

January 22, 2018

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables out of the 2017 Budget in the amount of \$83,533.09 and account payables out of the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$767.60 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatements 2018A40 thru 2018A45 in the amount of \$1,629.68 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed an Event Approval for one Commissioner to attend the monthly North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Riley Richling CTI, Inc. and Alden Neff, Sellers Equipment joined the meeting. Bids were opened for a new mowing tractor and mower as follows:

Bruna Implement Co. – 2017 Case IH Maxxum 135 Tier 4B Tractor - \$91,919.80 - \$37,043.31 for trade in of the 2011 New Holland T6020 Delta Tractor plus freight and \$7,284 for warranty for a total of \$65,853.49.

Bruna Implement Co. – Mower set - 60" side and 60" rear - \$48,184

Mower set -72" side and 60" rear - \$48,944

Mower – 60" side - \$37,643

CTI, Inc. – 2018 John Deere 6135E Cab Tractor - \$66,517.33 plus \$5,475 warranty for an Equipment Total of 71,992.33 - \$20,000 trade in of the 2011 New Holland T6020 Delta Tractor and Tiger mower for a total of \$51,992.33.

CTI, Inc. – Tiger Mower set – 60" side and 60" rear - \$42,656.40

Tiger Mower set – 72" side and 60" rear - \$48,300

Tiger Mower – 60" side - \$37,000

After much review, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the 2018 John Deere 6135E Cab Tractor with trade in of \$20,000 for the amount of \$51,992.33 and the Tiger mower set of 60" side and 60" rear for the amount of \$42,656.40 for a combined total of \$94,648.73 from CTI, Inc. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tremblay reported that last week the Department did snow removal and hauled screenings. The Board granted permission to purchase a barrel of 20 log chains from Salisbury Supply at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. VanBlaricon reported that they have filled one of the vacant Paramedic positions and are waiting to hear about the other one. The furnace in the garage bay is in need of repairs. The blower motor and wheel need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$396 plus labor.

Jacob Lohrmeyer, Heath Craig, Monte Green, George Murchinson and Lori Huber, Clay Center Action Network Team met with the Board to discuss the Downtown Development Plan. Mr. Lohrmeyer gave a

presentation of what the team felt is needed and to make the best use of limited resources the primary goal is to hire a landscape architect to pull together all of the elements into one coordinated design that can be implemented in stages over time. The purpose of this project is to make downtown Clay Center a pedestrian-friendly destination location. This will serve two purposes. First, it will help maintain vitality of the downtown businesses by increasing walkability and usability of downtown open spaces and buildings which will bring more people to the downtown and keep them there longer. Second, it will increase the quality of life in the community by providing social and entertainment opportunities for people of all ages. Two important stages are the curb appeal of the Community and the signage to inform individuals as to what is available and directions and to increase the traffic downtown. The Board asked several questions regarding the plan that is being developed. Commissioner Mayo asked if they had researched the development of a downtown historic district. Mr. Lohrmeyer stated that they have hired a Landscape Architect and the fee is \$23,967 for the services of Branding, Wayfinding, and Streetscape Design Guidelines. The team has applied for a \$10,000 grant through Flint Hills Regional Council. For the remaining amount they are requesting funding from the City of Clay Center, the County, and they received pledges of \$3,500 from the Chamber members at the Annual meeting. The amount being requested from the County is \$7,000 same as the City of Clay Center. Commissioner Thurlow made a motion to pledge \$7,000 for the cost of the Landscape Architect. Commissioner Mayo seconded. Commissioner Carlson voted against the motion. The motion passed by majority vote. The Board signed a letter of support for the Clay Center Downtown Design grant application.

Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the childcare licensing contract with KDHE that is up for renewal in June. Riley County Health has expressed an interest in taking over the licensing for Clay County. The Board is not for sure that they want to give up the local control on this issue. Ms. Rickley stated that it can be a difficult job when you are familiar with almost everyone in a small community like ours. The Commissioners would like to know what the Riley County Commissioners think of this and if they agree to them taking over Clay County. Mr. Rickley will report back and the Board will make a decision at a later date.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to review bids that were received on a new laptop. The bids are as follows: Central Office Service & Supply - \$2,525

Networks Plus - \$2,721.10

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Central Office Service & Supply in the amount of \$2,525 to be paid for out of the Emergency Management Grant Funds. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to report on the meeting that was held with Twin Valley Telephone regarding the WIFI that is available in the campgrounds. The problem is that the WIFI is not available to all areas and people have complained because they are paying the same price and are not able to connect to the WIFI. The original agreement with Twin Valley was that they would provide coverage to the entire camping area. Twin Valley will be coming back down with a machine that will be able to tell where coverage is available and they will work from that to try and fix this issue.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report that the transmission has gone out of the dump truck again. This will still be covered under the warranty. Ms. Carroll reported that she has been contacted by Tom Skinner to see if the County would be interested in the 22 foot box truck that he has for sale. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to look into this and to get details of the truck and to report back to them at a later date.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to give an update on the 2018 Clay County Fair. They are going to be doing something different this year and will be hosting a concert on Friday night with Country singer Phil Vandel performing. Mr. Argo asked the Commission what their feelings were on having a Beer Garden at the concert. The Fair Board knows that in today's times that it will bring more people to the concert in which means more revenue. They would not manage the beer garden but would contract with someone to do it and would ask for a percentage of the sales. The Board of Commissioners would like to hear opinions from the public if they have any on this matter. The care and management of the ballfields at the Fair Grounds were reviewed. There are lots of repairs that could be done to make it a nicer place to play softball and baseball and as always the issue is the funding to make these improvements.

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
January 29, 2018
Clay Center, Kansas