

April 26, 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. Mr. Mason discussed the sound in the Courtroom. It is very difficult to hold virtual Court hearings and to be able to hear everything that is being said by those attending.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, and Jeff Germann, Assistant Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, worked in the shop, rocked several miles and intersections throughout the County, fixed grader and truck tires, replaced a pipe at 15th Rd. & Hackberry Rd., and attended a class on the oil distributor that was put on by Van Keppel Company. Dustin Mengarelli and Justin Wren with Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism joined the meeting. Mr. Mengarelli provided a map and a list of roads in the Milford Lake area that are leased by KDWPT from the Corp of Engineers. Some of the roads have been vacated by the County and there are several that are still open. Mr. Mengarelli asked the County to vacate the ones that are open so that they would only have to provide minimal maintenance to those roads. One of the issues currently is who is responsible for some of the roads and if there are easements to consider. Mr. Mengarelli stated that they do not have the budget to maintain the roads to the County level and that if a bridge needs replaced it will just be closed for there are no funds to replace bridges. Currently they are trying to figure out which roads have a County interest. There are three sections of roads that KDWPT would like to ask the County to maintain.

- 1. A section on 10th Rd that is approximately 1.75 miles long and goes under water when lake comes up.
- 2. South of Wakefield where Dogwood Street curves into 6th Rd. This is the road that the City of Wakefield accesses their lagoons from. This would include Utah Rd. south of Wakefield down to 3rd Rd. Mr. Shomper stated that he would prefer that the County not maintain this Road for it is poor shape since the flood last year.
- 3. South on Utah Rd. from 4th Lane to 4th Rd.

Commissioner Thurlow expressed his concerns for KDWPT to do only minimal maintenance. The roads are in bad shape now and they will only get worse. The Board stated that they would have to research this request and would make a decision at a later date. The Board stated that they will need to talk to Joel Mason, County Attorney, to discuss the pros and cons of this request and what kind of liability this could be for the County.

Mr. Shomper presented the quote for the installation of a camera system at the Highway Department from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$12,890. This would include security monitor and 12 cameras to cover the entire building. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the camera system from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$12,890 to be installed at the Highway Department. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This will be paid for out of the Special Highway Fund. The Board approved and signed a contract with Cook, Flatt, & Strobel Engineers for the design services on the replacement of a box on 24th Rd., between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd.

An employee of the Sheriff's Department requested sick leave hours out of the County Sick Leave Pool because of recently having had surgery. Commissioner Thurlow made a motion to donate 33 hours out of the County Sick Leave Pool for an employee at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the update on the COVID-19 pandemic. As of Friday, there were 2 active cases of COVID in Clay County. Individuals that have appointments to receive their vaccines need to call the office if they are not able to make the appointment. They are still not wanting to waste doses of the vaccines, but if they are not able to fill the spot of a no show, they only have 6 hours to give all of the vaccine out of the vial once it is opened.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is EMS Department personnel. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go back into Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes beginning at 10:32 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is EMS Department personnel. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board and the County Attorney provided guidance to Mr. Cramer for handling personnel issues within the EMS Department. Mr. Cramer reported that the vehicle tires are all ordered and will be put on when they arrive. The Zoll X-Series loaner monitor has arrived and they will send the County's in for repairs. New batteries for the Auto-Pulse have been ordered. These are covered under the maintenance plan that the County pays for. Still waiting for Mel's Plumbing for the replacement of the shower stall in the men's restroom.

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

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. A service work estimate was received from Propane Central on the replacement of the regulator and the painting of the two tanks in the amount of \$937.23. The Board granted permission to go ahead with this project. The Board granted permission to purchase a new weed eater for the Landfill and to get quotes for a replacement welder.

The Board approved the renewal of the Veeam Backup & Replication Standard with Network's Plus in the amount of \$552.32. This backup renewal software is for the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Department.

The Board approved a quote for a comprehensive Email Security software from Network's Plus in the amount of \$240 per month. This will cover all County issued email addresses.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
May 3, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas