

April 12, 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.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. The agreement for the Ballfields at the Fair Grounds was reviewed. The Board asked Mr. Mason to update the agreement with the City of Clay Center since they have purchased and placed two new score boards on two of the fields.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 to Preserve and Defend the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission for United Bank & Trust to use the Courthouse Square for their annual BBQ on June 30, 2021 with July 1<sup>st</sup> being the rain date.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, trimmed trees in the southern part of the County, installed several pipes, tree removal, rocked roads, worked in the shop due to weather, and installed the dock at the Clay County Park. Mr. Shomper would like to purchase a Diesel Laptop diagnostic tool that allows you to view diagnostic codes on engines on small trucks. This allows you to have full bi-directional control on all major domestics-Ford, GM, Dodge, and Chevrolet. The price for the laptop is \$799.95 and would require a yearly subscription to receive all of the annual updates. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the Auto Enginuity diagnostic laptop in the amount of \$799.95 along with the subscription. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper presented a revised proposal on a bridge located at 26<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Prairie Rd. that is in need of being replaced in the amount of \$112,848. The revised proposal is because of the price of materials has increase and the proposal is only good for one week. After much discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to enter into contract with Husker Steel for the replacement of the bridge located at 26<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Prairie Rd. in the amount of \$112,848. This will be paid for out of the Bridge Improvement Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department has been really busy. So far in the year 2021 they have made 265 emergency runs. Mr. Cramer stated that they have seen a significant increase in the cost of supplies this year. Mr. Cramer asked for permission to use sick leave hours out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool for an employee at the EMS Department. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow 27 hours to be used out of the Sick Leave Pool for an employee of the EMS Department. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Medic Unit 3 hit a deer while making a transfer to Topeka this past weekend. No physical damage was done to Medic 3 only a few scratches. Mr. Cramer reported that the men's metal shower has started to rust and the faucet is leaking. He would like to replace the entire shower along with the faucet. The Board asked Mr. Cramer to contact Mel's Plumbing and return next week with a price on the replacement of the shower and the faucet.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay County currently has 5 active cases of COVID-19. There is no longer a wait list to receive the vaccine. If an individual would like to receive a vaccine, they need to call the Health Department and make an appointment. Ms. Rickley reported that the new copier has been delivered and has been installed for use. The new chairs that were approved last week were delivered and Ms. Rickley would like to have permission to order an additional 4 office chairs. Also, she would like to purchase an additional 2 monitors. Permission was granted to purchase 4 additional office chairs and 2 additional monitors. These will be paid for out of the COVID Grant funds. Ms. Rickley asked permission to start the process to have a generator installed at the County Health facility to use in emergencies. The Board agreed to start the process and to return at a later date with at least 2 quotes for the installation of a generator. Permission was granted to order new furniture for the Lobby and items for the examine rooms from Central Office Service & Supply to be paid for through a COVID grant that the County Health Department received. Ms. Kemp presented the Board with a document concerning the American Rescue Plan Act. NACO has been working closely with the U.S. Department of Treasury to provide comprehensive guidance on the implementation and execution of the Recovery Fund.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented the Board with a proposal from Homman Electronics for the installation of an intercom system for the Law Enforcement Center along with one camera in the amount of \$875.20. The Board granted permission to purchase and install an intercom system in the amount of \$875.20 from Homman Electronics. Sheriff Benninga asked the Board for permission to purchase 7 hand held paddle stop signs at the cost of \$21.95 each for Officers to have in the patrol units and to use when working an accident. Permission was granted to purchase 7 hand held stop signs at a total cost of \$153.65. Permission was granted to run and employment ad for a vacant Corrections Officer position.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Landfill. Foley Tractor was here to take samples from the Crawler and there is a seal leaking and one of the final drives is out. The Crawler will need to be hauled to Salina for repairs and we will need to rent one for the daily use while this one is in the shop. The Board granted permission for the repairs on the Crawler. A proposal for the installation of the used camera system along with 9 new cameras in the amount of \$2,354 was received from Homman Electronics to be placed at the Landfill. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the proposal from Homman Electronic in the amount of \$2,354 for the installation of the camera system at the Landfill. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the quote from Network's Plus on the renewal of the Watchguard Total Security Suite in the amount of \$2,307.70 for the Courthouse. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the recommendation from North Central Regional Planning Commission to go with Marvin Planning Consultant for the updating of the Clay County Comprehensive Plan at no cost to Clay County. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation was received from Ed Koehler for serving as a Representative for Clay County on the Pawnee Mental Health Board. The Commissioners would like to thank Mr. Koehler for all of the years of service to Clay County.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to discuss the fundraiser for the new 4-H Building. The Board granted permission for Mr. Argo to drive the semi and to take the stage to Riley, Kansas in October to use for one of their celebrations. Mr. Argo reported that this weekend on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 they will be hosting the benefit for the new 4-H Building at the Hogan Arena. There have been a lot of great items donated for the silent auction and for the regular auction. Also, the Peterson Brothers concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. and there will be a free will donation meal provided by Ray's Applemarket. Mr. Argo informed the Board that the cost of the Peterson Brothers was \$2,250 and asked if they would be willing to donate towards the cost of the entertainment. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$2,250 out of the Alcohol Fund for the cost of the Peterson Brothers. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Argo stated that the Rodeo this year will not be held during the County Fair and was wondering if the Board would allow a beer garden to be open during the nights of the Rodeo. Vathauer Catering will be providing food and would also run the beer garden. After much discussion, the Board decided that they would not allow there to be a beer garden at the rodeo.

The Board approved the purchase of a new steel door and frame from Clay County Lumber in the amount of \$229.99 to replace the damaged one at ESA.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
April 19, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas