

January 24, 2022

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. Payroll in the amount of \$198,464.90 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$50,892.31 paid out of the 2021 budget were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reviewed the process on the choosing of a Construction Manager for the new Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds. There are several statues that have to be followed on a project like this. Mr. Mason will plan on being at the meeting later this morning.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to amend the motion that was made last week in reference to the 90 hours donated out of the County Sick Leave Pool. As of August 9, 2021 there was a motion made in regular session to allow 80 hours per employee per year of sick leave out of the pool. So, the motion will be amended to allow 80 hours of sick leave to the employee. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05 authorizing a KPERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the employees of Clay County, Kansas if they choose to participate in the plan. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper reported that he has an employee that has not been employed long enough to have accumulated leave to use and needs 8 hours of sick leave to use. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate 8 hours of sick leave to a Highway Department employee out of the County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department graded roads, finished the project on 23rd Rd & Granite Rd., finished hauling the materials from APAC that was donated to the County, and worked in the shop doing maintenance on equipment. The annual bridge inspections are in the process of being completed by Schwab-Eaton for the year 2022.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Commissioner Mayo asked Mr. Cramer about the dollar amount that will be paid to the EMS Medical Director for 2022. Mr. Cramer stated that he had listed the increase in his 2022 budget and that the Board had approved the budget. Commissioner Mayo stated that it still needs to come before the Board to officially make the change. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to increase the EMS Medical Director fee from \$1,200 to \$1,500 which is paid twice a year. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Department has been extremely busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. So far this month they have ran 89 emergency calls compared to 59 runs at the same time in 2021. Mr. Cramer reported that they have had Holte Electric over to look at one of the furnaces that had stopped working. They got the furnace working and will return to make another repair.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. The update as of today reports that Clay County currently has 160 active positive cases. Ms. Kemp reported

to the Board that the Governor had activated the non-medical National Guard to help with COVID testing, delivering of supplies, and other COVID related services. The testing supplies are running short in a lot of areas. The School District has put into place a protocol for the schools to follow.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the renovation project to move the Riley County Community Corrections Office out of the basement is in the process. Also, the intercom system has been installed but they are still waiting on one part before it can be completed.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architecture, met with the Board to review the procedure of building the new Exhibit Hall at the Fair Grounds. Janet Schnell, KCLY News Department, joined the meeting. Mr. Gibson presented the Board with a drawing of the plans for the new building and the location that it will be placed at the Fair Grounds. Joel Mason, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Mr. Argo stated that they have funds that have been donated and an amount that has been pledged for this project. They need to get busy with the fundraising for this is a costly project. Mr. Argo stated that he feels that we need to build this project the right way now because this will only be done this one time. I think that there will be people that will donate their time to do the finish work once the building is up. Mr. Gibson stated that the Construction Manager that is picked will need to know where all of the doors are going to be located for once the building is ordered those will not be able to be changed. There will be two large overhead doors that will be kept closed during the Fair. All exhibits will be on display inside the building that will be air conditioned. Mr. Gibson stated that they need to get started on the Topographic Survey is the first step. A proposal from Kaw Valley Engineering was presented in the amount of \$3,300 to be paid after the survey is complete. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the proposal from Kaw Valley for the service of a Topographic Survey on the location of the new Exhibit Hall building. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mason stated that there are statues that have to be followed when hiring a Construction Manager and when taking bids for the construction of the building. Mr. Mason and Mr. Gibson have worked together on several medical center projects and will assist the Board of Commissioners with guidance of this project. The Board of Commissioner stated that we need to get the project moving and let's start the procedures for a new building. Mr. Gibson stated that he has had a lot of interest from Contractors for this project. Commissioner Thurlow stated that he would like to see as much of the contractors and sub-contractor to be local businesses as possible. Mr. Argo reported that the Clay County Fair will be held July 19th – 23rd, 2022. The rodeo will be held the week before the fair. This worked well in 2021 and had several requests to have it like that in 2022. The Fair Board has contracted with the Girls Next Door in the amount of \$1,500 for the Gospel Sing. They would like to get a more diverse age group to attend the music concerts. Their plan is to work on getting the word out more locally and to adjoining Counties to have better attendance for these events. On Friday night for the concert, they have contracted with Tate Stevens in the amount of \$4,500. They will bring their own sound and light systems. They will be looking for sponsorships to help with the cost of the concert. Mr. Argo asked the Commissioners if they would like to donate to help pay for the concert this year. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$1,500 out of the Parks & Rec Fund and \$1,500 out of the Alcohol Fund for a total of \$3,000. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Argo reported that they had to have repairs done to the tractor that is used at the Fair Grounds and the race track in the amount of \$6,015.89 and was wondering how they would like

them to pay for this expense. The Board instructed Mr. Argo to pay for it out of the Fair Maintenance Budget. Commissioner Carlson asked about the fencing around the rodeo grounds. He has received a complaint on it. Mr. Argo stated that they are planning on working on it and replace part of it before the rodeo in July.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Landfill. Ms. Carroll stated that she needs to replace 4 tires on the red pickup and also purchase 2 tires for one of the trailers. The quotes were reviewed as follows:

Purchase 2 tires for trailer –

Kansasland - \$308.50

Five Creek Automotive - \$355.32

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the quote from Kansasland for the purchase of 2 tires in the amount of \$308.50. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Purchase 4 tires for pickup

Kansasland - \$810.12

Five Creek Automotive - \$810.36

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the quote from Kansasland for the purchase of 4 tires in the amount of \$810.12. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
January 31, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas