

April 19, 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 \$192,507.68 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$40,603.48 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reported that his new part time employee will start this week. Mr. Mason presented the plans for the Clay County Medical Center to concrete the rock parking lot on the west side of the Medical Center and to construct a drainage system to handle the drainage in the area. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the concreting of the parking lot on the west side of the Medical Center per drawings that were presented to the Board. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board approved the purchase of one headset from Twin Valley Telephone for the County Attorney's Office.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that the Highway Department was broken into late Thursday night or early Friday morning with several items being stolen. New locks have been purchased for all entries and they have made the building as secure as possible. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to contact Brad Homman with Homman Electronics to get a quote on a camera system to be installed and to return next week with the costs. Last week the Department hauled rock, installed pipes in several locations throughout the County, and trimmed trees. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism have been in contact with Mr. Shomper about several roads that KDWP takes care of but Clay County has right-a -ways to these roads. KDWP is wanting Clay County to vacate the roads. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to research each of these roads before making a decision. The County needs to make sure that a farmer does not make entry to a field from these roads. This will be researched and discussed at a later date. Mr. Shomper reported that the quote received last week from Husker Steel for the bridge located at 26th & Prairie Rd. was only one part of the quote. There was a second quote from Norfolk Contracting for \$23,600 that will need to be added to the first quote of \$112,848 for a total cost of 136,448 for the total replacement of the bridge. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to also pay the additional cost of \$23,600 out of the Bridge Improvement Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A quote was received from Caterpillar for carbide tips for grader blades. If they place an order for a quantity of 100, they can get them for \$125.22 each or a total of \$12,522. It takes two tips for each blade. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the purchase of grader blade tips from Caterpillar in the amount of \$12,522 to be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There are two used galvanized salt spreaders for auction on Purplewave. They are located in Phillips County. The Board approved Mr. Shomper to bid up to a total of \$3,000 for the two spreaders.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that one of the AEMT's has resigned and will need to fill the vacant full-time position. Stryker Co. had to make a trip out last week to work on the cot in Medic 5. The repairs were made and the cot is back working. Bids for the purchase of 4 tires on the Directors vehicle were reviewed as follows:

Kansas Land – Goodyear Eagle - \$662.68

Glavan Ford – BF Goodrich Advantage - \$1,056.72
Toyo Extensa HP II - \$820.68
Friesen CDJR – Goodyear Eagle RS-A - \$866.80
BF Goodrich Advantage T/A Sport - \$674.80
Five Creeks – Toyo Extensa 103V - \$641.56

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the 4 Good Year Eagle from Kansasland Tire and Service in the amount of \$662.68. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Bids for the purchase of 10 tires for replacement tires on the Medic 3 & 4 were reviewed as follows:

KansasLand – Goodyear Wrangler A/T Adventure (Kevlar) - \$1,720.40
Wrangler TrailRunner A/T - \$1,289.40
Glavan Ford – Nexen Radian A/T Pro - \$1,927.10
Friesen CDJR – Goodyear Wrangler A/T Adventure (Kevlar) - \$2,327.00
Firestone Destination X/T All-Season - \$1,529.90
Five Creek – Nex Radian A/T Speed - \$1,631.60

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the 10 Goodyear Wrangler A/T Adventure in the amount of \$1,720.40 from Kansasland Tire and Service. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cramer reported that they were having issues with one of the Zoll X Series monitors and the company was overnighting a monitor for them to use.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 3 positive cases of COVID-19 in Clay County and that they are following 8 people. The Health Department gave 106 vaccine shots last week. As of today, the Health Department has given 3,069 accumulative vaccines. These are not all Clay County residents. Ms. Kemp stated that the KDHE website provides how many Clay County residents have had the vaccine and other information about each County.

An email was received from Deb Moon asking permission for the Relay for Life to use the Courthouse Square on August 13, 2021. Permission was granted.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the new hand railing has been installed on the east side of the Law Enforcement Center and this door will be for employees to enter the building.

Shannon Stark, Chamber of Commerce Director, met with the Board give an update on Travel & Tourism. Ms. Shannon reported that she will be attending her first North Central Regional Travel & Tourism meeting in Salina this next week. Ms. Shannon stated that she has been visiting with Barbara Agnew about the design of a map brochure showing points of interest in the City of Clay Center. This map will mainly show the business district of the town. Ms. Agnew provide Ms. Stark with a quote of \$1,000 for a digital copy of the map design. The Board stated that they would like to have more of the entire County on the brochure and not just the City of Clay Center. Ms. Stark stated that she understands but would like to start with this and then add to the map that involves the entire County. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the quote from Barbara Agnew for the digital design of the map brochure in the amount of \$1,000. This will be paid for out of Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stark stated that we need to

discuss the Firework's Display and the cost of the fireworks. Last year when Mr. Frank McGee picked up the 2020 order, he verbally agreed to purchasing the same items in 2021 at the same cost of \$14,000. The reason for the verbal agreement was to not have to pay for the increased costs in 2021. Ms. Stark stated that she had asked the City of Clay Center to share in the cost of the Fireworks for this year and is asking for the County to increase their amount of donation. Commissioner Mayo made the motion for Clay County to donate \$1,000 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund to be used for marketing of the event and \$2,000 out of the Alcohol Fund for a total donation of \$3,000 to put toward the Independence Day Celebration. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 26, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas