

February 28, 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.

Ms. Ashley Tonn, CCCHS Ag Teacher, Lane Musselman, Juliann Begnoche, Reece Geer, Sara Smith, Sarabeth Martin, and Jordyn Schnell, Student FFA Members, met with the Board to give a presentation on why they would like to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in June at Washington D.C. Each Student provided a part in the presentation. Mr. Musselman asked if the County would consider paying the trip deposit in the amount of \$150 per 7 students for a total of \$1,050. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$1,050 for 7 students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. in June. This will be paid for out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason informed the Board that the Publication to select a Construction Management at Risk company for construction of a new multi-purpose building at the Clay County Fairgrounds will be placed in the Clay Center Dispatch on March 1st, 2022.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 a.m. to take a tour of the roads throughout the County.

The Board reconvened at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report and to discuss the tour of the County. Mr. Shomper reported that the Commissioners toured the Northeast part of the County. They viewed 29th Rd. between Utah Rd and Valleyview Rd. concerning a bridge, on 30th Rd. between Osage Rd. and Navajo Rd. concerning a hill that is possibly a safety issue and viewed 18th Rd and Ottawa Rd. concerning the speed limit for the safety of children. The Department worked in the shop servicing equipment and trimming and removing trees in several locations. The Valleyview Rd. tree removal project has been completed. Mr. Shomper stated that he is still waiting on quotes to review for a new asphalt patching machine and a sealer. He will bring them in when they are received.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that in 2022 the Department is making an average of 3.5 emergency calls per day. They are at 205 emergency runs so far in 2022. Last week they interviewed three individuals and were able to fill one fulltime position and one PRN position. The Board granted permission for Mr. Cramer to get quotes on new office computers.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Currently there are 5 positive cases of COVID in Clay County. Ms. Rickley stated that she has been involved with the School District on how to continue forward with COVID. The recommendation is to stay home if you are sick and if you are around individuals that are sick wear a mask. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to extend the \$5.00 additional COVID grant pay for two employees of County Health through March 31st, 2022. Commissioner Carlson seconded and

the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rickley reported that she is working on all of the grants that are due by the end of March. Ms. Kemp reported that the FEMA application briefing for the December 15, 2021 windstorm will be held on July 7th, at 2:00 p.m. at her office. Ms. Kemp will be calling a Fire Chief's meeting within the next couple of weeks. Permission was granted for Ms. Kemp to purchase box dinners for this meeting.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give a weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that they have filled the vacant Corrections Officers positions. They will be placing the replaced patrol unit on Purplewave as soon as all of the equipment is removed.

Jeremy Gilson, Arthur J. Gallagher, met with the Board to discuss the County's Health Insurance. Commissioner Mayo stated that the County is currently in contract with the State of Kansas for their Health Insurance. Mr. Gilson stated that he would like to present to them what he has available and that a few Counties are looking into partial self-funded insurance. Mr. Gilson will be in contact when it gets closer to the three-year contract being renewed and will discuss more at that time.

The Board received a Travel & Tourism Event Grant Application for the 2022 Longford Rodeo. The Committee requested the same amount as previous years in the amount of \$1,000 to help with the advertising of the Rodeo. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Longford Rodeo. This will be paid for out of Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
March 7, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas