

March 15, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$55,654.24 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that they have not had a COVID positive patient in the hospital for over two weeks. The new Cerner Medical Record Program will go live soon. Clinic volume will be cut by 50% for 2-3 weeks to be able to put the new program in place. Phase B renovation at the Clinic is in progress. The Dietary renovation project at the hospital will began next Monday. Mr. Gillard encourages the community to continue to make their preventative visits at the Clay Center Family Physicians Clinic.

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. Mr. Shomper reported that they are needing to replace an auger that is worn down and not able to grab the salt and sand in one of the spreaders. A quote from Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc. in the amount of \$3,316.06 was reviewed by the Board. The quote also included the price for an auger tube replacement in the amount of \$5,954.62. Mr. Shomper did not think that the auger tube would need to be replaced at this time. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the auger in the amount of \$3,316.06 from Kirby-Smith Machinery. To be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Union State Bank contacted the office concerning the bids for financing of the two Motor Graders that were openrd last week in session. Union State Bank stated that they had mailed a bid to the Highway Department's Office and Mr. Shomper stated that as of today they have never received the bid in the mail. After discussion, it was decided that they will not extend the time frame for asphalt bids. The bids for asphalt will be opened on March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Last week the Department graded roads, worked on several ditch projects at different locations, removed trees and stumps at multiple locations, cleaned culverts, hauled rock, poured a sidewalk at the Sheriff's Department, transported equipment to 30th Rd. & Osage Rd. to remove hill and build up the road, and cleaned off bridges that were holding water. The County received the funds in the amount of \$26,498.29 from Washington County for their cost of the bridge project on Parallel Rd. Mr. Shomper stated that he had been contacted by Husker Steel and if the County is going to replace any bridges this year, they may want to consider getting the estimates and purchasing the steel now. The price of steel is increasing a lot at this time.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to be busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. The bedroom project has been completed and seems to work well for everyone.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that the disease investigation and contact tracing count is down to zero. The distribution of the vaccine has become more of a project than the contact tracing. Ms. Rickley stated that she will be applying for additional grants to help with the cost

and hopefully be able to compensate the volunteers for their time. Ms. Rickley is asking individuals that if they have received their vaccine out of County to please let them know so that they can remove their names from the Clay County waiting list. They can either call the Health Department Office or email: covid19@claycountykansas.org to tell them. The Health Department is averaging 300 shots a week. Ms. Kemp provided a document to the Board for COVID-19 Guidance for Vaccinated Kansans. This guidance is for two weeks following the receipt of the second vaccine dose. Ms. Kemp reported that the Emergency Managers have done extensive work on SB273 and HB2416 and are concerned about these two Bills. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 10:38 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Dana Rickley, County Health Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is County Health Department Management. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Mayo asked to go back into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go back into Executive Session of non-elected personnel for an additional 10 minutes beginning at 10:49 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Dana Rickley, County Health Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is County Health Department Management. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:59 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Mayo asked to go back into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go back into Executive Session of non-elected personnel for an additional 15 minutes beginning at 11:06 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Dana Rickley, County Health Director, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is County Health Department Management. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:21 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion that the extra pay of \$5.00 per hour for contact tracing will end as of 3/14/2021. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mayo stated that the duties of the employees needs to get sorted out as to what is their regular job and what is the extra work caused by COVID. The extra duties caused by COVID will be called Mitigation Pay. Commissioner Mayo made the motion that they will allow a current full-time employee to be paid the extra \$5.00 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per week for a total of 3 employees within the County Health Department. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to hire up to the equivalence of three full-time temporary employees with no benefits at \$12.00 per hour to do the extra work that COVID has caused and currently is being done by paid volunteers. These positions will be paid for until the COVID funds from grants are gone. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented an estimate for a prisoner cage to be placed in a patrol unit from Double L Manufacturing LLC in the amount of \$1,650 Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Double L Manufacturing LLC in the amount of \$1,650 for a prisoner cage to be placed in a patrol unit. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Don Brown, RenoDry Partner/Chief Executive Office and Michael Clancy, RenoDry, Partner/Chief Technology Officer, met with the Board to present their product of cutting-edge green technology that effectively handles rising moisture by permanently dehydrating and desalination the masonry in old stone buildings. This is new technology being used. Mr. Brown stated that he was a partner in the business that they started in Minnesota and about a year ago, Mr. Brown and Mr. Clancy moved the business to Kansas. Currently they do not have any Kansas Courthouses as their customers. Commissioner Thurlow stated that the County had already done the drainage project around the foundation of the Courthouse several years ago and have not had any problem with moisture since they had done that. RenoDry provides a free inspection of the building for all potential customers and then will provide a written report for the Commissioners. The Board granted them permission to do the inspection and to provide a written report. The Board contacted Mr. Knoettgen, County Maintenance, to provide guidance for the inspection.

Alicia Lenhart, Union State Bank Vice President of Operations, met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse Square to celebrate Union State Bank's 120th Anniversary Block Party on May 6th, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, games, and snowcones. The Board granted permission to use the Courthouse Square for the event.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present quotes on new tires for the recycling truck. The quotes were reviewed as follows:

Kansasland Tire – 2 - 11R225 RoadX St355 – \$640.00
4 – 11R225 RoadX RD796 - \$1,340.00
Labor - \$180.00
TOTAL \$2,203.20
TSI Kansas, Inc. – 8 total tires – Firestone 663 - \$3,080.00
Westlake 983 - \$2,568.00

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$2,203.20. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll reported that they are in need of repair work done to the overhead doors at the Landfill. Permission was granted to contact The Garage Door Place out of Manhattan to make the repairs to the overhead doors.

The Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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