

April 11, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 7:45 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

An Event Approval was signed for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in McPherson, Kansas.

Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, and Josh Wurm, Employee of the Park, met with the Board to give an update on the park. Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Lori Neumayer were also present for the meeting. Mr. Arnold reported that everything is going well at the park, most of the campers have moved in for the summer. They are working on salvaging some of the picnic tables that were ruined in the flood waters. They are continuing to clean up and fill in holes with dirt around the park. They are not able to put the docks in the water yet, the water is about 3 foot lower than needed for them to be in the water without damaging the docks. The new trees are looking good, some of them are even blooming. They will continue to water them through the summer. They have had a powerline that started causing issues last weekend. They will need to trench about 75' to be able to fix this problem. The Board granted permission to order gutter guards for the bath house and some of the shelters along with two down spouts that need to be replaced and to purchase landscaping blocks to fix up the flowerbeds. Mr. Arnold reported that the weeds need to be sprayed at Wayne's World and he would like to hire someone to spray this with a chemical that will keep the weeds away for the entire summer. The shingles on the bathroom are coming off and will need to be repaired. The Board instructed Mr. Arnold to get at least two quotes on having the entire roof repaired with tin and bring those quotes back to the Board for a decision to be made. Mr. Wurm stated that they want to make the park look nice. They trimmed all of the trees where the campers park and every campsite received rock this year. Commissioner Mayo stated that the Board had received a complaint on a situation that happened at the park. Mr. Arnold stated that he was finishing a meal when two kids approached him for the code for the shower house. He gave them the codes and they went on their way. He did not pay any attention to what they were needing the codes for. After his wife went to check on them, he was told that they had made a mess in both the men's and the women's sides. There was mud everywhere on the floor, walls, and sink. He asked the kids if they thought that this was ok to make a mess like this. The father of the boy agreed that they needed to cleanup the bathrooms. The girl was upset and asked to find her grandma, so Mr. Arnold asked the girl to get into the pickup and they would go and find her. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Arnold if he thought it was a good idea to put the girl into the pickup. Mr. Arnold stated that he had not even thought of that, he was just wanting to find her mother. Mr. Arnold stated that there is a problem with kids running around the park that are not being supervised at all. Mr. Wurm stated that Chuck and Gwen are good people and do good things for the campers and the park. Ms. Nuemayer stated that there were no attempts to make contact with her. Mr. Arnold should have called her and she would have been there to help with the situation. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 8:38 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, Lori Neumayer, Camper, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is work performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:58 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board stated that they were concerned with how much Mr. Arnold's wife was involved with the conversation of this incident. She is not an employee of the County. The Board instructed Mr. Arnold to not discuss issues or business about the

park with others and the campers at the park. If he has something that needs to be discussed he should come to the Commissioners. Mr. Mason asked that there be no repercussions towards Ms. Nuemayer as a camper.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department hauled rock, bladed roads, moved equipment from the Fair Grounds back to the Shop, cleaned around the bridge project at 26th Rd. and Prairie Rd. and opened the road and bridge, trimmed trees, remove pipe on 24th Rd. between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd. for the concrete crew to arrive this week, did patching on the asphalt roads, hauled rip rap on Limestone Rd. between 20th Rd. and 21st Rd. Brent Rundell, Mayor of Morganville, contacted Mr. Shomper concerning a couple of pipes that need to be cleaned out so that water will flow better. Mr. Shomper stated that he would be glad to clean the pipes out but the water has nowhere to flow. The City will need to clean out the ditch so that the water will have somewhere to go. Mr. Shomper reported that there were several signs knocked down between 1st Rd. and 3rd Rd. and Indian Rd. to Jayhawk Rd. They had to go out on the weekend to replace stop signs that were a safety issue, and will go out this week to replace the rest of the signs that were destroyed.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 343 emergency runs so far this year. Last week they were able to place two local EMT's on the PRN list. The exhaust on Medic 8 has been repaired and the cost was less than the estimate. Mr. Cramer reported that he had heard from David Vance with Osage Ambulance and they have received the chassis for the new ambulance so they will be starting to build the new ambulance with an estimated delivery date in August. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the EMS Department to attend a meeting in Salina, Kansas.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided a handout on the severe weather and the fire danger that is possible on Tuesday. Last weekend was bad for wildfires that burnt over 20,000 acres in Riley and Meade Counties. Ms. Kemp discussed the need of having a GIS person on staff here in Clay County. Several departments need to have maps available to them for different situations.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay County currently has one positive case of COVID in the County. The Clinic administered 34 COVID booster shots this past week and 5 tests that were all negative. Permission was granted to purchase 2 new desktop computers for the County Health Department.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 10-16, 2022. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to proclaim April 10-16, 2022 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Clay County, in honor of those whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to go over to the Sheriff's Office for a picture to be taken with the signed Proclamation and the Dispatchers of Clay County. The Board would like to thank the Dispatchers for all that they do for Clay County. The Board toured the Law Enforcement Center to view the renovations that were done with moving the Riley County Corrections Officer to the main floor from the basement.

The Board reconvened in the Commissioners Room at 11:04 p.m.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to present two NRP applications for approval. Mr. Mesalles presented two residential NRP applications for the Boards approval. The Chairman signed both applications. Mr. Mesalles provided a list of the 2022 Building Permits that have been issued so far in 2022. Within those permits there are five new dwellings being built within the County.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Department. Ms. Baer provided a quote on the repairs that need to be done to the 2009 Ford F150 pickup. The quote from Five Creeks was received in the amount of \$3,487.04 for the repairs of multiple issues. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to have the repairs made to the pickup in the amount of \$3,487.04 and this will be paid for out of the Noxious Weed Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Baer stated that Central Office Service & Supply had been in contact with her about the new copier that was ordered. They are having issues with getting equipment in right now. It will be sometime in May or June that they will be able to deliver the copier. They will continue to make repairs to the current copier to get them to when the new copier arrives. Ms. Baer reported that the 1988 Kenworth T600 Noxious Weed Spray Truck was backed into out at the Landfill by a third party. A quote from Perfection Auto Body in the amount of \$1,817.75 was received. No other quote was received for this repair. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to have Perfection Auto Body repair the spray truck in the amount of \$1,817.75 and turn a claim into the third party's insurance for reimbursement. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Baer asked if they had made a decision on the request for new computers that was tabled last week. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase one 27" monitor with a webcam - \$349, two 24" monitors - \$229 each, three Lenovo Think Centre M80s Desktop Computers for the Noxious Weed and Clay County Landfill in the amount of \$1,095 each. Also order two additional Lenovo Think Centre M80s Desktop Computers for the County Health Department in the amount of \$1,095 each. For a total for Noxious Weed/Landfill in the amount of \$4,092 and for County Health in the amount of \$2,190. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, presented a quote from Central Office Service & Supply on copier paper at the cost of \$44.50 per case if we purchased before May 1st, 2022. If not purchased before May 1st the cost will go to \$47.50 per case. In January the County paid \$39.90 per case, so with the cost increasing and the shortage that is a concern. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 150 cases at the cost of \$44.50 per case for a total cost of \$6,675 to be paid for out of County General Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Board of Commissioner held the interviews for Construction Manager for the Multi-Purpose Building project located at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Joel Mason, County Attorney and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architecture, were also present.

Levi Snyder, BHS Construction Partner, Adam Crowl, BHS Estimator and Brett Ohlde, BHS Superintendent, met with the Board for the Construction Manager interview. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Confidential Data for 30

minutes beginning at 1:02 p.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Joel Mason, County Attorney, Brandon Gibson, SPT Architecture, Levi Snyder, Adam Crowl, Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is Construction Manager Interviews. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:32 p.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board thanked BHS Construction for the interest in the building project in Clay County.

Cody Nelson, Ron Fowles, and Larry Lister, NF Construction, met with the Board for the Construction Manager interview. Mr. Mason, asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Confidential Data for 30 minutes beginning at 1:47 p.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Joel Mason, County Attorney, Brandon Gibson, SPT Architecture, Cody Nelson, Ron Fowles, Larry Lister, NF Construction, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is Construction Manager interviews. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:17 p.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board thanked NF Construction for interest in the building project in Clay County.

After much discussion, the Board of Commissioners each rated the interviews with the scoring Rubric and then came up with an average on each Construction Company. Commissioner Thurlow authorized Chairman Mayo to execute a Construction Management Service contract with BHS Construction for the building of the Multi-Purpose Building located at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board and asked to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 2:50 p.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:55 with no action being taken during the session.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase a WatchGuard Firebox with a 3-yr Total Security Suite for the Courthouse from Network's Plus in the amount of \$4,632.24 to be paid for out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 18, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas