

April 23, 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 \$165,921.80 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 17A56 & 17A57 in the amount of \$576.92 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Jerry Orr, J&J Orr, and Rob Agnew, met with the Board to present an estimate on window blinds for the basement and the 2nd floor to match the ones that were previously installed on the main floor. The estimate was presented as follows: Basement – 20 windows - \$5,987

2nd Floor – 19 windows - \$7,289

After reviewing the estimate, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept both estimates for window covering for the basement and on the 2nd floor in the amount of \$13,276 combined. This will be paid out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department replaced and installed pipes throughout the County, removed a log jam, cut trees, cleaned out ditches, and helped unload the concrete barriers and placed them in the Clay County Park. The small dump truck is in need of repairs. The estimated cost from BT Repair, Beloit, will be \$3,500. The Hall Brothers will have a price this week for the mixing of asphalt for Clay County.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Bids for 2 Michelin LTX M/S2 LT225/75/R16 tires and frontend alignment on Emergency Unit 1903 were reviewed as follows:

Five Creeks – 2 tires (mounted & balanced with disposal) - \$486.12 plus \$75 alignment = \$561.12

Kansasland Tire- 2 tires (mounted & balanced with disposal) - \$336.90 plus \$75 alignment = \$411.90

Green Team –2 tires (mounted & balanced with disposal) - \$415.00 plus \$79.95 alignment = \$494.95

Glavan Ford - 2 tires (mounted & balanced with disposal) - \$476.00 plus \$85 alignment = \$561.00

After reviewing the tire bids, the Board accepted the bid from Kansasland Tire in the total amount of \$411.90. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the EMS Department to attend training in Emporia and Wichita, Kansas. The materials for teaching CPR, AED, and First Aid has increased in cost. Mr. VanBlaricon will place 12 books at the Law Enforcement Center and 12 books at the Courthouse for County Employees to check out and use before taking the classes. The Board agreed to pay for the 24 books at a cost of \$318 and for the cost of the certification cards in the amount of \$31. This will be paid for out of the County General Fund.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to review tire bids for the recycling truck. The bids for 4 - 225/75/16 10 ply all terrain tires were as follows:

Five Creek Automotive – LT225/75/16/10 Nexen Radian AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$589.80

LT225/75/16/10 Ironman AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$463.40

Glavan Ford – LT225/75/16/10 Ironman AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$480.52

Kansasland Tire – LT225/75/16/10 Wrangler AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$708.88

LT225/75/16/10 Edge AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$646.00

Green Team – LT225/75/16/10 Goodyear Wrangler AT, Dismount/Mount/Balance - \$553.80
After reviewing all of the bids, the Board accepted the bid from Five Creeks Automotive for 4
LT225/75/16/10 Ironman AT tires along with Dismount/Mount/Balance in the amount of \$463.40.

Tony Sisk, Board Member of Miltonvale Rural Fire Department, met with the Board to continue the discussion of the Clay County side splitting off from the Cloud County side. Those in attendance for the meeting were: Rick James, County Attorney, Mike Leftwich, Sean Koppes, Mark & Susie Randle, Richard Reeves, Lon Livengood, Kristin Sisk, Corey Pfizenmaier, Jacob Cutshall, Jim Unruh, Lowell Marsh, Anne Clark, Richard Schultz and Angela Bates, Board Members of Miltonvale Rural Fire. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Sisk to explain his reasoning for this meeting. Mr. Sisk handed the Board a paper with the amount of distributions that Clay County and Cloud County pay to make the total budget for the Miltonvale Rural Fire District, and a list of the annual bills for Clay County if they were to split off from Cloud County. Mr. Sisk said that he doesn't feel that the Clay County gets their fair share of equipment and treated the same as Cloud County and it is time to take care of the people in Clay County. He stated that he has a written agreement with the City of Clay Center Fire Department for mutual aid if they should need it. Commissioner Thurlow stated that all Rural Fire Departments have the same mutual aid agreement with the City of Clay Center Fire Department. Anne Clark had gathered information from both Counties and gave a short presentation on the ISO rating for Insurance and that several new homes in Bloom Township do not meet the 5 mile radius from a fire station to be eligible for a better insurance rating. Commissioner Thurlow stated that 8.5 was the best rating you could get in the Country with most Rural Departments are currently at a 9 rating. Ms. Clark also had the balances of the funds that Miltonvale Rural currently have and thought that we needed to make improvement on the Clay County side with these funds. Lowell Marsh stated that the fire trucks have been upgraded and no one has refused service when they arrive to assist with a fire. Richard Shultz, Fire Chief, said that they had bought a fire truck with a Community Block Grant and the truck was placed in the fire station on the 4 mile road. They also had spent \$30,000 to add onto the fire station at the same location. Mr. Marsh asked Mr. Sisk if he had another station proposed since Ron Clark stated if the Rural Fire District should split they will have 30 days to remove the current Fire Station that he leases to the District. Mr. Clark is in support of not splitting off from Cloud County. Mr. Schultz stated that he is tired of all the issues that Mr. Sisk has caused between the two Counties and that this kind of situation is not fun to handle. All it has done is caused trouble between all of the fire fighters and the Board and no one wants to work together. The Board consists of 2 individuals from Clay County and 3 individuals from Cloud County. All of the equipment is equal for each County except for the last two pickups that were purchased and they are located at Miltonvale. Mr. Marsh stated that they have meetings at the same time each month and that Mr. Sisk does not attend. He would like to set up a meeting between the Board Members and try to work this out and to make a plan for the future with training and trying to find younger fire fighters. Rick James explained how the law would work if they were to pass a petition and if it were to pass for the split between the 2 Counties. The Board of Commissioners instructed County Attorney James to help Mr. Sisk with the petition if he decides to do so. County Attorney James agreed to help Mr. Sisk. By law Cloud County would not have to split the equipment or the fund balances with Clay County. All of that is owned by Miltonvale Rural Fire Department. The only way for Clay County to receive part of that if Cloud County kept it all would be to sue Cloud County and the Board of Commissioner and Mr. James stated that they do not want to sue an adjoining County and cause issues between them. Also they would need to consider the budget timing. It would be 2020 before they would receive any distribution

funds if they were to split off. Commissioner Carlson stated to Mr. Sisk that if he is a Board Member and the meetings are held at the same time each month then he needs to attend them. He is a representative for Clay County taxpayers and he should attend. The Board of Commissioners would like the Board Members of Miltonvale Rural Fire Department to meet together and try and work these issues out and to stay with Cloud County being the home County.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Wichita and St. Mary's, Kansas.

The Board visited with Mike Argo, Fair Board President, about replacing the fence at the north end of the racetrack. Currently it is metal and the railroad ties are holding the fence up. Pat Hayes, Clay County Park Superintendent stated that the City would provide the labor but that they would like to put a picket fence up so that it would look nice. The estimate for the fence from Clay County Lumber was \$2,900 for materials. Mr. Argo asked the County if they would be willing to purchase the materials. Commissioner Mayo asked if the City was not involved, what would the Fair Board use to replace the fence and he stated that they would use metal again. The Board stated that they would not support this issue or pay for the materials if they wanted to do it with the pickets they would need to take it out of the Fair Boards budget.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 30, 2018
Clay Center, Kansas