

February 14, 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.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, was present for the public hearing held at 10:00 a.m. on the alternative project delivery procurement specifically on the construction at risk for the purposed of the Fair Board Exhibit Hall project. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the Alternative Project Delivery Procurement for the new Exhibit Hall project. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There was no public in attendance for this hearing.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 8:32 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Abatement 2021A23 in the amount of \$40.26 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed two Event Approvals for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in Lincoln and Wichita, Kansas.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department hauled dirt for the Landfill to use for covering, trimmed trees in several locations, installed a driveway, removed trees and did a ditching project on 29<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Utah Rd. and Valleyview Rd., and worked on 911 signs throughout the County.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Joel Mason joined the meeting. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 9:37 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:52 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board approved the EMS Department to close the office to attend a funeral service and then return to the office. EMS has made 168 emergency runs and out of town transfers so far in 2022.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 57 positive COVID cases reported in Clay County. The activity for COVID has slowed down. Last week they administered 28 vaccines and did 15 tests. There are several active cases of Influenza A in Clay County. Ms. Rickley presented the repair bill for an employee's vehicle that was damaged when part of a tree fell on the on

it with the storm on December 15, 2021. The employee is requesting for the deductible in the amount of \$500 be paid by the County. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to pay the \$500 deductible for repairs to an employee's vehicle. This will be paid for out of County General Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp reported that her 2007 Ford pickup is in need of repairs. Five Creeks Automotive provided an estimate for two different repairs one to get the vehicle started in the amount of \$229.31 and one for shocks, struts, and realignment in the amount of \$1,198.78. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to proceed with the two repairs being done by Five Creek Automotive. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp stated that she would like to start looking for a replacement vehicle. The Board granted permission for Ms. Kemp to look around and get prices on a replacement vehicle. The Board signed an Event Approval for an Emergency Manager to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that he had received the resignations of two Corrections Officers. The Board granted permission to advertise and to fill the vacant positions.

Taylor Mall. Grow Clay County, met with the Board to present a thank you for all of the support that the Board has given during the transition period of building Grow Clay County. Ms. Mall reported that they are excited with the number of individuals that have made reservations for the Annual Meeting that is being held on Thursday February 17, 2022. They currently have a waiting list for people that would like to attend.

Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
February 22, 2022  
Clay Center, Kansas