

October 22, 2018

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, 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 \$168,858.30 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to report that the new CCMC billboard on the east edge of town has been installed. They still need to complete the wrapping on the posts. An inquiry on an existing sign has been made.

The Board signed an Event Approval for a District Court employee to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled rock, and mowed roadsides. The mechanic completed three tests at a cost of \$118.

Marvin VanBlaricon, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board approved an EMT student to make payments on the cost of taking the EMT class. Mr. VanBlaricon will keep track of the payments and the remaining balance. The Department continues to stay busy and remain ahead on runs compared to last year. Mr. VanBlaricon presented the Board with his official notice of retirement effective February 15, 2019. In the letter Mr. VanBlaricon stated that it has been a great pleasure to be the EMS Director for Clay County EMS for over the last 8 years with the commitment from the County and the EMS employees. Clay County has become one of the finest EMS Services for its size within the State of Kansas. The Board stated that they are sorry to see this happen but understand and wish him well.

Rick James, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the sick leave issues and personnel. Mr. James also reported that he has received a letter from the three Attorneys that are currently on the Indigent Defense Contract for Clay County requesting negotiations to the contract that would be effective January 2019. Currently the Attorneys are paid \$1,380 monthly for the cases that they are assigned. The letter states that the panel feels that they are not obligated to handle appeals on these cases. If the client requests a notice of appeal to be filed, the panel attorney must complete that as part of the representation. However at that point, they feel they need to have the option to withdraw and have another attorney appointed. This should be included within the contract of payment for appeals, instead of having to address this independently with the Court on each case. Also they are requesting the removal of juvenile offenders charged with high level offenses from coverage under the contract fees. These cases can become more intense and time consuming and as such, should not be included in the panel contract for payment. The panel believes these should be paid separately by the hour. The Board of Commissioners stated that they would like to see an accounting of what time is being spent on the cases under the current contract and that they are not interested in making any changes to the terms of the current contract. At this time the current contract will remain as is with the monthly

payment of \$1,380. The Board instructed Mr. James to send a letter to the members of the current contract informing them that there will be not changes made to the contract.

Jeanna Fancella, Member of the Nathan Edson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Fancella gave a presentation on the Wreaths Across America program. This is a service to Veterans not a fundraiser. This is where a wreath is placed on veterans graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony. In 2017 they laid 207 wreaths and hope to add to that in 2018 with over 700 veterans buried in Greenwood Cemetery. With the help of thousands of individual, corporate sponsors, and volunteers, over 1,204,000 wreaths were donated and placed at 1440 participating locations. Anyone wishing to help with this project by sponsoring the purchase of a wreath at the cost of \$15 may contact Wreaths Across America at their webpage www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk presented the 2019 County Holidays and the Payroll Schedule for the Boards approval. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the 2019 County Holidays and the Payroll Schedule. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, informed the Board that they have received the Federal Declaration for eight Counties in Kansas including the Clay County. The incident time frame for this Declaration is September 1 - 8, 2018.

Dennis Ouellette, Clay Center City Councilman, and Patrick Hayes, City Park Superintendent, met with the Board to request funding for fencing on one of the ball fields at the Fair Grounds out of the 2018 budget. Bids for the fencing are as follows:

Tri-City Fence Co., Inc. – Install 469 lineal feet of 5’ high chain link fence with one 14’ double swing gate. - \$8,159

Tri-City Fence Co., Inc. – Install 469 lineal feet of 6’ high chain link fence with one 14’ double swing gate. - \$9,517

Kansas Fencing, Inc. – Install 469 lineal feet of 5’ high galvanized chain link fence with one double drive gate. - \$9,200

Kansas Fencing, Inc. – Install 481 lineal feet of 6’ high galvanized chain link fence with one double drive gate. - \$10,600

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to allocate up to \$6,000 for placement of fencing on a ball field at the Fair Grounds. To be paid out of the 2018 budget allocation.

Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This leaves \$1,500 remaining in the 2018 funds.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported that they had a complaint called in last Friday concerning the speed that an EMS personnel was driving. The Board told Sheriff Dunn that they would look into this matter.

A letter was received from Pawnee Mental Health Services recommending that the Board of Commissioners re-appoint Ed Koehler as a regular member to the Pawnee Mental Health Services Board

Directors for another three year term beginning, January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2021. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to re-appoint Ed Koehler as a regular member to the Pawnee Mental Health Board of Directors for another three year term. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Susan Mall, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of office equipment. Ms. Mall stated that she needs to purchase a replacement printer for her office. The bids for a Brother HL-L9310CDW color laser printer are as follows:

Central Office Service and Supply - \$699

Wal-mart - \$575

Amazon - \$590

After reviewing, permission was granted to purchase the printer from Central Office Service & Supply for \$699 since they are local. This will be paid for out of the Register of Deeds budget. They also need to purchase a new typewriter. Bids for a Swintec 7040 typewriter is as follows:

Central Office Service and Supply - \$965 if purchased from them they will write off any of the repair bills on the one that is being replaced which is estimated at \$200.

Swintec Online - \$959

Granada Hills - \$729

Permission was granted to purchase the Swintec from Central Office Service & Supply with the cost of the repairs on the old typewriter being written off. This will be paid for out of the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. Permission was also granted to purchase a touch screen replacement monitor for the large scanner at the cost of \$419 from Central Office Service and Supply. This will be paid for out of the Register of Deeds Technology Fund.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
October 29, 2018
Clay Center, Kansas