

May 28, 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.

Abatements 2018A34 thru 2018A40 in the amount of \$4,392.90 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department fixed several pipes throughout the County. Mr. Tremblay presented the bids for the purchase of two new pickups. The Board did not open the bids. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to temporarily reject all bids until at least August because of road conditions and budget finances. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Larry & Janet Shivers and Bruce & Judy Werner joined the meeting to discuss road conditions with the Board. Mr. Shivers asked the Board to explain how the funds are allocated for township roads and stated that 2nd Road was in terrible condition and that they need more rock and the ditches need to be cleaned out. Mr. Tremblay explained that they have already spent over \$400,000 on rock so far this year. This has been an exceptional year with all of the moisture and it has been very hard on the rock roads. Mr. Werner stated that he built his home 14 years ago and the roads were good at that time. It has been in the last 4 years that they have went downhill. He understands that the quality of the rock is not as good either but they get a half inch of rain and the road is a total mess. Mr. Shivers complained about a hedge row being removed on a minimum maintenance road using County employees and time. To him this doesn't make sense where the money is being spent. Commissioner Carlson stated that hedge rows need to be removed on roads to be able to get farm equipment through. All roads need to be passable to have access to farm ground. Mr. Tremblay stated that the Department is trying to keep up with the hauling of rock and the maintenance of the roads.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director and Deidra Stout, Assistant EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that if the flood water goes over Highway #15 south of town, they would place an ambulance and crew in the City of Wakefield to cover the southern part of the County. The Board granted permission to put out for bids to replace Medic 5 in August. It will take over 300 days to receive the new unit so it will be 2020 before it is received. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the EMS Department to attend training in Abilene and Topeka, Kansas.

On May 21st, 2019 at a Clay County Emergency Operations Meeting, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07 declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists and is in effect for a period of seven days. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09A declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency continues to exist and extends the Proclamation for an additional fifteen days due to continued severe weather predictions. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give a Department update. Mr. Mesalles reported that so far in 2019 they have received 37 new building permits. Of those new permits, 9 of them are dwellings and that he has certified values for the 2019 tax year. There will be an upcoming phone hearing with the State Board of Tax Appeals concerning the values on the homes in Meadowbrook Addition in June.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health Services, met with the Board to present the 2020 Appropriation request. Eric Malone, Staff Supervisor for Community Services and Fadia Hamadah, Clay County Board Representative were also in attendance. Ms. Cole reported that Pawnee Mental Health Services is a private, not-for-profit licensed community mental health center and licensed substance use disorder treatment facility serving 10 counties in north central Kansas. Pawnee Mental Health was first incorporated in Manhattan over 62 years ago as the Riley County Mental Health Center. In 1965 Clay County joined Riley, Geary, and Marshall Counties to become the North Central Kansas Guidance Center. In 1977 Sunflower Mental Health Center merged with the North Central Kansas Guidance Center to form Pawnee Mental Health. As a community mental health center, Pawnee Mental Health is the only resource in Clay County for community based services for children with serious emotional disturbances and for support services for adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses. In 2018, Pawnee Mental Health provided treatment services to 7,480 unduplicated individuals throughout the ten-county service area and to 342 unduplicated individuals in Clay County. This is a decrease of individuals served in 2017. Pawnee's biggest accomplishments this past year was securing a \$725,000 grant from the State of Kansas and a \$200,000 matching grant from Goldstein Foundation for a Crisis Stabilization Center which will provide 24-hour crisis service for adults in a mental health crisis. This program will fill a major gap in Clay County caused by the reduction in state hospital beds available. Clay County currently supports Pawnee at a rate of \$8.17 per capita based on 2018 population data and at a rate of \$190.06 per client. The average per client funding support for the ten counties that Pawnee serves is \$207.82 annually. Ms. Cole stated that they are requesting a 4.7% increase in funding support. This would be an increase from \$65,000 in 2019 to \$71,074 in 2020. The Board stated that they would consider the amount requested when preparing the 2020 County budget.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 3, 2019
Clay Center, Kansas