a request for an extension for project completion. His request for an extension was received after the 30 day deadline and he was requesting the Board make an exception to the rule. No exception was made.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved paying the following invoice, on behalf of the Public Building Commission: GGA, PC $943.08.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until Monday, December 16, 2013.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator; Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending were: Rick Morton, Cliff Sullivan and Ridgely Schlemm, Goldberg Group Architects.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements #2013-430, #2013-594, #2013-611, #2013-708 and Abatement #2013-709 totaling $784.16.

Abatement # 2013-430 was allowed Michael Kill, Starr Twp., in the amount of $371.32, due to the boat being moved to Kansas City on June 1st.

Abatement # 2013-594 was allowed Todd M. Cyr, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $13.86, due to the 1991 Freightliner was sold November 1, 2013.

Abatement # 2013-611 was allowed Henry Enterprises, Concordia City, in the amount of $356.98, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-708 was allowed Robert L. Johnson, Meredith Twp., in the amount of $27.10, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-709 was allowed Charles A. Cyr, Shirley Twp., in the amount of $14.90, due to the 1990 Chevy was sold in April 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of unused funds, in the amount of $30,000 from the Election Fund to the Election Capital Outlay Fund.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved payment of the following invoices, on behalf of the Public Building Commission: GGA, PC $572.11 and Zahner Hansen Construction Group $5,741.10.

Ellen Anderson, JJA/Community Corrections Director reported they would be receiving $6,374.13 in additional 2014 grant funds. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote to allow the Chairman to sign the signatory approval for the 2014 Community Correction Grant Funds Additional Allocation Budget Summary and Budget Narrative.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the law enforcement project and various other routine items.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Anthony Smith from Construction Laborer to Utility Worker, effective December 16, 2013, at a wage of $12.66 per hour. On motion by
Commissioner Caspers, second by Commission Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change, to fill an open position.

Asch presented a hiring authorization for the hire of Jeffrey M. Womack, as a Construction Laborer, to fill an open position, at a rate of $11.32 per hour, effective December 16, 2013. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire.

Asch reported they are cutting trees and crushing rock at the Aurora pit.

Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director reported they had a surprise safety inspection, at the Transfer Station, by KDHE and no violations were found.

Murdock wanted to remind everyone they are accepting deed carcasses at the Transfer Station but they need to be double-bagged and they are to go in the main building to be loaded in the truck.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday, December 13th.

Diana Gering, Health Administrator discussed various routine items.

Diana Gering and Larry Eubanks, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed security at the Health Dept.; the LEPC meeting; the possibility of moving the Emergency Preparedness office to the basement of the Health Dept.; and the possibility of using part of the Health Dept. basement as an Emergency Command Center.

The Commissioners will attend the owner’s meeting on Tuesday, December 17th, at 10:00 a.m.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 23, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator; Justin Murdock, Solid Waste Director; Diana Gering, Health Administrator

Others attending were: Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director.

The Board approved department payrolls totaling $139,354.56.

The Board reviewed the expense vouchers for all departments.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-710 thru #2013-720 totaling $913.74.

Abatement # 2013-710 was allowed Paul Cormack, Concordia City, in the amount of $49.16, due to the wrong value used per depreciation.

Abatement #2013-711 was allowed Heath Hoesli, Concordia City, in the amount of $30.72, due to the pickup was sold September 10, 2013.

Abatement #2013-712 was allowed Todd Gennette, Concordia City, in the amount of $42.20, due to the purchase price was incorrect so the $750 rule applies.

Abatement #2013-713 was allowed Kurt Johnston, Lincoln Twp., in the amount of $37.52, due to the 2006 Homemade trailer is depreciated to 20%.

Abatement #2013-714 was allowed David B. Reasner, Concordia City, in the amount of $17.00, due to the penalty being reduced.

Abatement # 2013-715 was allowed Kathryn & Brad Hajny, Grant Twp., in the amount of $271.74, due to the vehicle was traded on a 2012 12M Dodge October 7, 2013.

Abatement #2013-716 was allowed Bernard & Cynthia Newell, Concordia City, in the amount of $203.38, due to the boat being taken off for 6 months and then added back at a lower price for 6 months.

Abatement # 2013-717 was allowed Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc., Lawrence Twp., in the amount of $126.72, due to the vehicle being sold out of county on September 16, 2013.

Abatement # 2013-718 was allowed United Industrial Painting & Tree Work, Clyde City, in the amount of $69.82, due to the 1983 Homemade trailer was sold prior to 2013.
Abatement # 2013-719 was allowed Benjamin Gilbert, Jamestown City, in the amount of $4.34, due to the 1986 PB tractor was sold on October 17, 2013.

Abatement #2013-720 was allowed Allen Charbonneau, Elk Twp., in the amount of $61.14, due to the 2006 GMC was sold October 2013.

Commissioner Crawford reported she attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, December 17th and the Juvenile Detention Center meeting, in Junction City, on Wednesday, December 18th.

Commissioner Caspers reported he attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, December 17th; and the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting, in Topeka, on Thursday, December 19th.

Commissioner Engle reported he attended the owners meeting on Tuesday, December 17th; participated on KNCK Coffeetime and attended the AARP meeting on Friday, December 20th.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Randy Sorell as part-time surveillance officer, effective January 2, 2014, at a rate of $15.80 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing J. Bradley Lowell, to a four (4) year term, as a non-lawyer member to the Judicial Nominating Commission, beginning March 3, 2014 to March 5, 2018.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change for Richard Bergstrom from mechanic to heavy equipment operator, effective December 23, 2013, to fill an open position. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Richard Bergstrom.

Amber Lindberg, Jail Administrator presented a classification change for Austin Howard from part-time corrections officer to full-time corrections officer, effective December 23, 2013, to fill an open position, at a rate of $13.12 per hour. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Austin Howard.

Justin Murdock, solid Waste Director presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Osborne County E-Waste. On motion by Commissioner Engle, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Osborne County for e-waste services.

Murdock reported that among all of the participating counties they have collected 36.3 tons of e-waste in 2013.

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

Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp Executive Director presented the Professional Services Agreement for 2014, in the amount of $55,000. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the 2014 Professional Services Agreement for 2014.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented a quarterly update on the new permits issued; permits that have been finalized; and Real Estate inspections that she has done.

Stamm discussed the permits that had been issued through Rural Lakes Region. On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved May 1st as the deadline that all of the old Rural Lakes Permits need to be completed, or the permit-holder will have to apply for a new permit and pay a new permit fee.
The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m., until Monday, December 30, 2013.
Adjourned session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 30, 2013 in the Commissioners’ room at the Courthouse with Chairman Gail Engle, Members Gary Caspers, and Johnita Crawford, and County Clerk Linda Bogart present.

County staff attending was: Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Diana Gering, Health Administrator.

Others attending were:

The Chairman signed the department expense checks.

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

On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements # 2013-721 thru # 2013-728 totaling $668.94.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Marylu Fellows, effective December 31, 2013.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the hire of Stacie LaBarge, to fill an open position as Election Clerk, effective January 6, 2014, at a rate of $12.00 per hour.

On motion by Commissioner Crawford, second by Commissioner Caspers unanimous vote the Board approved to allow the Convention and Tourism Committee to encumber $22,448.00 of 2013 unused funds, to be used to promote Tourism; dues; and for restroom improvements at the annex.

Sheryl Williams, County Treasurer presented information regarding the amount of sales tax and compensating use tax received for December 2013 (November sales) was $59,918.92, compared to the amount received in December 2012 of $60,293.53.

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

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented Resolution # 2013-31 for the Transfer of Funds from Road and Bridge to the Road and Bridge Special Machinery and Equipment Fund with the amount to be determined at the time of the annual audit. On motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Crawford, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of funds.

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

The Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m.