

May 7, 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 \$165,316.95 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$676,650.20 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Tremblay reported on a program called FLAP which stands for Kansas Federal Land Access Program that is open for projects applications until July 30, 2018. The goal of the Federal Land Access Program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. Mr. Tremblay will do more research on this program and report back at a later date. Last week the Department worked on the job on Walnut Rd., removed trees in multiple locations, replaced pipes, hauled rock, removed log jams, and bladed roads.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with Board to give the weekly report. Mr. VanBlaricon reported that currently the contract for when an employee that attends Paramedic schooling and receive funds from the State of Kansas, they sign to work for the County for 2 years after becoming a Paramedic. To receive an Associate Degree for the General Education it takes 15 credit hours and then to become a Paramedic it is an additional 53 credit hours. This is a 15-month program to become a Paramedic. He currently has two employees that are interested in becoming a Paramedic but are not able to afford the cost of the education. Mr. VanBlaricon would like to have the County assist with the cost of the General Education in the amount of \$1,800 and change the contract to 3 years to work for the County. One year for the General Education at a cost of \$1,800 and two additional years for the Paramedic program that cost \$7,716 with the reimbursement from the State in the amount of \$5,100. This would be like training our own within the Department. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to change the Paramedic contract to 3 years. One year for the General Education in the amount of \$1,800 and two years for the Paramedic program in the amount of \$7,716 with the reimbursement of \$5,100 from the State of Kansas. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to give a report. Mr. Knoettgen reported that the bids on cleaning entries from the ground to the top, tuckpoint mortar joints that have deteriorated, repair or replace stone, and to put an exterior coating on entry steps and visibility stripes are as follows:

Kissinger Masonry – Chose not to bid on the project  
Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. - \$170,333

The County will be eligible to offer Tax Credits on this project. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$170,333 to be paid out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Knoettgen also reported that Jesse Smith with Smith Bell and Clock Tower out of Indiana were here last week to look at the clock in the tower. They will provide a quote for repairs to the clock movements and specifically the clock hands and dials that are in need of restoration. This project will be discussed next week in more detail.

Lori B. Feldkamp, President & CEO of Big Lakes Developmental Center, met with the Board to discuss the 2019 Appropriation request. The mission for Big Lakes Developmental Center is to provide quality services and programs which promote independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion into the community for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Big Lakes currently serves 28 individuals in Clay County. Big Lakes maintains a fleet of 35 vehicles for 150 clients in the 4 County area. KDOT provides a stipend of \$5,000 per year for operational expenses under the 5310 programs. Operational expenses for transportation services are paid for using county mill levy funds and fees paid by clients who utilize the transportation program. Big Lakes is requesting the appropriation from Clay County for 2019 to stay the same as 2018 in the amount of \$60,700. The Board stated that they would consider the amount requested for the year 2019.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for three employees to attend training in Concordia, Kansas.

The Board signed a three-year contract with the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission for the renewal of the Non State Public Employee portion of the State Employee Health Plan.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
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