

May 16, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$192,939.42 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$45,357.69 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County Business. Mr. Mason discussed the Kansas Email Guidelines on Managing Electronic Mail. Mr. Mason asked the Board to review the document that was provided so that they can discuss it next week and draft a policy for Clay County. Most County Departments follow the Kansas State Historical Society's Retention Schedule for documents. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Mason what his opinion was on the placement of signs that state where the gravel ends and turns into a dirt road. Mr. Mason stated that it would be good for the County if they would need to press charges for the damage done.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that they are currently at 427 emergency runs so far this year compared to 346 runs at the same time in 2021. With this being EMS Week, on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> the Department will be setting up a tent on the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square providing information about the EMS Department. Tuesday evening, they will be in Wakefield for a hotdog roast that Wakefield Pride will be providing for the EMS Department and the community. A presentation about EMS will be provided to those who attend. Brayden Ratliff, Jacob Hudlin, Alec Trembath, Ron Rose, Lucas Nunemaker, and Tony Swetson joined the meeting. Mr. Trembath read the 2022 EMS Week Proclamation to the Board of Commissioners designating the week of May 15-21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week. The Proclamation states that the Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service; and that members of the Emergency Medical Services Team, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week of May 15-21, 2022. With "EMS Strong" theme, EMS Week: "Rising to the Challenge", I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to declare the week of May 15-21, 2022 as EMS Week and to sign the Proclamation provided. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Clay County currently has 2 positive cases of COVID. Ms. Rickley provided the Board with a document that stated that the Clay County Health Department has received \$411,173.00 in COVID funds since the beginning of the Pandemic in 2020. The new digital County Health sign is expected to be delivered on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga discussed a bill that he had received for prisoner care. The Board tabled the discussion and will find out more information and discuss it again next week. The Board approved the purchase of uniform pants and boots for a couple of the Deputy's. The Board approved the purchase of a large Clay County wall map that is laminated from Farm and Home Publishers in the amount of \$165.

Lori Feldkamp, President & CEO Big Lakes Development Center, Inc. met with the Board to present the Clay County 2023 Appropriation request and to provide an update. Ms. Feldkamp reported that 2023 is a big year for Big Lakes, they will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The mission of Big Lakes Developmental Center is to deliver quality services that promote choice, independence and inclusion for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Services are provided 24 hour a day, 365 days a year. Big Lakes currently employs 239 full and part-time staff positions. They provide services for 212 adults and children with disabilities in Riley, Geary, Clay and Pottawatomie Counties. Ms. Feldkamp stated that they are very happy that operations are pretty much back to normal after having to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. They are currently serving 37 clients from Clay County. The Clay Center Day program serves 14 individuals. The funds that the County provides Big Lakes are expended to support transportation services that is not an allowable cost under Medicaid/HDBS funding. Big Lakes maintains a fleet of 35 vehicles for 140 clients that provides daily transportation, seven days a week. Transportation services enable Big Lakes to carry out its mission of choice, independence, and inclusion for the clients. Big Lakes is requesting a 3% increase in the County appropriation for 2023 in the amount of \$67,512. Ms. Feldkamp stated that they are concerned with the cost of fuel in the upcoming budget year and still providing bus services for the clients. The Board stated that they will consider this request when working on the 2023 Clay County Budget.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to present an NRP Application for approval. Mr. Mesalles presented the residential NRP application for the Boards approval. The Chairman signed the application. Mr. Mesalles provided the Board with the 2022 Abstract of Appraised and Assessed values. The new construction within the County, the exempt parcels, and the increase in Appraised values were discussed. Mr. Mesalles stated that he has certified the 2022 Real Estate values to the County Clerk's Office.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to discuss the need of the printing of County maps to have available to the public. The company that we were using has gone out of business so we have been in contact with Kimble Mapping that provides services to the Appraiser's Office. To set up the plat book directory by township and for the wall size landowner maps there would be a one-time setup cost of \$1,600 and then each time the information is requested to be updated it would be a cost of \$300. Most Counties update the maps once a year after the initial setup. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go with Kimble Mapping on the plat books and on the landowner maps for Clay County at a one-time setup cost of \$1,600 to be paid for out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
May 23, 2022  
Clay Center, Kansas