

April 25, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were all present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, fixed signs in several locations, fixed tires, repaired guardrail on Valleyview Rd. between 8<sup>th</sup> Rd. and 9<sup>th</sup> Rd., and hauled chips for getting ready to chip seal asphalt roads. Mr. Shomper reported that they have hauled the rock to Thunder Rd. between 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. and 25<sup>th</sup> Rd. for Mr. Noel Pfizenmaier. Mr. Shomper requested a donation of 8 hours out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool for an employee of the Highway Department that has not been employed long enough to receive accumulated leave time. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate 8 hours out of the sick leave pool to an employee at the Highway Department. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:12 a.m. to tour roads in several locations throughout the County.

The Board reconvened at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Department, reported that the Commissioners viewed the concrete box that is being placed on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd., looked at the bridge that will be removed and replaced by Husker Steel on Limestone Rd. between 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. and 25<sup>th</sup> Rd., looked at piling issues under the bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd., and then stopped by the County shop to see the desks that were purchased for the office. Mr. Shomper reported that Kyle Bauer had been in contact with him to see if the County had I-beams that they would be willing to donate for the bridge that is being built over the creek extending the walking paths down by the zoo. Mr. Shomper stated that he did have some used ones that he would be willing to donate if the Board agreed. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate 6 I-beams that would be 3 for each side of the bridge. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the BHS Construction contract concerning the Multi-Purpose Building at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Mason stated that the Board will need to agree on a contact person that BHS Construction can call if needed. It was agreed that Mr. Mayo would serve as the point of contact for the County. Mr. Mason would also like to strike the section 6.1.6 page 12 concerning the liquidated damages. After discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to authorize Commissioner Mayo to sign the contract pending changes for Clay County. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed a support letter for the Clay County Task Force to qualify for the tax exemption status on their vehicles as they continue to be a non-profit 501C3 organization. The Task Force's

Transportation program is essential to the citizens of Clay County in meeting their transportation needs. Many of our citizens would have no means of transportation without it.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give his weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that there had been a small accident with Medic 3 with pulling into the emergency bay at the Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. He will return with two estimates after they receive them. EMS will be providing a driving course training this summer for all employees. The Department is currently at 382 runs so far in 2022 and they were at 295 at this same time in 2021. Mr. Cramer reported on the Educators Workshop that three of them attended. It was very good training and they will be able to use it within the Department.

Jim Bogart, Undersheriff, met with the Board to ask permission to place an employment ad to fill a vacant Deputy position. The Board granted permission to run an employment ad for a Deputy. Kayla Wang, County Clerk, asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 10:28 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Jim Bogart, Undersheriff, 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 10:43 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Alan Benninga, Sheriff, joined the meeting and reported that they had a busy Saturday with two Proms held in the County.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, met with the Board to give the quarterly sanitation report for Clay County. Ms. Stamm reported that she continues to be very busy with permits in Clay County. The report stated that there were 13 Tank/Lateral, 9 Wells, 2 H2O Tests, 2 Lateral beds, 4 Tank/Lagoon, and 1 Lateral system in the last three months. Ms. Stamm stated that supplies that they use are getting easier to find and receive at this time.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported on the wildfires that started last week in Kansas and spread into 14 Counties in Nebraska. Ms. Kemp stated that the State training on the 800 radios was good. She was able to fill two classes with individuals that use these radios. Counties that use the State tower will be seeing a change with new rules to follow in 2024. The radios that the County currently has will not work with the new system. We will be required to purchase new radios before the year 2024. The Board signed two Event Approvals for the Emergency Manager to attend two exercises in Minneapolis and Salina, Kansas. The Floodplain maps were discussed and that there are properties that are currently in the Floodplain but with the new maps that are not in effect yet, they are out of the Floodplain.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to give a report on the 2022 Real Estate Inspection Area. This year the Appraiser's Office is conducting inspections on real property as part of the 17% maintenance review in the areas of Clay Center City, Wakefield City, and in Blaine, Five Creeks, and Clay Center Townships. The field staff will review the property for accuracy of data and update records if necessary. Mr. Mesalles discussed the different positions and training for his office.

Rhonda Gierhan, Teacher and Caylyn Pfizenmaier, Student for the Advance Audio Visual Class met with the Board to present a video that Ms. Pfizenmaier has made showing the different areas of Clay County. Ms. Pfizenmaier traveled to different parts of the County and took pictures and had the aid of a drone that also took pictures and then designed the video with music and narrative information from several individuals that had interest in sections of the video. Ms. Pfizenmaier enjoys making the videos for individuals to watch and to keep. Commissioner Thurlow asked how projects like she works with are funded. Ms. Gierhan stated that she tries to purchase one camera a year and is saving to purchase a drone of their own to use in projects. The Board told Ms. Pfizenmaier that she did a really good job and that they really appreciated her taking the time to do this video. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$500 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Tiger News Television Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gierhan and Ms. Pfizenmaier both were very appreciative of the donation.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present quotes on 4 replacement tires on the roll off truck. The Bids were as follows: Kansasland - \$1,815.90 – 16 ply with aggressive tread

TSI Kansas - \$1,956.00 – 16 ply with aggressive tread

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 4 tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$1,815.90. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll informed the Board that the skidster needs to have the tracks replaced. Quotes from Bruna Implement Co. were received as follows:

Case Brand Tracks - \$4,400

After Market Tracks - \$3,500

Cost of Installation on either kind - \$700 to \$1,000

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the new Case Brand tracks in the amount of \$4,400 plus the cost of installation from Bruna Implement Co. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The quotes from Cheney Door Company, Salina, Ks. were reviewed. The 1<sup>st</sup> quote for a rolling steel chain hoist door plus labor in the amount of \$9,162 was reviewed and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quote is for the repairs and labor on 3 separate doors in the amount of \$1,082.53. After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the two different bids from Cheney Door Company for a total amount of \$10,244.53 to be paid for out of the Solid Waste Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll discussed personnel and the use of benefits with the Board.

The Board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk

May 2, 2022

Clay Center, Kansas