

March 25, 2019

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount \$177,815.70

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign a renewal agreement between the City of Clifton and Mulberry Rural Fire District for the City of Clifton to provide fire protection for the next two years at the \$1,800 per year. This is being renewed at the same amount as the last agreement. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Lance Jones, Murphy Tractor & Equipment and Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment joined the meeting. The bids for two new motor graders were reviewed and Mr. Tremblay made the recommendation to purchase two new Caterpillar motor graders from Foley Equipment. Mr. Tremblay stated that he prefers Caterpillar over John Deere for the following reasons: John Deere is 3000 pounds less in weight, the steering controls have to be switched from joysticks to steering wheel, and feels that this is a safety issue on the roads. They only have two service men out of Manhattan for a large coverage area, over usage on fuel, and repair parts are higher in cost. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the two Caterpillar motor graders from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$387,700. The County will pay for one grader in the amount of \$193,850 plus one service package in the amount \$32,300 for a total of \$226,150 to be paid out of the Road & Bridge Fund. The second grader in the amount of \$193,850 will be financed as a lease purchase for two years with an annual payment. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. After reviewing the bids that were opened last week on the financing for the motor graders, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the bid from The Farmers & Merchants State Bank for 2.75% interest. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for three employees of the Road & Bridge Department to attend training in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Tremblay reported that in the 2200 block of Hackberry Road there is a pipe that needs to be replaced. They could replace it with a 7 foot in diameter galvanized pipe at a cost of \$6,500 that would last a few years or they could use two 8 foot in diameter tank cars at a cost of \$16,660 delivered to the site and would last a long time. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase two tank cars from the Railroad Yard at a cost of \$16,660 to replace the pipe on Hackberry Road. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Department continues to haul rock, blade roads, and patch blacktop roads with winter mix.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that he had a meeting with Dr. Kelly at the CCMC to discuss the policies and procedures of doing a transfer to another hospital. Medic 3 is at Perfection Auto having the damage repaired from the object that was thrown at the unit. The new concrete in front of the EMS Building has been completed.

Lori Huber, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to give the annual report. Ms. Huber present the EDG Finance Report to the Board and explained some of the projects and cost that were listed. A list of successful projects was presented to the Board. Several individuals have provided written

testimonials for the services that they received from EDG and the assistance that Lori Huber has provided them with their businesses.

Sandy Fox, Janel Michaud, Patricia Halstead, and Deb Luthi, CCARE, met with the Board to give the annual report. Ms. Fox reported that they had a successful 2018 year. CCARE took in 226 and adopted out 237 dogs in 2018. The shelter is volunteer driven with individuals donating 3,451 hours socializing, training, animal care, walking dogs, grooming, cleaning, laundry, fundraising, transporting, adoption events, facility maintenance, and many other jobs. The building will be painted as soon as the weather gets nice and they will be expanding the area to exercise the dogs. Separating the small dogs from the larger dogs and laying artificial turf in these areas. Ms. Michaud reported that they are working on an Emergency Response Plan to be able to set up at a different location temporarily in case of a flood or tornado. It is difficult to come up with buildings and locations that would work for this. Ms. Michaud thanked the Commissioners for the support that they provided in 2018 and they would appreciate any support that the County could provide for 2019. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$7,000 out of the General Fund to support CCARE. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The bids on four replacement computers were opened as follows:

Network's Plus - \$4,370.01

Central Office Service & Supply - \$5,409.50

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the bid from Network's Plus on the four replacement computers in the amount of \$4,370.01. Two of these computers are for the Dispatch area so they will be paid for out of the 911 Fund and the other two out of the Sheriff's Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, joined the meeting and presented Sheriff Dunn with an estimate on the light project for the building where the Rescue Boat is stored. The estimate for the project is in the amount of \$247.39. The Board approved the estimate for this project.

Commissioner Thurlow left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the related storm damages for the period March 12th to the present. KDEM is collecting the damage types and cost estimates regarding the damages sustained due to the storms. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a training in Mankato, Kansas. Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator and Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, joined the meeting. Ms. Kemp gave a presentation on the Everbridge Mass Notification System. This program pushes notifications out to cell phones and landlines on emergencies, road closures, or any kind of notifications that the public needs to be notified of. Currently Clay County has been using Nixel but will not be able to continue the texting side of the program for free anymore. Everbridge has merged with Nixel and will not provide the service for free any longer. Everbridge provides Customer Support 24/7 of 365 days a year via phone & online portal and has the best flexibility and features for programing sending out the notifications. The quote to use Everbridge for a period of three years are as follows: 1st year - \$7,500 plus \$600 for a one-time implementation and setup fee
2nd and 3rd year each - \$7,500

Ms. Kemp stated that she would hate to not have a way to notify the citizens of Clay County when needed. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to proceed forward and sign the contract with Everbridge for the mass notification program in the amount of \$8,100 for the 1st year and \$7,500 for the 2nd and 3rd years. This will be paid for out of the Emergency Managers Budget. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vernon McGee met with the Board to asked if Clay County would be interested in donating \$1,000 towards the fireworks display again this year. They will need to be placing the order so that they are able to get the products that they are wanting for the display. The Board agreed to donate \$1,000 towards the purchase of fireworks display again this year.

Marlene Stamm, NCK Environmental, LLC met with the Board to give the Sanitarian quarterly report for Clay County. The report stated that there were 8-lateral/tank projects, 1-well, 4-water test, and 1-new home projects in the last three months. Ms. Stamm reported on the new NCK Environmental LEPP Newsletter that she has designed for the contractors that provides service in the four County district.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to ask permission to paint the Drivers License room and to lay new flooring. Kayla Wang, County Clerk, asked if they could continue the painting and flooring into the computer room. Permission was granted to paint both rooms and lay new tile flooring.

The Board approved the bill for Veeam Annual Basic Maintenance Renewal in the amount of \$451.44 from Network's Plus.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 1st, 2019
Clay Center, Kansas