

May 17, 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 of \$182,876.90 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$242,802.92 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business.

Abatement 2021A79 in the amount of \$404.72 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, hauled rock in northern and southern parts of the County, mowed entire southern part of the County and moved to the northern part, finished the road work on Osage Rd. between 30th Rd. & Parallel Rd., did ditch work and removed the hill on Osage Rd. for safety issues at the intersection, replaced several culverts throughout the County, cleaned out a log jam and culverts. Mr. Shomper presented to the Board that he would like to add the Premier Warranty that extends the warranty to 84 months/8,500 hours of coverage on the new graders at the time of purchase at a cost of an additional \$3,000 per grader. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to add the Premier Warranty on the two new graders that were recently ordered and to add this option to any new graders from this point forward at an estimated cost of \$3,000 per grader. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the new tires for Medic 3 have arrived and have been put on. The X Series monitor is back and has been repaired. Mr. Cramer stated that May 16th-22nd is declared as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to proclaim May 16th-22nd as EMS Week and will light the clock tower in blue in observation of EMS week. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that we currently have two positive COVID cases in Clay County and are following 5 individuals. County Health has opened up the Pfizer vaccination for 12 year and older. Last week the Health Department administered 62 vaccines to individuals. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Health Department to attend a meeting in Wichita, Kansas. Ms. Kemp reported that there will be a virtual Kick-Off meeting as part of KDA-DWR's statewide floodplain mapping initiative for the Lower Republican Custom Watershed project on June 9th, 2021 that she plans on attending. Ms. Kemp also provided the Board with a Fact Sheet on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that are being distributed to State, Local, Territorial and Tribal Governments.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported to the Board that a different person will be doing the Quick Books on a couple accounts and we will need to

provide training for them. The Board approved Sheriff Benninga to look into training from Varney & Associates.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss the renewal of the Appraiser's contract with Clay County. Mr. Mesalles presented a spreadsheet of Appraiser's salaries of like size parcel count counties in the State of Kansas to the Board. Mr. Mesalles took an average of the salaries and presented a renewal contract with an annual salary of \$56,000 plus an annual salary of \$5,100 for the Zoning Administrator. After the Board reviewed the contract, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 setting the annual salary for Zoning Administrator at \$5,100. The Board will sign the Appraisers contract next week.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present the quotes for the purchase of a welder. The Board discussed different brands of welders and the thickness of metal that the Landfill will be welding. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to get more information and return for them to make a decision. Ms. Carroll also asked permission to purchase a tarp for the roll off truck to cover the containers when transporting. The Board asked her to contract Hoover Tarp Sales and to return with a price of the tarp that is needed.

Jerry Orr, J & J Sales, met with the Board to discuss the different types of window coverings that might help with the noise effects in the Courtroom. Mr. Orr will measure the windows and provide an estimate to the Board for a couple different types of shades.

The Board adjourned at: 12:55 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
May 24, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas