

January 29, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$171,510.10 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the renovation project at the Clay County Medical Center. The project is going well and is still on schedule at this time. They are estimating the placement of furniture and equipment in April and to be open for patients in May. Mr. Gillard reported that they are working to place a Doctor's Clinic in the City of Riley and are trying to work through issues with KDOT for the placement of an entrance.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report and to open bids for pipes and wooden bridge planks. Garry Montre, Welborn Sales was also present. The pipe bids were opened as follows:

Welborn Sales-Salina, KS. – Galvanized pipe and bands - \$24,523.51
Aluminum pipe and bands - \$25,697.83
3-Additional 24" Plastic Pipe - \$1,230.00
J&J Drainage – Hutchinson, KS. – Galvanized pipe and bands - \$25,528.05
Aluminum pipe and bands - \$27,797.83
3-Additional 24" Plastic Pipe - \$1,500.00
Metal Culverts, Inc. – Marysville, MO – Galvanized pipe and bands - \$27,003.16
Aluminum pipe and bands - \$27,990.76
3-Additional 24" Plastic Pipe - \$1,050.00

The Board and Mr. Tremblay discuss the difference between galvanized and aluminum and which one would last the longest. Mr. Tremblay stated that the aluminum coated pipes are supposed to last longer and Garry Montre said that the State uses the aluminum pipes now. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Welborn Sales, on the aluminum pipes and bands in the amount of \$25,697.83 and the additional 24" plastic pipes for \$1,230.00. Commissioner Thurlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The wooden bridge plank bids were opened as follows:

Clay County Lumber & Supply – Yellow Pine CCA Ground Contact Treated - \$7,777.50
Rough Yellow Pine #12 Creosote Treated - \$13,025.00
Rough Douglas Fir 50/50 Diesel/Creosote Treated - \$20,250.00
Miltonvale Lumber Co. – Southern Yellow Pine #2 MCA Ground Contact Treated - \$6,133.56

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Miltonvale Lumber Co. on Southern Yellow Pine #2 MCA Ground Contact Treated in the amount of \$6,133.56. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department removed snow, finished hauling screenings and worked on miscellaneous jobs. The Board granted permission for Blue Stem Electric to run a power line in the County's right-a-way on Quail Rd. between 28th Rd. and 29th Rd.

Abatements 2017A46 thru 2017A49 in the amount of \$1,612.98 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. VanBlaricon reported that they had received notice that an EMS employee was approved to receive an Education Incentive Grant from the State of Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$5,110 to apply towards becoming a Paramedic. The Department has seven new CPR Instructors that will be teaching and recertifying CPR to individuals. The State Board of EMS will be here on Tuesday for the Annual Department Inspection. The Board granted permission to purchase one portable radio charger to keep at the station in the amount of \$160 and two Stryker Power Cot Batteries in the amount of \$369 each to replace two that won't charge anymore. The Department will start today to institute the Departments Influenza Procedures by all EMS Staff wearing mask on emergency calls and placing a mask on all patients.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of placing a new job title for an employee on the pay scale. The Board agreed to add the position of Data Collector Supervisor to the pay scale. Mr. Mesalles reported that a letter was received from the State of Kansas on January 18, 2018 explaining that there was an error made at the State level on the valuing of three types of soil under the grazing option of agriculture property. The 2017 was incorrect and the 2018 tables have been modified. This involves approximately 1,900 parcels in Clay County.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to present the 2018 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for the Board to sign and then send to the State. Permission was granted to purchase a new 25 gallon tank, pump and new hoses for spraying noxious weeds.

Debra Luthi, Chief Dispatcher, met with the Board to give a report on the situation that happened on Saturday when all of the AT&T systems were down in a large area because of a fiber optic line having been cut. With the AT&T system down that meant that the 911 system was affected in several Counties. The situation was handled even with five 911 calls that were dispatched to Riley County and Ottawa County and then forwarded to the Dispatchers in Clay County. Ms. Luthi will visit with other Counties to see what their procedures are and if they have a program that would send text messages out to inform people of the situation and then she will report back to the Board at a later time.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the need of hiring a part time Dispatcher to fill in when needed. The Board granted permission to advertise for a part time Dispatcher position in the local newspaper. Sheriff Dunn presented the Board with a report on the program of Kansas County Jail Savings on Inmate Health Care Costs. This is a result of House Bill 2893 that was signed in to law in May 2006 and provides Kansas County and City Jails to be able to pay Medicaid rates for inmates who require health care at offsite healthcare facilities and providers, such as hospitals, physician offices, clinics, rehabilitation facilities, etc. This also applies to outpatient services, such as doctor's office visits, ER visits, and an outpatient (day) surgery. The report states that since July of 2006 there has been 50,115

claims filed with charges of \$74,588,794, Medicaid payments of \$17,146,717 applied, and a total savings of \$57,422,077 for the 105 Counties in Kansas. This is an average of 77% saving for the Counties. Clay County uses this program for their Inmate Health Care reduced pricing. Sheriff Dunn asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 10:37 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Kayla Wang, County Clerk, and Sheriff Dunn present. The subject to be discussed Personnel. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Carlson asked Sheriff Dunn to take a look at the emergency lights on the back of all of the patrol vehicles. Mr. Carlson came upon the pickup patrol vehicle providing assistance one night and the lights on the back side of the vehicle were not very bright or noticeable. We want our Officers to be safe when working on the roads. If needed we may need to add additional emergency lights to the back of the patrol vehicles. Sheriff Dunn stated that this was good to know and that they would look into this matter.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give a recommendation on the box truck that she went to look at. Ms. Carroll recommends not purchasing this one and to wait until March to see if they are awarded the recycling grant to help purchase a box truck.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the quote from Networks Plus for a new HP ProLiant DL380 G10 2U Rack Server in the amount of \$11,070 to be used for the backup process of all County Offices. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
February 5, 2018
Clay Center, Kansas