

March 13, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$229,951.99 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board approved a bill from BHS Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$101,084.31 for a payment on the construction of the new Multi Use Building at the Fairgrounds.

The Board approved the purchase of an additional single door, hardware and frame for the westside of the new Multi Use Building in the amount of \$4,231.77.

The Board approved the installation of 50 Amp Plug on the outside of the new Multi Use Building in the amount of \$1,167.33.

The Board approved the additional installation of conduits for the future office and access controls at the Multi Use Building in the amount of \$4,650.40.

Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, had talked to Commissioner Thurlow that he had found a used S650 Bobcat Skid Loader at White Star, Manhattan in the amount of \$35,000 delivered. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the purchase of the S650 Bobcat Skid Loader in the amount of \$35,000 to use at the Clay County Park. Also, Mr. Arnold was informed to sell the old John Deere tractor on Purplewave and to get rid of it if it is not going to be used. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department hauled rock to several locations, bladed roads, hauled scalping's, and installed a pipe. The two new pickup's that were ordered from Friesen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram are on schedule. One has been built and the other is being built now. The Mack dump trucks are currently on a July time frame to be delivered.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 193 emergency runs so far in 2023. There was a Child Passenger Safety Technician Class that was held here in Clay Center last week and was well attended. We now have certified technicians in Clay County again. All four medic units passed the annual mechanical inspections. The training on the new Cardiac Monitor has been completed and the unit is now in service. Mr. Cramer asked to purchase a stand-up desk in the amount of \$499 and a second monitor in the amount of \$229 from Central Office Service and Supply. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the purchase of a stand-up desk in the amount of \$499 and an additional monitor in the amount of \$229 from Central Office Service and Supply for EMS. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cramer stated that they are having issues with the batteries on some of the portable radios and he had gotten prices from Homman Electronics as follows: 1500 Radio replacement batteries are \$93.80 each and they would need to purchase 4 of them for a total of \$375.20 and the BK Radio replacement batteries are \$160.00 each

and they would need 2 of them for a total of \$320.00. The Board granted permission to order replacement batteries from Homman Electronics in a total amount of \$695.20

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp stated that they had held the Child Passenger Safety Technician Class at ESA last week with 20 students from other areas and with 5 from Clay County. The Board signed two Event Approvals for an employee of the Emergency Management to attend training in Concordia and Manhattan, Kansas.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that they have started the Health Fair at the Health Department. The public can call to setup an appointment for the Health Fair. The Chairman signed a grant application with State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend conference in Topeka, Kansas.

The Board signed an Event Approval for a County Commissioner to attend conference in Hays, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Hollister, Missouri.

Paul Bishop met with the Board to request sick leave hours out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate 80 hours to Mr. Bishop out of the Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss the safe that has been stored in the elevator mechanic's room. It was decided to offer it to the museum and if they do not want it then it will be placed on Purplewave to sell

Linda Sleichter and Kristen Wright, After Prom Committee, met with the Board to report on the events of the 2023 After Prom. Ms. Sleichter stated that there are 83 Juniors and 67 Seniors at CCCHS that are able to attend this event. Ms. Sleichter asked if the Board would consider making a donation towards this event like they have done in previous years. Ms. Wright stated that this is a great event for students to attend after Prom. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$15 per student to be paid out of the Alcohol Fund. This will include students from CCCHS, Wakefield High School, and Clifton/Clyde High School for students that reside on the Clay County side. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Stellner, District Court Clerk, met with the Board to inform them that the microphone on the Defense table has broken and can not be fixed. They are needing to order another mic to replace it. A quote was presented for a Shure MX412DC Desktop-Mounted 12" Cardioid Gooseneck Microphone from B & H Photo – Video – Audio in the amount of \$341.00. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the replacement microphone in the amount of \$341.00 from B & H Photo – Video – Audio.

Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board approved Andrew Askew Construction, LLC to paint the other back office in the District Court area.

Melanie Musselman, The Clay Center Dispatch, met with the Board to show them what the Board of Clayopolis will look like. They have had a good response on the sponsoring of spaces on the Board.

Shannon Stark, Assistant Director Grow Clay County, met with the Board to give an update on Travel & Tourism. Ms. Stark presented the 2024 Kansas Travel Guide to show the Board the half page ad for Clay County. The Board stated that this is a nice ad representing Clay County. If this is paid for by June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will save 5% so a half page ad will cost \$3,982. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the half page ad for Clay County in the amount of \$3,982 to be placed in the 2024 Travel Guide. This is to be paid for out of the Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stark also asked to approve the \$1,000 donation out of the Travel & Tourism Fund to be used for the Fireworks Display. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$1,000 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund to be used for advertisement for the Fireworks Display. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Clay County will also donate \$1,000 towards the purchase of the Fireworks. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate an additional \$1,000 toward the purchase of the Fireworks. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stark reported that the Solomon Valley Highway 24 Alliance has asked Clay County to join the Alliance. This would be an annual \$100 for the cost of the membership and it will put us on the map that is included in a brochure. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to pay the \$100 membership for Clay County to join the Solomon Valley Highway 24 Alliance. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent, Jason King, BHS Construction Project Manager, and Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to give an update on the new building at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Ohlde stated that the exterior of the building is almost complete and the framing on the interior is near completion. The mechanical, electrical and the plumbing has started today. Mr. King reported that they are having difficulty with Kansas Gas Service not agreeing to the plans that BHS Construction had drawn up. Mr. King will get more information along with an estimated cost and return to report to the Board. The Board approve the placement of the double door on the westside and to order one additional single door to use with the door that was extra. The decision was made to use the color gray for the trim on the interior and the exterior. Commissioner Thurlow asked Mr. Ohlde if they could provide a quote on the placement of liner panels on the inside of the building. The quotes for the kitchen appliances from Wall's True Value were reviewed. The Board asked Mr. Argo to go to Wall's and get the measurements and diagrams of each appliance and to get this information to Mr. Ohlde so that they know where placement of the cabinets and appliances will go. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase all appliances from Wall's True Value in the amount of \$16,034.98 installed. This will be paid for out of the General Fund at this time. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed the quote that they received from BHS on the placement of 10 ceiling fans in the exhibit hall. The Board asked BHS to research the placement of a couple of large fans instead of 10 smaller ones. Mr. King stated that he will do the research and return with the price of larger ones.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the recycling trailer that is located in the parking lot of the Clay Center National Guard Armory. The Board asked Mike Argo, Fair Board President to stay for this meeting. Ms. Carroll stated that she had been contacted by Mr. Garrison that oversees the Armory and he had asked for the recycling trailers to be moved off of the Armory grounds. Ms. Carroll reported that the recycling trailers are used a lot by the city residents and that the Landfill changes out the trailers every couple of days. Individuals that use the trailers are not very neat, they throw bags and items everywhere. Sometimes there are items thrown on the ground around the trailers. After looking at a map it was decided by the Board to move the recycling trailers to a location over by the Rodeo Arena. This was the best location so that people can pull in conveniently and unload. Ms. Carroll asked the Board if the County Landfill can be closed Saturday morning on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Board granted permission so that the employees can have a weekend off.

The Board adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
March 20, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas