

April 5, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$191,716.10 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$445,868.28 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2020A77 & 2020A78 in the amount of \$567.80 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reported that he completed the 2 ½ days Drug Court Training by Zoom this past week.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper presented the Board with the oil bids to be opened at 9:00 a.m. Doug Francis, Ergon Sales Manager, was also present for the bid opening. The bids were opened as follows:

Vance Brothers – Kansas City, Missouri – CSS-1H - \$1.87/gallon FOB Vance Brothers  
CRS-1HM - \$1.97/gallon FOB Vance Brothers  
Freight - .13 /gallon  
Pump - \$65.00 (if requested)  
Demurrage - \$70.00/hr. after first 2 hours free

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc - CSS-1H - \$1.99/gallon – Plant Price - \$2.09/gallon – delivered  
CRS-1HM - \$1.94/gallon – Plant Price - \$2.04/gallon – delivered  
Pump - \$80.00 (if requested)  
Demurrage - \$88.00/hr. after first 2 hours free

Mr. Shomper asked the Board to consider the drive time difference from Kansas City and Salina. That is a lot of road time that could be spent laying asphalt. Also, if needing to cancel a load because of weather they can wait until 2 hours before needing it with getting the asphalt from Ergon. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions for the purchase of tack oil and sealing oil. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper stated that while trimming trees in the Idana area it was discovered that there is an issue with the right-a-way at the intersection of Blaine & Logan Streets. Everyone thought that the road was legally closed and it has been discovered that it was never closed. There has been a building built in the area that should be the right-a-way. The Board asked Mr. Shomper to research this issue and to proceed with the proper road closure procedure. Mr. Shomper reported an issue with a concrete box located on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd. There is water washing under the box and the floor is gone. There are lots of stress cracks within the box. The Board instructed to contact Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers to have them look at it and to give their recommendations on how to fix the problem. Last week the Department graded roads, hauled rock, hauled AB3 rock on 16<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Kiowa Rd. & Jayhawk Rd., replaced culverts in different locations, hauled rip rap to Burr Oak & 9<sup>th</sup> Rd., and trimmed trees in the western part of the County. The Board granted permission to continue the placement of an employment ad for a Dump Truck Driver in the local newspaper.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that they currently have four nurses giving vaccines and are working as many individuals through as they can. Ms. Rickley asked permission to replace four of the monitors that are starting to flicker and to purchase four new office chairs. This will all be paid for out of the COVID Grant funds. Permission was granted to purchase four new monitors and four new office chairs for the County Health Department and to pay for all of this through COVID Grant funds. Clay County has been working closely with the School District on Prom and After Prom to make it as safe for everyone as they possibly can. Ms. Kemp presented a map to the Board that shows the rate per 1,000 population of people that have had at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. Clay County seems to be doing well with giving vaccines.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the new camera system has been installed. At some point they will need to look into replacing the intercom system for the front and back parts of the building. Sheriff Benninga 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 10:36 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Alan Benninga, Sheriff, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is Sheriff's Department personnel. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:46 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board approved a former employee to be paid an hourly rate by invoice when required to attend a Court Hearing. The Board approved the purchase of some basic tools to be kept at the Law Enforcement Center.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, met with the Board to give the quarterly sanitation report for Clay County. Ms. Stamm reported that she has been very busy with permits in Clay County. The report stated that there were 12 Tank/Lateral, 5 Water Test, 3 Lagoon, 1 Lateral, 7 Well, 4 Tank Only, 1 Open Discharge, and 1 Lagoon Rebuild permits in the last three months. The permits have not slowed down this year thru the winter months. Ms. Stamm stated that she has been having issues with individuals finishing and finalizing projects on the permits that have been issued. These should be finished in a timely manner.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give an update on the 2021 Building Permits that have been issued so far this year. Mr. Mesalles reported that so far this year his office has issued 32 building permits. Of those permits 6 of them are new homes. Mr. Mesalles stated that most years there are normally about 90 permits issued, so we are on track for 2021 also.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report an issue that happened at the County Landfill on Thursday late afternoon. An individual that was looking through items did not leave the property before 5:00 p.m. and was locked inside of the gates at the Landfill. After removing the gate from its hinges and leaving the Landfill, Law Enforcement was involved. The individual offered to pay for the items that he had wanted to purchase because he was not able to pay for them at the Landfill. Ms. Carroll informed the Officer of how much he owed and accepted the payment. The Board agreed to not press charges this time. Ms. Carroll presented the quote from Bloom Construction on the Stormwater Pipe Decommissioning in the amount of \$7,285. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the

quote from Bloom Construction in the amount of \$7,285 for the Stormwater Pipe Decommissioning. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll presented the estimate for a new replacement fire proof overhead door in the Household Hazardous Waste Department from Garage Door Place, Inc. in the amount of \$9,229.94. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from the Garage Door Place in the amount of \$9,229.94 for a new replacement fire proof overhead door. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
April 12, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas