

January 11, 2020

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$207,398.40 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$107,253.81 for the budget year 2020 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$427,344.46 for the budget year 2021 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Judge William Malcolm administered the Oath of Office to Kayla Wang, Clay County Clerk, for the new four-year term.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of hiring a part time employee to handle the diversion process. Mr. Mason said that he would return with more information at a later date.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, repaired or replaced signs, replace delineators, repaired the shoulder of the road at 17th Rd. and 15th Str., trimmed trees on 15th St, Limestone Rd. and Meadowlark Rd., hauled rock, worked in shop, picked up 500 gallons of used oil, and hauled scrap metal back to the shop from several locations. Mr. Shomper reported that the bridge replacement on 19th Rd. is moving along well. They hope to pour concrete in the next week or so. The Board granted permission to contact Schwab Eaton to look at a bridge on Limestone Rd. to see if it is structurally safe after having physical damage reported last week. The Board signed the Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Service for the white line striping of 175 miles of blacktop roads at no cost to Clay County. Mr. Shomper stated that he had been in contact with Washington County about the bridge west of Vining on Parallel Rd. He is researching different types of repairs that could be made to the bridge or if it could be replaced with rail cars. He will report back to the Commissioners at a later date.

Abatement 2020A21 in the amount of \$120.20 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the bedroom project has been started. The wiring has been completed and the sheet rocking will be done later this week. The Board approve the purchase of three additional Polycom Handsets, 24 Port Switch, and labor to install for an estimated amount of \$914.02 from Twin Valley Telephone, Inc. Mr. Cramer presented quotes on Preventive Maintenance on the Zoll Series X Monitors. There is now a new level of coverage called the Worry-Free Service that covers the replacement of the batteries, accidental damage coverage and gives a 27% discount on supplies for the units. Currently we have the Precision Pro Plan that does not cover the batteries or accidental damage and gives a 24% discount on supplies for the units. The 2021 quotes are as follows:

Worry Free Service is \$4,846.50 to cover 4 monitors

Precision Pro Plan is \$3,847.50 to cover 4 monitors

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the Worry-Free Service Plan in the amount of \$4,846.50 to cover 4 Zoll monitors. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shelly Williams and Megan Lewis, Riley County Community Corrections, met with the Board to give a report on The Parent Project class that the Commissioners provided funding for out of the Clay County Alcohol Fund. This class was designated to provide parents with guidance, skills and techniques to manage children that maybe more challenging and difficult. Riley County Community Corrections provide class in conjunction with Kristen Wright and the Clay Center Community High School every Wednesday night from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. The class was spread out over 13 weeks due to holidays and weather, it ended shortly before the pandemic outbreak. There were 13 parents that started and 7 successfully completed the class. Ms. Lewis reported that it is very difficult for both of the parents to attend if they had children at home. In Riley County they held the meetings by Zoom so that both parents could attend. This seemed to work really well for this class. Ms. Williams provided the Board with a report of the expenses on the Class held in Clay Center. There will be another class starting for Clay County and surrounding communities. This one will be virtual by Zoom on every Wednesday evening starting in February. Ms. Williams also informed the Board that they had received a grant from the Juvenile Justice System in the amount of \$32,000 for the expenses of providing this class. Joel Mason, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Ms. Williams reported to the Board that Mr. Mason has agreed to implement Youth Court in Clay County. Also, Clay County will be implementing a Drug Court which is post-conviction with intensive supervision that will include randomized drug testing.

At 10:00 a.m. Kayla Wang, County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the Elected Officials of Clay County. Also, given the Deputy Sheriff Oath were the Deputies, Reserve Deputies, Dispatchers, and Jailers.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to nominate Commissioner Carlson as the Chairman of the Board for the year of 2021. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to nominate Commissioner Mayo as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2021. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson read the partial list of businesses for the annual meeting. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to sign the partial list of businesses for the Commissioners annual meeting which is used for the reorganization of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02 setting the financial statements and the financial reports of the County of Clay to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03 setting the reimbursement of mileage at .56 per mile actually incurred in the performance of such duties by such official or employee effective January 1, 2021. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed an Agreement with Pottberg, Gassman & Hoffman, Chtd to provide assistance in complying with the KDHE requirement to provide financial assurance for the closure and post-closure costs associated with the Clay County Landfill. This service agreement will cover three years at a cost of \$900 per year.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Timothy Penner and Dr. Brad Pyle were also in attendance. Ms. Kemp provided the Board with the update on positive cases. Clay County had 11 additional positive cases from Friday thru Monday. Ms. Rickley reported that they are currently out of the vaccine. They have only received one distribution in Phase 1. Ms. Kemp reported that most of the discussion on the State webinars are the vaccine priorities. Dr. Penner stated that he had sent the Board a letter by email requesting that the County continue the mask mandate. Dr. Penner reported that Hospitals are full, CCMC has 4-6 COVID patients per day and a total of 10-15 patients in the hospital every day. For an example, he had a patient that did not have COVID but needed a higher level of care and it took him 10 hours to find an available bed and to get them transferred. Dr. Penner stated that they have seen zero cases of Influenza in Clay County. So, he feels that the masks are helping with the spread of the flu and it shows that COVID is a lot more contagious than Influenza. Ms. Rickley reported that USD 379 supports the wearing of a mask and the 6' social distancing and will continue it even if the County lifts the mask mandate. Dr. Pyle expressed his concerns as to the timeline and the positive cases since the mask mandate has been put into force. He stated that the positive count has continued to climb even with the mask being worn. Commissioner Thurlow stated that he wonders what the count would be if the mask mandate had not been put into place. Dr. Penner stated that is a good question and that there is no answer. Dr. Pyle stated that he feels that individuals should continue to do hand hygiene, eat good nutrition and take vitamin D instead of wearing a mask. He worries about the side effects of the masks such as depression, stress, and the effects that this is having on children. Dr. Penner stated that the wearing of the masks has kept the kids in school and the businesses open. Kids need to stay in school and have some normalcy in life. Dr. Pyle asked what it would take to do away the mandate? Dr. Penner stated that he would recommend a trend for at least two weeks of a downward positive rate before removing the mask mandate. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to extend the mask mandate until February 1st, 2021. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Landfill. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Landfill to attend training in Manhattan, Kansas. Ms. Carroll presented bids on the purchase of dumpsters to rent out to individuals. The bid from Chuck Henry Sales is as follows:

20 Yard Dumpster - \$4,315 each X 2 = \$8,630

30 Yard Dumpster - \$4,850 each X 2 = \$9,700

Commissioner Carlson instructed Ms. Carroll to leave two dumpsters at the Landfill for customers to be able to dump into. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase two 20 Yard Dumpsters and two 30 Yard Dumpsters, plus shipping for a total amount of \$20,230. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to proceed in getting quotes for a security system for the Landfill. They feel that since the last break in that it may be necessary to put in some cameras.

The Board amended the 2021 County Holidays to observe New Year's Day on Friday December 31st, 2021 since New Year's Day falls on Saturday.

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
January 19, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas