

February 16, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$38,040.01 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department cleaned up roads, did maintenance work on vehicles, did repairs to the salt spreaders, and installed snow chains. Mr. Shomper stated that they viewed roads several times over the weekend to make sure that they were passable. Mr. Shomper reported that with the extreme cold weather they were having problems with the graders gelling up this morning. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that he had contacted the asphalt companies to get a proposal for budgeting purposes only if they were to asphalt 20.25 miles and 4 intersections this year. This would be to fill in the ruts and to lay a 1" overlay.

The Budget Proposals were reviewed as follows:

Shilling Construction Co. Inc. - \$1,634,250

Hall Brothers, Inc. - \$2,675,000

APAC-Kansas - \$1,097,139

Commissioner Thurlow asked if Mr. Shomper had this amount of money in his budget this year. Mr. Shomper stated that if he did not chip seal at all this year and used that money plus the money that is already budgeted for asphalt this year, he would have the 1,000,000 and would have to adjust for the rest of the funds. The Board and Mr. Shomper will research this option and make a decision at a later meeting. Mr. Shomper stated that he had requested Carlson Heating & AC, LLC to come and make a recommendation for a heating system in the far north building where there is no heat at all. They recommended 60 ft of 200,000 BTU tube heater with thermostat, double wall flue, gas line and electrical work to get it installed in the amount of \$4,824.26. This will be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Budget. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow Carlson Heating & AC, LLC install the 60 ft of 200,000 BTU tube heater in the far shop along with the running the gas line and the electrical work in the amount of \$4,824.26. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported to the Board that he had ordered two 55-gallon drums of salt neutralizer from Metropolitan Compounds, Inc.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that they are in the process of having the Annual Vehicle Inspection done and on Medic 3 they have found a crack in the pre cooler line and Friesen's have ordered the parts to make this repair. The replacement battery for the Auto pulse arrived last week. This cost is covered under the extended warranty that the County purchased. The bedroom construction is nearing completion and looks good. The new panel was replaced in the security system and it is back up and running. Mr. Cramer requested a proposal for one 2021 Osage Type III Remount Ambulance on a 2022 Ford E450 chassis from Osage Ambulance/ESS. This would be taking one of our current boxes and remounting it on a new Ford chassis instead of ordering a completely new ambulance. The proposal for the remount is in the amount of \$161,037. The Board

stated that they would like Mr. Cramer to get a proposal on a new 2022 Ambulance and they would compare the two proposals before making a decision.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give a COVID-19 update for Clay County. Ms. Kemp did not have an update on the positive numbers at the meeting but stated that she would have them at the 1:00 p.m. meeting. Ms. Kemp stated that she has been concerned with the extreme cold weather and keeping individuals safe. They had considered looking for a facility to use as a warming shelter, but none of the facilities that are big enough have generator backups. Commissioner Mayo stated that he was asked by a concerned citizen about the homeless individuals in our town and where they would go in weather like this. Ms. Kemp stated that they should contact the Lighthouse for Christ for information.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board asked Sheriff Benninga to make a recommendation next week of a Deputy that could serve as the Grievance Officer for Clay County.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to give an update on a building permit that is located on the edge of the Flood Zone in Sherman Township. Mitch McMahan was also present for the meeting. Mr. Mesalles stated that after he visited with Mr. McMahan to see the location of the placement of the farm shop, the efforts that they have done to raise the elevation to meet expectations due to FEMA Flood Elevations, he would like to make a recommendation that the Board of Commissioners grant a variance to build a farm shop in Section 16 of Sherman Township that will be located in the flood zone. After discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to grant a variance to build a farm shop in the flood zone in Section 16 of Sherman Township. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mesalles reported that the 2021 Real Estate Valuations will be mailed out on February 26th, 2021.

Levi & Charlene Engleman met with the Board to ask questions about the Clay County Park Manager position that is currently vacant. Mr. Engleman stated that he and his wife would be very interested in Co-Managing the Park together. Commissioner Carlson stated that the application period has closed and that they are planning to hold interviews within the next couple of weeks. The Board stated that they would keep the Engleman's applications on file and would contact them if they needed further information.

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
February 22, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas