

April 3, 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 \$205,487.54 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$548,245.48 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Danny Mesalles, Zoning Administrator, met with the Board to report that the Zoning Board had met this morning at 7:00 a.m. to discuss the change of classification from Agriculture to Commercial on a parcel located in Clay Center Township Sec 16 T8 R3 which is a 13.8-acre track that is owned by Blue Stem Electric. Blue Stem is planning to build a 100'X200' metal building to be used to store the work trucks and electrical line materials. The Zoning Board would like to make the recommendation to the Board of Commissioner to change the parcel listed above from Agriculture to Commercial classification. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation to change the above parcel from Agriculture to Commercial Classification. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Mesalles, Zoning Administrator, and Mason Herrman, Marvin Planning met with the Board to discuss the Land Use Plan and to inform them that the Zoning Board had met this morning and had made the recommendation to adopt the Clay County Land Use Plan as presented. Mr. Herrman reported that they have been contacted by Fort Riley and will need to include wording for the drone fly path that the Military use in Clay County. This is not included in the version that you currently have in front of you. Commissioner Mayo suggested that the Board wait to adopt the plan until the final draft has been completed with all of the Fort Riley wording is included. Mr. Mason stated that would be fine. He hopes to have the wording placed into the document in the next few weeks.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, and Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, were also present. Mr. Mason started the conversation about 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd. & Jayhawk Rd. by informing the Board of the different laws that concerns this road issue. Mr. Mason informed the Board that they have three options to choose from: 1) Do Nothing, 2) Declare the road open and now close a portion of it. 3) Close the entire road. Mr. Shomper stated that the survey that was requested has been completed. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to survey the existing roadway from 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jayhawk Rd. to the entrance of the Hammond Farmstead. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mason stated that the original motion made in session on December 12, 2022 was for the approval to have the survey done.

Abatement 2022A20 in the amount of \$269.08 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give a monthly report. Mr. Gillard reported that they will begin doing sleep studies in the patient's personal home. The medical staff will go to the home of the patient where they will be more comfortable with the study. Clay County Medical Center will begin offering MDSave for surgeries. This is a pre-payment program that will allow individuals to have a surgery at a lower cost. The Medical Center will be starting an Emergency Room exterior project and also a redesign of the Wellness parking lot to make more parking spaces since this parking lot is used a lot.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Register of Deeds Office to attend a Seminar in Garden City, Kansas.

Commissioner Mayo reported that he had receive a request from Robert Stratton to use the Courthouse Square at noon for the World Day of Prayer. The Board granted approval to use the Square for this event.

A request was received from Union State Bank for the use of the Courthouse Square for their Community BBQ on May 4th, 2023 in the late afternoon and evening. The Board granted approval to use the Courthouse Square for this event.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Doug Francis, Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. joined the meeting. Mr. Shomper presented bids for tack oil and Sealing oil. The bids were as follows:

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions – Tack Oil CCS-1H - \$2.530 per gallon delivered  
Sealing Oil CRS-1HM - \$2.610 per gallon delivered  
Vance Brothers – Tack Oil CSS-1H - \$2.55 per gallon, plus .14 per gallon for freight  
Sealing Oil CRS-1HM - \$2.65 per gallon, plus .14 per gallon for freight

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bids for CCS-1H Tack Oil at \$2.53 per gallon and for CRS-1HM Sealing Oil at \$2.610 per gallon. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shomper presented the bids for the financing of the two Mack Trucks & Beds in the amount of \$620,466.44 for a three-year period. The bids were received as follows:

GN Bank – 4.74%  
United Bank & Trust – 4.69%  
Union State Bank – 4.79%

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from United Bank & Trust at the rate of 4.69%. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shomper presented the bids for the financing of two John Deere Motor Graders in the amount of \$464,754 for a three-year period. The bids were received as follows:

GN Bank – 4.74%  
United Bank & Trust - 4.49%  
Union State Bank – 4.59%

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from United Bank & Trust at the rate of 4.49%. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Last week the Department removed a bridge on Limestone Rd. between 28<sup>th</sup> Rd. & 29<sup>th</sup> Rd., trimmed trees, bladed roads, hauled rock, move equipment to 28<sup>th</sup> Rd & Valleyview Rd. After this project is completed, they will be moving equipment to 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Valleyview Rd., and then to 21<sup>st</sup> Rd. & Thunder Rd. Mr. Shomper stated that they will be doing work at the Riverside Drainage District in the near future and presented a quote from Foley Equipment for a HM4015 Mulcher with bracket and connecting lines in the amount of \$69,523 and possibly trade in a mower. The Board stated that this piece of equipment would not be used very often at the Riverside Drainage District. The Board tabled the decision on the purchase of this mulcher.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 243 emergency runs and out of town transfers. Medic 8 is back in service from the repairs that had to be made. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a meeting in Salina, Kansas. Mr. Cramer provided documentation on what surrounding Counties are charging on several types of EMS Services and Clay County seems to be low on what they are currently charging for services. Mr. Cramer presented a new fee schedule for the Board to review. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the new Fee Schedule with a 7% to 10% increase for services provided. The rate changes will go into effect as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp has been working on preparing an exercise for the Presbyterian Manor. The Recovery Exercise that 5 individuals from Clay County attended in Salina was good training on what to do after a disaster has taken place.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported on the Conference that she attended last week on Drug Endangered Children. It was very informative and a great meeting to attend.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented an Event Approval for an employee of the Sheriff's Office to attend training in Mulvane, Kansas. The Board signed the Event Approval.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to appoint Holly Chestnut to the Pawnee Mental Health's Governing Board of Directors. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss a letter that the Board of Commissioners and Ms. Carroll had received that the Clay County Landfill had failed to conduct confirmation monitoring as required by Kansas Administrative Regulation and the fall 2022 groundwater monitoring report is delinquent. Ms. Carroll stated that Clay County pays Associated Environmental Inc out of Manhattan to collect this information and to report it to the State of Kansas. So, they have not done their job and reported findings to the State. Commissioner Mayo stated that he had contacted the State and they said that there were 4 other Counties in Kansas that received that same letter. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to get in contact with this company and find out why they have not provided the required reports to KDHE.

The Board adjourned the Commissioners Room at 11:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened at the Fairgrounds at 11:36 a.m.

The Board toured the new Multi-Purpose Building with Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent, and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architect, present. Mr. Ohlde reported that there has been a lot going on since they had last met. The sheet rock is up and most of the mudding is complete, gas line is being installed, electrical work is being done, and the water and sewer will be done next week. The building is coming along at the scheduled time.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas