

February 22, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$189,601.75 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he would like to purchase three new monitors. The Board instructed Mr. Mason to get a quote for the monitors and return next week to review the quote.

Abatements 2020A26 & 2020A27 in the amount of \$36.52 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The following employees were presented with Longevity Service Awards for the years of employment with Clay County. For 5 years: Shawna Davies, Cassandra Jesse, Keith Myers, Bailey Roberts, Courtnee Spillman, and Diedra Stout. For 10 years: Rhonda Carney, Gary Carpenter, Mark Dunn, John Kendrick, and Harold Stellner. For 15 years: Melissa Goff and Joyce Shivers. For 20 years: Arnold Knoettgen. For 30 years: Christine Swaim. For 35 years: Patsy Charest, Pamela Kemp, and Todd Mackender.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week with the extreme cold weather, the Department worked on equipment in the shop and did maintenance around the building. The placement of fuel tanks throughout the County was reviewed.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to be busy with emergency runs. Had to replace the battery in the cold weather on Medic 8. Completed the Security System for an estimated amount of \$645 with Security Solutions. Mr. Cramer has requested a quote on a new ambulance so that they can compare a new ambulance to a box remount on a new 2022 Chassis. The quotes will both be reviewed by the Board at a later date.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that currently there are three active cases of COVID-19 within Clay County. There are 1787 individuals signed up to receive the COVID vaccine and 732 have received it. The Board approve the purchase of three Air Doctor Air Purifiers at the cost of \$297 each to be placed at the County Health Department. This will be paid for out of the SPARKS funds. Ms. Kemp stated that when a vaccine shot is given there is data entry that has to be done on three different sites within 24 hours of the shot. Plus, the billing administration of the vaccine. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay Counts will be hosting a movie for parents and students on Suicide Prevention. There will also be a class offered to the community on the learning tools for the prevention of suicide. They are hoping that people will take advantage of this class to have the knowledge of what to do if they are put in this situation.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that he had called the Chairman last week and had gotten permission to place an employment ad in the paper after he had received the resignation of a Jailer. Sheriff Benninga received the proposal from the Topeka

Foundry Commercial Door Co. for the replacement of two metal doors, supplies, replacement of 4 locks, and the installation by DS Glass in the amount of \$8,846. This will be paid for out of the SPARKS funds.

The Board granted permission for an employee of the County Health Department to use accumulated vacation leave before the first-year anniversary.

Shannon Stark, Chamber of Commerce Director, met with the Board to discuss the 2021 Fireworks Display. Ms. Stark stated that the Chamber Board is concerned with the cost of the annual Fireworks Display. The 30-minute show in 2020 cost \$14,000. The Chamber paid \$5,000 of this and they can-not afford to pay that much again. Ms. Stark feels that the Chamber should be putting funds towards the advertising of the event and not all of it towards the fireworks. The County has always paid \$1,000 plus the contract paper work along with the sales tax exemption. McGee Roofing paid \$2,500 and provided the setting up and the lighting of the show. This last year, the Chamber had to ask for donations from businesses to help pay the cost. After discussion, the Board of Commissioner stated that they would agree to pay \$2,000 toward the display and provide \$1,000 out of Travel & Tourism for advertising. They also agreed with Ms. Stark that they would like to know what the cost would be if the display was 20 minutes instead of 30. Ms. Stark will discuss this with Frank McGee and get back to the Board.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present the bids for 4,000 gallons of propane. The bids that were received stated that the price was only good until the end of the day that they were issued. The Board had Ms. Carroll call each of the three businesses to get the actual cost of the propane for February 22, 2021. The cost of propane was changing daily with the severe weather that happened last week. The bids were reviewed as followed.

Propane Central - \$2.09 per gallon
Hoover Inc. - \$2.42 per gallon
Home Oil - \$1.79 per gallon

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to reject all bids due to the increase in price from the extreme cold spell. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to wait a week and to put out for bids again. Ms. Carroll presented quotes on the purchase of a new air compressor for the Landfill. The quotes are as follows:

Avery (Car Quest) – Industrial Air - \$1,249.99 – 60-gallon vertical tank 175 PSI
Napa – Industrial Air - \$1,579.99 – 60-gallon vertical tank 155 PSI
Napa Brand - \$1,075.00 – 60-gallon vertical tank 100 PSI

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the air compressor from Avery's that has the 175 PSI in the amount of \$1,249.99. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll reported that the 1" drill that they use to mix the barrels of latex paint with has stopped working. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to return next week with quotes for a new drill.

Danielle Thrasher, CCCHS Band Director, met with the Board. Also present were band students Ethan Hill and Ella Girton. Ms. Thrasher gave a report on a trip that is being planned for the Tiger Band and the Tiger Chorale for 40 students in June. This will be a trip that they will both do pre-show performances. The cost that each student will pay is \$398. This covers the costs of the Hotels, attractions, and meal expenses. Today we are asking for a donation to help with the remaining expenses. They had several

fund raisers scheduled, but with COVID they have not been able to have them. Some of the additional expenses are the school bus transportation, one additional Director, and 2 chaperones. The Tiger Band and the Tiger Chorale will be required to wear the performance shirts while they are in Branson. The cost of the shirts will be \$1,140. Ms. Thrasher stated that there is an estimated cost of \$6,000 that is not covered at this point and that they are requesting a donation of \$3,000 from the County. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$3,000 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Tiger Band and Tiger Chorale for their trip to Branson to perform in June. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ethan Hill stated that Ms. Thrasher has worked hard to get the Tiger Band back up and part of the school activities. This has been a very good experience and all of the students will very much appreciate your donation. Ella Girton stated that she feels that this is an important experience and it is a great opportunity for the students to be able to do.

The Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
March 1, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas