

January 17, 2023

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.

After reviewing, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the first half of the 2022 NRP Refunds in the amount \$151,675.26. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason recommended that when the survey is done on Jayhawk Rd. & 2nd Rd. that they do the entire ½ mile of road. Then they will need to do a publication and hold a hearing on the part that will be closed.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, asked permission to purchase a new calculator from Central Office Service & Supply at a cost of \$129.99. Permission was granted to purchase a new calculator.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. David Williams, Master Tech Truck & Equipment joined the meeting. Mr. Williams presented a quote on a 2024 Kenworth Dump Truck for the Board to review. Mr. Williams stated that they have ordered several Trucks and they will be sold to the first one that purchases. Mr. Williams told the Board that it is hard to give a quote at this time for the prices on items such as the chassis have increased from last week to yesterday. Mr. Williams stated that Master Tech also has a lease program or you can purchase outright. Mr. Shomper also reported that Glavan Ford contacted him and stated that they will be receiving some new pickups in the near future and wondered if the County would be interested. Commissioner Mayo asked if he had to pick, what type of vehicle would be most important at this time to purchase. Mr. Shomper responded that the biggest concern right now would be the dump trucks. Last week the Department bladed roads, patched asphalt roads in several locations, replaced the guardrail on Broughton Rd. east of Utah Rd., installed a culvert and a driveway on Thunder Rd. and removed trees under and around 38 different bridges. Schwab & Eaton will complete the survey on 2nd Rd. & Jayhawk Rd. by the first part of February in the amount of \$1,300. Mr. Shomper asked permission for an employee that has not been here one year to use 8 hours of accumulated vacation hours. The Board granted permission for an employee of the Highway Department to use 8 hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

Ryan Wilson, The Clay Center Dispatch, informed the Board the Dispatch will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary and will be producing a Clay Center version of Monopoly that will be called Clayopoly. Businesses, Organizations, and individuals will have the opportunity for limited edition sponsorship. For more information, please contact The Clay Center Dispatch.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The EMS has had 44 emergency runs so far in 2023. Of those runs, 14 of them were made within a 48-hour period. Mr. Cramer presented the Board with a quote on a new Zoll X Series Advanced Monitor/Defibrillator in the amount of \$37,050.64, this includes the trade in of \$6,500 for the oldest monitor that was purchased in 2017. Zoll currently will provide a 2-year payment plan at 0% interest. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase a Zoll X Series Monitor in the amount of \$37,050.64 and to use the Zoll 2-year

payment plan at 0% interest. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cramer provided a statistic report to the Board that tells information in several way such as how many calls from each City, highest runs by day of the week, top 3 reason to be Dispatched, patient age range, procedures administered, medications administered, and triage count. This report provides a lot of different types of interesting information. Mr. Cramer stated that they will use this statistics report to fill out a report that the Federal Government (CMS) is requiring. This report is called the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data System and will be filled out by all Ambulance services in the United States.

The EMS Department will be hosting a retirement reception for Patsy Charest on February 25th, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the EMS Department. Ms. Charest has worked for Clay County for 37 years. The Board of Commissioners would like to thank Ms. Charest for all her years of service and wish her well on her retirement.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented quote for having the carpets cleaned at ESA. The quotes were as follows:

Band Box Cleaner - \$232.07 (plus \$70.63 for a stainshield) this is optional

First Class Cleaning, LLC - \$284.40

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the bid from Band Box Cleaner and add the stainshield for a total amount of \$302.70. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board approved two Event Approvals for an Emergency Management employee to attend a meeting in Topeka and a training in Bennington, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga asked permission to hire one PRN Corrections Officer to use when they have a shift that needs to be covered. The Board granted permission to hire one PRN Corrections Officer for the Sheriff's Department.

Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent, and Jason King, BHS Construction Project Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the new Multi-Purpose Building at the Fair Grounds. Mr. Ohlde thanked the Board for meeting with them this morning and would like to report to the Board that the Highway Department has been excellent to work with. We have had to call them a couple of time and they have always been very willing to come and help them with the project. Mr. Ohlde reported that the metal frame and the building have arrived. The insulation will be delivered next week. They will start putting the building up the 1st of February with weather permitting. Commissioner Thurlow stated that it is exciting times with the construction starting. Mr. King reported that they have had a discussion with the Public Utilities about the water connection. All of the current connections have other building or hydrants hooked to them. To install the 4th meter and to make it a dedicated line to the new building the estimated cost would be \$850. The Board approved the new dedicated line for the new building. Mr. King asked the Board to think about what kind of keying that they want on all of the doors on the building. The swipe cards have more control because they can be deactivated at any time or all doors can be keyed alike. There are several options and it will be up to the Board to decide. We have some time to make this decision.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to present two Event Approvals. The Board reviewed and approved two Event Approvals for an employee of the Noxious Weed Department to

attend monthly Noxious Weed meetings in various locations and a Conference in Wichita, Kansas. Ms. Baer presented quotes for the purchase of 4 new tires to put on the white Ford pickup. The quotes were as follows:

Five Creek Automotive - \$885.27 – 4 Iron All Country Tires

Kansasland Tire & Service - \$727.16 – 4 Workhorse AT Tires

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the quote on 4 new tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$727.16. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thurlow asked Ms. Baer if the spray trucks have been cleaned and ready for the 2023 spray season. Ms. Baer stated that they have been working on them when they have time. They are all inside and will be ready to go. Commissioner Thurlow asked Ms. Baer to try and spray the trees in and along the roadsides. The trees need to be controlled so that the roadsides can be mowed.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present a quote for the purchase of a new band saw to use in the recycling center. The quote received from Tractor Supply for a 14-inch Heavy Duty Band Saw in the amount of \$1,699.99. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the 14-inch Heavy Duty Band Saw from Tractor Supply in the amount of \$1,699.99. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll asked to place an employment ad in the Dispatch to fill a job that will be vacant soon. The Board granted permission to run an employment ad in the Dispatch. The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
January 23, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas