

April 4, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. Payroll in the amount of \$194,767.56 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$598,756.02 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that today is the first day for the new General Surgery that will be held four days a week. The Board is considering upgrading the MRI machine. The current one is 13 years old and the new machine could handle larger people and it will take less time to process the procedure. They have hired a new full-time Nurse Practitioner for the Glasco Clinic. It continues to grow with patients. The Radiology mailers that were sent out in March are working well. They are receiving customers from surrounding Counties.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason informed the Commissioners that the interviews for the Construction Manager on the new Exhibit Building will be held next Monday starting at 1:00 p.m. We have received the written resignation from Charles Lindberg that served on the Clay County Indigent Attorney's Contract and have sent a new contract to Starla Borg Nelson to sign and fill the vacant position.

Lori Neumayer met with the Board to discuss an incident that happened at the Clay County Park recently. Ms. Neumayer stated that they have camped at the park for 6 years and had just gone down to see if they needed to work on anything at their campsite. According to Ms. Neumayer her 10-year-old granddaughter and a friend had gone to the waters shore looking for clam shells and had come back to the campsite with muddy feet. They had tried to turn the water on at one of the hydrants that was not working and did not know that there were issues with the water lines, so the kids went up to the Park Manager to get the code to the shower house so that they could wash off their feet. The Manager gave them the code and the kids went in to wash off their feet. When Mr. Arnold's wife went to the shower house, she was upset at the mess that the kids had made and told them to get out. The kids were accused of vandalizing the shower house. Ms. Neumayer stated that they did not vandalize the shower house they washed their muddy feet and yes, they probably made a mess but they are kids. Ms. Neumayer said that both Mr. Arnold and his wife screamed at the kids and physically removed them from the shower house. Ms. Neumayer stated that her granddaughter was crying and left the shower house and was outside sitting on a bench. Then Mr. Arnold and his wife had placed her granddaughter in the back seat of the County Vehicle when she arrived at the shower house. Her granddaughter was crying hysterically and said that she told Mr. Arnold twice that she was not getting in the vehicle. Ms. Neumayer is concerned and wants to prevent this from happening again. Ms. Neumayer asked that the County put something in place on how to handle children at the park because there are a lot of children there during the summer and she does not want this happening again to someone else's child. The Board stated that they will talk to Mr. Arnold about this and determine what, if any action should be taken.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled rock to multiple locations, moved equipment to 9<sup>th</sup> Rd. and Meridian

Rd. to remove trees and mowed ditches to get the area ready for a new fence. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 4 Chromebooks from Best Buy at a total cost of \$297. These will be used for the Timeclock program. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Two quotes were received on the replacement bridge located at 8<sup>th</sup> Rd. and Osage Rd. as follows:

Reece Construction - \$128,095.25 – Concrete Double Barrel Box

Husker Steel - \$136,738.00 – 26'6" x 20' Bridge

Husker Steel stated that they would be able to do this bridge project also while they were in the County replacing another bridge. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with Husker Steel for the bridge replacement in the amount of \$136,738.00 to be paid for out of the Bridge Improvement Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted permission for Mr. Shomper to get quotes on repairs that are needed at the County Shop and to return with them to the Board for a decision. Commissioner Mayo stated that he had a landowner in Highland Township contact him about needing rock hauled on a road that is currently a low maintenance road. There is now an individual living on this road. The landowner provided a 2018 Plat Map and it shows this road as a rock road. Mr. Shomper stated that it has not been a rock road since the County took over the Townships. They have hauled one load of rock to the intersection in all of those years. Mr. Shomper visited with one of the last Township Officers and he stated that they had made it a chore road with no rock and low maintenance when it was a Township. Mr. Shomper contacted the Post Office and they informed him that all roads are considered mail routes. If the road is not passable, they will hold the mail until it is. Mr. Shomper stated that this road has no base to it. The cost to make it a rock road with a base would be \$10,080 for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. The base would cost \$5,280 and the rock would cost \$4,800. Commissioner Mayo stated that he felt we should at least haul rock to this location. Mr. Shomper stated that if we hauled rock without fixing the base of the road the rock would just disappear the next time that it rained. It is the County Policy that if someone puts a residence on a dirt road they must pay for the base and the rock to make it a rock road and then the County will maintain it from there. There have been several taxpayers pay for their roads to be made to rock road standards. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to stand firm on the County Policy. If it is a dirt road the landowner must pay for the cost to bring it up to the rock road standard. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed by majority vote.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that the Department is still busy with emergency runs. As of today, they are at 326 runs compared to 239 a year ago at the same time. The AEMT Class has been approved by the Kansas Board of EMS and will begin May 2, 2022 and go thru October 15, 2022. There are currently 8 signed up to take the class. Mr. Cramer reported that the cost of the book has increased in price. The books for this class have been ordered at a cost of \$1,949.70. Clay County will apply for 7 EIG Grants through the State to help cover the cost of the class. Medic 8 will be going into the shop for repairs on the exhaust at an estimated cost of \$1,367.07. Mr. Cramer stated that he had visited with Holte Electric about the smaller furnace on the roof that is not working. Mr. Holte stated that he recommends with it being as old as it is that it should be replaced.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp stated that there will be two Kansas Interoperable Communications Training classes held here in Clay Center on April 20, 2022 for KSICS System Overview and Training. Ms. Kemp reported on several meetings that she has attended. Ms. Kemp presented a Promulgation to the Board for signatures. This is required of the

Kansas Counties in the development and promulgation of a County Emergency Operations Plan with the intention of saving lives and protecting property in the event of a major emergency or disaster. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt and sign the Promulgation for Clay County. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, presented a quote from Bear Graphics for the purchase of a new Commissioner Journal for minutes at the cost of \$215 plus paper at a cost of \$116 and shipping for \$22. A total cost of \$353 to be paid for out of the Commissioner Fund. The Board granted permission for this purchase.

Shannon Stark, Assistant Director of Grow Clay County, met with the Board to review the amended contract for Travel and Tourism. Ms. Stark presented them with a contract to sign. The contract is that Grow Clay County continues the efforts of Clay County Travel and Tourism and properly uses the Clay County bed tax to promote all of Clay County. Ms. Stark will maintain the website, social media pages as needed and update listings on the Kansas Travel website. Ms. Stark will organize and design ads, provide welcome bags as needed, and attend the training that is required. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to pay \$8,000 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund for Grow Clay County to provide the services listed in the contract and manage Travel & Tourism activities within Clay County. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present quotes for two replacement computers. After reviewing the quotes and determining that they are not the same items on both quotes, the Board decided to table their decision until more information is provided. Ms. Carroll presented the following bids for the repair of the grill on the 2008 Ford Super Duty F-350 as follows:

Wilder Auto Body – \$462.76

Perfection Auto Body - \$382.43

After reviewing the two quotes, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the quote from Perfection Auto Body in the amount of \$382.43. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 11:56 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee's position. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Natalie Muruato, Grow Clay County Director, met with the Board to present the new Agreement between Clay County and Grow Clay County. Also joining the meeting were Brandon Lee, Monte Green, and Scott Leitzel, Grow Clay County Board Members. Ms. Muruato presented the new Agreement between Grow Clay County and Clay County to the Board. There have been no changes from the previous agreement other than the name change from Clay County Economic Development Group to Grow Clay County. Ms. Muruato thanked the Board for working with them and for the funding that the

County provides. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to ratify the agreement with Grow Clay County as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board made the decision to discontinue the \$5.00 per hour extra COVID pay for two employees of the County Health Department as of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Also, they will discontinue the Hazard Pay for Home Health employees and the temporary Disease Mitigation pay as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present two Event Approvals. The Board signed both Event Approvals for an employee of the Treasurer's Office to attend meetings in Marion and Lyndon, Kansas.

The Board approved a quote from Gilmore & Bell, P.C. for the annual Disclosure Compliance Services on the reporting of bonds in the amount of \$1,500 annually for a 5-year contract. Chairman Mayo signed the Scope of Engagement for this service.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
April 11, 2022  
Clay Center, Kansas