

May 9, 2022

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

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Register of Deeds Office to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he would be providing BHS, Construction the signature page for the contract on the new multi-purpose use building that is being built at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Mason if he was any closer to having a delinquent real estate tax sale. Mr. Mason said that he will try to work on it and get it finished.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, removed the auger system from the old patcher to get it ready to sell on Purplewave, worked in the shop servicing equipment and vehicles, hauled rock, fixed tires, and cleaned under bridges. Mr. Shomper stated that there had been a lot of vehicles tearing up the dirt roads since it had rained. There have been landowners requesting that a sign be placed that reads gravel ends here. If they were to order 50 signs from National Sign Co. the cost would be \$3,300 and that would just be a start. They would place the first ones where there are residents close by. The individuals that are getting stuck are walking up to farm residences and asking to be pulled out. The farmers are getting tired of pulling individuals out that are ruining the roads and costing the taxpayers money. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson asked to table this subject until they can consult with the County Attorney. The Board decided that the concrete box that has been installed on 24th Rd. between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd. should be paid for out of the Special Bridge Fund. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase a grade laser to use with the installation of culverts in the amount of \$1,495 from Salisbury Supply Co. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to have a steady amount of emergency runs. They are currently at 416 runs so far in the year of 2022. Medic 3 will be going to Wilder Auto Body to fix the damage as soon as they can work it in. The Board granted permission for the EMS to use the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square on May 17th, for EMS Week.

The Board adjourned at 9:56 a.m. for meeting at the Clay County Museum.

Jeff Gaiser, Museum Curator, and Pat Gilbert, Board Member, gave a presentation on the Historical Board Accessioning Guide for the Clay County Museum. This covers the logging of a donated item with a description from the beginning to the time it is placed in a stored location that is also logged. It can take up to 4 hours for this process on one item. As of today, with a conservative estimate there are 41,020 artifacts and 25,265 documents that have not been accessioned at the Museum. This takes a lot of volunteer time and a lot of work to process all items. Ms. Gilbert stated that they do have some exciting news. The Museums by-laws and constitution are out dated and will be updated. They are working on adding memberships to the Historical Society and getting more volunteers to help with projects. Ms. Gilbert thanked the Board for coming over and for letting them update the events of the Museum.

The Board reconvened at 10:27 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give a weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated the he has contacted Double L Manufacturing to do some repair work and welding in one of the cells.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 6 positive cases of COVID in Clay County. Ranging from age 10 to 48 years old. In the month of April, the County Health Department provided service to 302 visits. Also, the In-Home Services had 450 visits that they provided services to out in the community. Ms. Rickley asked the Board to reinstate the \$2.00 per visit Hazard Pay to the In-Home Services employees since she will have funding provided until November 30, 2022. With the In-Home Service they have kept people safe and in their homes by going to the stores for them and getting their groceries. She also stated that she will have Mitigation Grant money provided until July 31, 2023. Kayla Wang, County Clerk, asked Ms. Rickley if she was going to reimburse the Health Department Fund for the Mitigation pay that was paid out through payroll so far in the year 2022. Rhonda Carney, Payroll Clerk, joined the meeting and stated that all of the payroll that has been paid came out of the County Health Department fund. Ms. Rickley asked Ms. Carney if she had an amount that needs to be reimbursed. Ms. Carney stated that she had a spreadsheet that she would provide to her and Ms. Rickley could figure the amount that needs to be reimbursed. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to reinstated the Hazard Pay to the In-Home Services employees at a rate of \$2.00 per visit. This would be retro effective as of May 1st, 2022. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present quotes to purchase 4 tires for one of the recycling stock trailers. The quotes were received as follows:

Kansasland Tire and Service - \$441.00 – 10 ply

Five Creek Automotive - \$441.68 – 10 ply

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 4 replacement 10 ply tires from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$441. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll reported that the overhead doors are being worked on today and Bruna Implement is at the Landfill putting on the new tracks on the skidster.

Julie Murphy, Wakefield City Clerk, met with the Board to request a donation for this year's 4th of July Fireworks display. The Clay County Park will be donating \$500 towards this event. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$500 for the Fireworks display out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Murphy reported to the Board that the Wakefield Recreation Association (WRA) purchased a new batting cage to be placed at Sherbert Field and asked if the Board would consider making a donation towards the purchase. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$1,500 out of the Parks & Recreation fund towards the purchase of the new batting cage. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
May 16, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas