

April 18, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$190,287.64 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$52,006.38 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to report that when they were cleaning out the city storage building where the Park had items stored during the flood, they had an accident where mower handle went through the back window of the pickup. Livengood Auto Glass is putting a new window in this morning. Joel Mason, County Attorney, Lori Neumayer, Camper, and Wendy Osborne, Camper, were also present for this meeting. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 8:06 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Joel Mason, County Attorney, Chuck Arnold, Park Manager, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:11 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to issue an Employee Disciplinary Action Form to be written up on Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, concerning how an issue was handled at the park. This will be filed in his personnel file. Ms. Neumayer stated that she would like for the County to do back ground checks on anyone that they hire at the park. Ms. Neumayer just wants to keep the kids safe that are camping in the park. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to waive the County Vehicle Policy to allow Gwen Arnold to ride in the County Vehicle. She is not to drive the County vehicles but can ride in them. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reported that he is proofing the Draft contract between Clay County and BHS Construction for the new multi-purpose building located at the Fairgrounds. He will be in contact with Brandon Gibson, SPT Architects, to discuss the contract.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board and Noel Pfizenmaier was also present. Mr. Pfizenmaier disagrees with the County Policy for the requirements of rock roads. The current Policy is that if the road is a low maintenance road and if the landowner places a residence on the road, they will need to pay to have a base built and for the rock to make the road a rock road. Then after this is complete the County will take over the maintenance on the road and provide future rock. Mr. Pfizenmaier stated that the road is not a dirt road it has always been considered a rock road when his father lived there. No one has lived at this location since 1995. Mr. Shomper stated that he had contacted two out of the three Township Board members that were serving on the Board before all Townships were turned over to the County and they said that since no one lived on the road they automatically turn it to a chore road or low maintenance road and no rock was placed on that road. Mr. Pfizenmaier stated that in the Plat Book that he had, which was several years old showed the road as being rock. Commissioner Mayo stated that he feels that there are some issues with the maps of our County. Mr. Shomper stated that we have nothing to do with the Plat Books and the maps, they are all

done by a third party and provided to the Landowners. Mr. Shomper stated that the prices of materials have increased from the original quote that he provided last fall. Currently to turn the ¼ of a mile into a rock road he would need to haul 1,200 tons of scalping at \$4.00 per ton for a total of \$4,800 and 400 tons for rock at \$13.20 a ton for a total of \$5,280 for a grand total of \$10,080 to be paid by the person requesting it to be rockered. Commissioner Mayo stated that when he contacted Mr. Shomper last fall about this, he said that he had visited with the Post Office and they told him that it would need to be rockered for mail to be delivered. Mr. Shomper stated that now the Post Office tells him that all roads are mail routes. If the road is not passable because of weather there will be no mail delivered until it is passable. Commissioner Thurlow stated that he has had multiple landowners in his area that have paid for the dirt road to be made into a rock road and Commissioner Carlson has had a couple also. This would not be fair to them if we did not stand behind our county policy. Mr. Pfizenmaier stated that he is not going to pay that price to have this done when it should be called a rock road. Mr. Shomper stated that he refuses to call it a rock road when they have not hauled any rock for that road since the County took over the roads in the year 2000. Mr. Shomper stated that he will do whatever the Board of Commissioners instruct him to do. Mr. Pfizenmaier asked Mr. Shomper if he could just place a layer of rock on the road. Mr. Shomper stated that if the Commissioner instruct him to do that, he would but Mr. Pfizenmaier will have to pay for the rock every time that he requests rock on that road because without the appropriate base the rock is going to sink into the dirt after it rains. Mr. Pfizenmaier agreed to pay for 250 tons of rock at \$13.20 per ton for a total of \$3,300. The County will haul and lay the rock but will not haul anymore unless Mr. Pfizenmaier pays for it. The County will not pay for any additional rock to be laid on Thunder Rd. between 24th Rd. and 25th Rd.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees to attend training in Denver, Colorado and St. Paul, MN. The Department continues to stay busy with Emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Cramer attended the Region 4 meeting last week where Tammy Wood with North Central Care Coalition provided Binder Slings to everyone in attendance. These Slings help provide assistance and support when having to move a patient.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided a document to the Board on CISA Provides Guidance on Cybersecurity. Ms. Kemp attended and reported on the Green Rural Fire meeting last week and it went well and a lot of information was shared. Ms. Kemp will be attending a Homeland Security Meeting and a Planning Meeting for an exercise this week.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently three cases of COVID in Clay County. Ms. Rickley discussed the staffing and filling vacant positions with the Board.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented a bill from American Digital Security to the Board in the amount of \$713 for moving the camera and alarm for the Riley County Correction Office project. The Board agreed to pay this bill out of the County General Fund.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present tire bids for the roll off truck. Bids were reviewed and were tabled until next week.

Donna Long, Clay County Task Force President, and Don Wright Transportation Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the Task Force. Ms. Long stated that the goal for this year is to talk to entities to collect information on what activities that individuals would want to have available and possibly acquiring a Senior Center for Clay County. Ms. Long would like to see activities like painting class, writing class, dancing, exercise class, yoga, different kinds of cards, and pool. The Task Force Board will be traveling to Junction City and Abilene to visit their Centers to get ideas as to what Clay County might want. Mr. Wright stated that he would like to meet the needs of the people of Clay County with the General Public Transportation service. The Public Transportation has grown by 200% in the last 7 months. When Mr. Wright took over the position, they were providing 190 rides per month and now they are providing rides to 497 customers per month. They have added the 3rd bus and are taking Dialysis patients to Marysville for treatment. Mr. Wright is working on taking Veteran's one day a month to the VA in Topeka. Mr. Wright needs individuals to tell others about the service that is available. The word of mouth is the best way to get the information out there. Mr. Wright provided a 10-minute presentation on his computer to the Board of individuals that have used the service and are very appreciative and praise the care that the drivers give and how dependable they are. The public transportation is for all ages to use with a fee to be paid.

Brad Homman, Dickinson County Administrator, and Martin Tannehill, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss the quote on the bridge replacement located on 1st Rd. over Chapman Creek. Clay County and Dickinson County are both responsible for the cost of the replacement of the bridge for it is located on the Countyline. Mr. Homman presented the Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate in the amount of \$1,495,400.00 to replace the bridge. Mr. Homman applied for Cost Share Funds from KDOT and was awarded \$624,641.60 to put towards the replacement costs. Dickinson County will be required to pay 72% of the remaining balance in the amount of \$626,946.05 and Clay County will pay 28% in the amount of \$243,812.35 towards the total costs. The start date is approximately 18 months out, so the expense will be in the middle of the year 2023. The bridge will be closed for 1-year duration with a detour of travel around the construction. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the cost of Clay County's share on the replacement of the bridge on 1st Rd. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brad Homman, Homman Electronics, met with the Board to discuss the updating of the cameras in the Courthouse. Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Commissioner Mayo stated that they would like him to look at placing cameras at ESA, County Health Department, and EMS. Mr. Homman toured parts of the Courthouse and will provide quotes for all of the locations.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled rock to several locations, patched holes on the asphalt roads, repaired a guardrail on Valleyview Rd. between 8th Rd. and 9th Rd., worked in the shop, changed oil, replaced or repaired signs, and tire repairs/replacements. Mr. Shomper presented prices on two "slow children playing" signs at the cost of \$44.95 each and for two "recommended speed limit" signs at the cost of \$25.95 each to be placed on Ottawa Rd. just north of 18th Rd. After discussion, Commissioner Carlson

made the motion to approve the purchase of the 4 signs in the amount of \$141.80 plus \$40 shipping for a total cost of \$181.80 to be placed on Ottawa Rd. just north of 18th Rd. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Quotes were received for the repairs on the 1990 International Dump truck as follows:

Perfection Auto Body - \$2,899
Wilder Auto Body - \$1,585

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with Wilder Auto Body in the amount of \$1,585 for the repairs to the 1990 International Dump Truck. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Quotes were presented for a 150-gallon melter crack sealer as follows:

MAC McConnell & Associates - \$55,973.00
Crafco, Inc. - \$56,887.80

Both companies are estimating delivery time to be 30 – 45 days from when the order is placed.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the crack sealer from MAC in the amount of \$55,973.00. This is to be paid for out of the Special Highway Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Quotes on the purchase of an Asphalt Patcher were received as follows:

Hampton Equipment, Inc. - \$83,000 – 2022 Vortex Total Patcher
MAC McConnell & Associates - \$84,728- Cimline P2 Durapatcher

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the 2022 Vortex Total Patcher from Hampton Equipment in the amount of \$83,000. This is to be paid for out of the Special Highway Fund.

Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper presented a quote from Central Office Service & Supply on two new rising desks, credenza, and a hutch to place on the credenza for a total cost of \$4,892.28. The two new desks would be placed in the Offices of the Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the two new desks and accessories in the amount of \$4,892.28 to be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 25, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas