

October 1, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$730,166.51 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Judy Stitt, Clay County Advisor Ambassador, Karen Langvardt, Clay County River Valley Program Manager, Keaton James, Keath Meyers, and Sabrina Johnson, 4-H Members, were present to discuss National 4-H Week. Ms. Stitt thanked the Board of Commissioners for all of the support that the County has provided the 4-H Clubs. Ms. Langvardt stated that she is very proud of the group of 4-Her's that they have. They are a great group of kids to work with. The Board of Commissioners signed the proclamation declaring October 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as National 4-H Week throughout Clay County and encourages all of the citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. A picture with the 4-H members, Advisors, and the Board of Commissioner was taken.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the renovation project at the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard introduced Dan Thalmann that has accepted the position of Communications, Marketing and Foundation Director for Clay County Medical Center and Clay County Hospital Foundation. Mr. Gillard reported that the renovation construction on phase 2 is close to being completed. They will be hosting an open house for the public on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides, cut trees, installed a new pipe on 22<sup>nd</sup> Rd., cleaned pipes out and hauled dirt. Kenny Blair, Cook, Flatt, & Strobel contacted Mr. Tremblay to inform the County of a new Federal Bridge Program that will be starting in 2020 or 2021. This program is where the 80% is paid for by the Federal Program and 20% is paid for by the County. The only issue is you have to do two bridges at one time. The 20% for the County to pay could be around \$100,000 on the two bridges. The Board granted permission for Mr. Tremblay to take bids on laying asphalt on the Broughton Rd. The different County benefits that are earned each month by the employees were reviewed.

Renee Langvardt, CCBA, met with the Board to request funds for the 2018 Holiday Promotion advertising. Commissioner Mayo abstained from this discussion. Ms. Langvardt reported that the postcard mailers that they sent out for the 2017 Holiday Season was a great success. They mailed out to 4 different zip codes within the County last year and would like to expand the mailing to at least 6 different zip codes this year. The postcards promoted the dates of events and an old fashion Christmas in Clay Center. Ms. Langvardt asked the Board for \$5,000 in funding for the 2018 year. The additional funding will be used to have more postcards printed and mailed to the expanded area. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$5,000 to CCBA for the 2018 Holiday Promotion to be paid for out of Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. VanBlaricon and another EMS employee will go this week to pick up the new ambulance in Linn, Missouri. The EMT

Certification class will begin on Tuesday evening with 6 individuals pre-enrolled. The generator located at the EMS building is not running correctly and will need to be looked at and repaired if needed.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to give a report on the 2018 building permits in Clay County. Currently there are 81 building permits for 2018 compared to 95 for the entire 2017 year. Of those 2018 permits 29 our out in the County compared to 46 out in the County in 2107. There are 28 new dwelling permits and 24 of those are for the housing at Meadowbrook. Mr. Mesalles presented a example of signage that he would like to have put on the Appraiser's two vehicles at a cost of \$120 if done in Clay Center and \$90 if vehicles are brought to Manhattan. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to pay Katalyst Sign & Grafix to place signage on the two Appraiser's vehicles in Clay Center for the amount of \$120. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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 attend training in Junction City, Kansas.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to sign a Proclamation making the month of October Down Syndrome Awareness Month throughout the County and encourage all of Clay County to work together to promote awareness of Down Syndrome and to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and their families. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Clay Center, Kansas