

May 20, 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 of \$173,066.45 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$24,855.52 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Register of Deeds Office to attend a Seminar in Topeka, Kansas.

Abatement 2018A33 in the amount of \$68.32 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department repaired a bridge, placed a new pipe, installed a tank car as a bridge, closed two bridges, one on 24th Rd. between Buffalo and Cherokee Rds. and the second on Elk Rd between 13th & 14th Rds., placed rip rap at a bridge location and laid a driveway pipe on Limestone Rd. The Board granted permission to advertise to fill the fulltime Shop Clerk position. Mr. Tremblay reported that he had priced the possibility of renting a long reach excavator to clean out some log jams throughout the County. A week long rental would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The Board granted permission to delay the sealing of 10 additional miles in the Idana area this summer for an estimated savings of \$130,000. These addition funds will be put towards the cost of rock that is needed with all of the moisture. As of May 13th, the County has spent \$391,260 on rock for the roads.

Deidra Stout, Assistant EMS Director and Brenda Myers, AEMT, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department had a full time EMT resign, but was able to fill the position with a part time employee that wanted to move to full time. Last week the Department held a car seat check lane at the CCMC Health Fair and participated in the Light It Up Blue event on 3rd Thursday. Ms. Myers presented the Proclamation declaring the week of May 19-25, 2019, as Emergency Medical Services Week. Stating the emergency medical services is a vital public service; and provides lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and the emergency medical services consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public and other out of hospital medical care providers; and it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme EMS Strong: Stronger Together. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign and adopt the Proclamation designating the week of May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Karen Reed and Lois Staley, American Legion Auxiliary, met with the Board to introduce the 2019 Poppy Girls. Emersyn and Hadley Easterberg presented each of the Board with a Poppy. Brenda Easterberg was also present. The sale of Poppies provide support for veterans and their families. Last year the donations helped buy socks for hospitalized veterans, provide transportation for a veteran to the VA hospital, bought a veteran clothing for a job interview, and provided a holiday dinner for a veteran's family.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the Sheriff's Department to travel to Colorado to pick up a prisoner. Sheriff Dunn reported that they will need to do dirt work at the range to level the ground that has been rutted by equipment from the construction at the Landfill.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase three additional electric strikes for the new entry doors in the amount of \$1,192.98 and six lock cylinders and labor to install in the amount of \$659.70 from DS Glass Shop LLC. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori Feldkamp, President & CEO Big Lakes Development Center, Inc. and Emma Reitz, Development & Marketing Specialist met with the Board to present the 2020 appropriation request. The Mission for Big Lakes Developmental Center, Inc. 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 29 individuals in Clay County. They maintain a fleet of 35 vehicles for 143 clients in the 4 County area. KDOT provides a stipend of \$5,000 per year to Big Lakes for operational expenses. Operational expenses for transportation services are paid for using county mill levy funds and fees paid by clients who utilize Big Lakes transportation program. Big Lakes is requesting a 2% increase in the 2020 appropriation from Clay County in the amount of \$64,260. The Board stated that they would consider the amount requested when they prepare the County 2020 budget.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to discuss the effects of the flood waters. Mr. Carney reported that the park has 267 sites and currently with the flooding he has 96 usable sites. The rest of the sites are under water and the water continues to rise. Mr. Carney stated that he is concerned about the finances for the park and asked the Board if the County would provide a loan to the park. There will be monthly bills to pay with no income or a greatly reduced income. Currently there are bills that need to be paid from the plumbing and electrical project that he just finished in the Clay Center section in the amount of \$16,622.61. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to loan the Clay County Park the amount of \$16,622.61 out of the County General Fund to be paid back when funds are available. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carney reported that if the water continues to rise, additional campers would have to move out of the park. They may also need to move the office and pack up the shop contents. The flood water causes extreme damage to the park and there will be extensive cleanup to do after the water recedes.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
May 28, 2019
Clay Center, Kansas