

March 21, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 7:45 a.m. Minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$191,523.81 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$78,296.75 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Keith Marving, Owner Marving Planning Consultants, and Mason Herrman, Community Planning, met with the Board to review several sections of the updated Clay County Comprehensive Plan. Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, joined the meeting. Mr. Marving stated that Clay County is the only County that has a Zoning Board that is involved in the Comprehensive Plan, so they will need to meet with the Zoning Board a couple of times to go through both plans at the same time. North Central Regional Planning Commission has received a grant to help the Counties update their Comprehensive Plans. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the Comprehensive Plan document as presented. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, Natalie Muruato, Grow Clay County Director, and Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to review the 5-year Residential NRP Plan. Commissioner Thurlow made a motion to ratify the Clay County 5-year Residential NRP Plan. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The NRP Interlocal Agreements were reviewed. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the County to participate in the 5-year Residential NRP Plan. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Doug Francis, Ergon Sales Manager, joined the meeting. Last week the Department bladed roads, cleaned and washed all trucks, replaced several mailboxes that had been knocked down while blading snow, placed arrow signs by the bridge on 29th Rd., between Utah Rd. and Valleyview Rd., trimmed trees in several locations, removed trees on 4th Rd., between Meadowlark Rd. and Limestone Rd., and worked in the shop. Mr. Shomper reported that with all of the changes and costs that are now required to obtain a CDL license, Clay County Highway Department will be considered a Private Training Education Center for CDL's. They will need to draft a training plan that has to be approved by KDOT. There will be a two-day class for employees that want or need to get a CDL License. The written test and the driving test will all be done at the Highway Department for County employees only. Bids for Oil were presented as follows:

Vance Brothers – CSS-1H - \$2.25 per gallon plus .14 per gallon freight
CRS-1HM - \$2.65 per gallon plus .14 per gallon freight
Pump (if requested) - \$75.00
Demurrage - \$70.00 per hour after first 2 hours free

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions – CSS-1H – \$2.40 per gallon or \$2.53 per gallon delivered
CRS-1HM - \$2.41 per gallon or \$2.54 per gallon delivered
Pump (if requested) - \$80.00
Demurrage - \$100.00 per hour after first 2 hours free

Mr. Shomper stated that they will not be requesting a pump or the demurrage from either company. After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Ergon as presented in the bid.

Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported that Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, had visited with him about the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza that continues to spread in Kansas. There have been cases confirmed in Dickinson County. Mr. Shomper explained that his department would be involved if there were to be cases confirmed in Clay County. They are required to go onsite to bury the sick birds. KDHE will tell them where and how but they will have to be the ones to dig the holes. Mr. Shomper has put together a team of employees that will be deployed if a case is confirmed in Clay County. The Board granted permission to purchase rubber boots and rubber gloves to use as protection equipment for the employees on the team at an estimated cost of \$350.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the EMS Department continues to be busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Currently they are at 289 runs so far this year and at the same time in 2021 they were at 206 runs. As of now they are planning to start the AEMT class that will run from May 2nd to October 15th. So far, they have 7 individuals signed up to take the class. The Board granted permission for three EMS employees to attend a KEMSA Educator Workshop in Hutchinson, Kansas on April 23rd, 2022.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Ms. Kemp reported that she had attended a webinar on the Lower Republican Custom Watershed. There are going to be a few changes in the flood maps that will involve Wakefield City and Morganville City. Ms. Kemp informed the Board that she had hosted area Emergency Managers here to train on the Everbridge Emergency Notice System. Clay County currently uses this system and it will soon be provided to other Counties to use. Ms. Kemp received a notice that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has confirmed cases in Dickinson County. There are 3 or 4 Counties that are now affected by this disease. This Avian Influenza is a highly contagious viral disease that can infect chickens, turkeys, and other birds and can cause severe illness and/or sudden death in infected birds. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections do not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend training in Junction City, Kansas. Ms. Kemp presented bids on a roll and lock cover for the bed and floormats for the new Emergency Managers pickup. The bids were reviewed as follows:

Perfection Auto Body – Retrax Bed Cover - \$1,329.00

Weather Tec Floormats - \$287.38

Total - \$1,616.38

Wilder Auto Body – Hard Power Retractable Tonneau Cover – \$2,800

Weather Tech Floormats - \$195.00

Total - \$2,995.00

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Perfection Auto Body in the amount of \$1,616.38 for a bed cover and floormats. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp reported that she has taken the new pickup back to Glavan Ford because of a noise and an issue in the rear end. They have given her a loaner vehicle and the repairs will be covered under warranty. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently zero positive cases of COVID in Clay County and they will not be providing anymore COVID-19 updates at this point. Ms. Rickley stated that things are getting back to normal at the County Health Department. Since March 1st thru March 21st,

they have administered 50 COVID vaccines and 25 COVID tests. They also had 82 individuals participate in the Health Fair that was held last week. Ms. Rickley and Ms. Kemp met with Chris Scott, CEO of Wakefield Rehabilitation Center last week to go over several emergency plans. Ms. Kemp stated that Mr. Scott has done a great job with putting the plans into place for all 42 residents of the Rehab Center. Commissioner Mayo reviewed the quote from Advanced Electric that was opened last week. This generator will run the entire building if needed. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow up to \$42,000 out of the COVID Grant funds for the generator, monitoring system, concrete pad, and plumbing. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Avery and Haley Avery met with the Board to request a donation for the Wakefield High School Trap Shoot. Mr. Avery reported that he has triple the number of students participating in trap shooting this year and along with this comes extra expense. They currently have 14 students that are out for the sport and will be able to go to competition this year. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$750 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Wakefield High School Trap Shoot. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. A quote from Kansasland for 4 Eagle Enforcer tires in the amount of \$730.20 was reviewed. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the 4 replacement tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$730.20. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted permission for Sheriff Benninga to sign the contract between Combined Public Communications, LLC and the Clay County Sheriff's Office to provide the service so that the prisoners are able to text for a cost that is charged to the prisoner.

Mike Argo, Clay County Fair Board President, and Brian Girrens, Member, met with the Board to discuss the Rodeo Arena. Janet Schnell, KCLY News Department, joined the meeting. Mr. Argo stated that the Cowboy's for Christ had met with them at the Fair Board meeting last week and they had a good discussion on the issues and what needs to be fixed. Mr. Argo asked the group to make a list of items that need repaired and to prioritize them in order of what needs to be fixed first. After really looking at the arena there are several items that do need attention and it may take more than one year to make all of the repairs because of the expense, but they will get started on it. Mr. Girrens handed out the 2021 Fair Association Annual Report to the Board and reviewed the income and expenses of the Association. They will hold the rodeo the week before the Fair again in 2022. Last year they had a better turnout at the rodeo with having it the week before. This way the 4-H members can attend the rodeo and not be caring for their animals at the Fair. The Board thanked Mr. Argo and Mr. Girrens for all of the hours and the volunteering that they donate.

Dawn Nolin, Senior Center Director/Friendship Meals Manager, LaVonne Hartner and Mearl Cook, Site Council Members, met with the Board to present a Proclamation for March as the Month of Meals. Ms. Nolin read the proclamation to the Board and stated that they have went from serving 65 meals a day to currently serving 100 meals a day. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to proclaim the month of March as the Month of Meals. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our Senior Nutrition Programs. The seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition and involvement of the national 2022 March for Meal's campaign can enrich our entire community and help

end senior hunger in America – so no senior goes hungry. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$1,200 to the American Legion Baseball out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
March 28, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas