

March 6, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$214,963.88 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$6,830.00 for the budget year 2022 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$879,343.73 for the budget year 2023 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2022A19 in the amount \$12.00 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Melanie Musselman called Commissioner Mayo about the County purchasing a spot on the Clayopoly Board that The Clay Center Dispatch is offering. Ms. Musselman stated that most of the spots have been spoken for and she was wondering if the County would like to sponsor a spot on the Game Board. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the corner position marked Jail in the amount \$125. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that Dr. Worthen has learned the second language of Spanish and this is so helpful with the Linn and Clyde Clinics. Dr. Worthen has become very fluent with the Spanish Medical and makes it a lot easier to communicate with the clients and families. Three weeks ago, CCMC received notice of being in the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals again this year. This is a real honor to receive this title. CCMC is meeting with K-State Athletics to form a partnership and to work together.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reviewed a case that KCamp is handling and should be settling soon with the Board.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the 2023 Kansas County Commissioners Association dues in the amount of \$358. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Department, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper stated that there is a bridge/road issue on Prairie Circle. In 2000 there was a road closure and Mr. Shomper will be doing research and going out to measure the closure as per the hearing. Last week the Department worked in the shop, had a safety day that they did First Aid and CPR Training with the EMS Department, hauled rock, worked on a tree project, and bladed roads.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that the Department is at 176 runs so far in 2023. Last week the Department worked on the new Zoll Monitor In-Service training and held the First Aid and CPR Class for the Highway Department. This week they will begin getting ready for the Annual Inspections on all of the Medic Units.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided documentation on what she will be presenting at the Staff Meeting at noon. The Board signed two Event Approvals for an employee of the Emergency Management to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly reports. Ms. Rickley stated that she has been meeting with Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, and they have been working together and sharing resources that are available. This has been a positive project for both entities. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the Health Department to attend training in Manhattan, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented the cost of the invoices that he has received for EMS having to transporting inmates for medical issues. The Board instructed Sheriff Benninga that for this year he is to pay for this expense through his budget and then County General will reimburse his budget for the EMS transports. Then with the 2024 budget preparation they will put a line item with a budgeted amount in his Sheriff's Budget for this expense. The Board granted permission to advertise for a Dispatcher position.

The Board adjourned at 10:50 a.m. from the Courthouse and reconvened at the Conference Center at the Fair Grounds at 11:00 00 a.m. for a Staff Meeting with Department Heads and second in command. Those in attendance were: Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, Jeff Germann, Assistant Highway Administrator, Melissa Goff, Office Manager, Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, Dale Bechard, Courthouse Custodian, Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, Jim Bogart, Deputy Emergency Manager, Susie Mall, Register of Deeds, Danielle Braun, Deputy Register of Deeds, Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, Alec Trembath, Paramedic Shift Lead, Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, Alan Benninga, Sheriff, Kayla Wang, County Clerk, Shelby Crimmins, Deputy County Clerk, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director. Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, gave a presentation on the directions of the use of the Clay County Battle Book for the use during an emergency. A meal was provided to all of the employees that attended the meeting. Commissioner Thurlow told what is going on with the County and each Department told what is happening in their own Department. Joel Mason, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that the NCKHA District Meeting that will be held in April at Acorn Resorts and asked if any of them want to attend with him. There will be a Commissioner that will attend this meeting with Mr. Shomper.

The Board adjourned the Commission meeting from the Fair Grounds at 12:25 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Commissioner

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
March 13, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas