

May 30, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$208,738.29 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2022A22 in the amount of \$102.26 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed a letter for the City of Wakefield that the County has no opposition to the event that is being held on July 21, 2023, provided that it is not located on the grounds of the Clay County Park.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Mason reported that it was a quiet weekend. Commissioner Mayo asked Mr. Mason if he was still wanting to remodel the front part of his office. Mr. Mason stated that he would like to, but it is not easy finding someone to build cabinets and he would like someone to come in and tell them what the best way to arrange things would be to give them more storage space.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to present two Event Approvals for two employees of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in Topeka, Kansas. Ms. Wang presented an estimate on the purchase of a new Microsoft Surface Pro 9 laptop, docking station, DisplayPort, and Pro Signature Keyboard from Network's Plus in the amount of \$2,594 plus two 27-inch monitors in the amount of \$498 for a total of \$3,092. This will be paid for out of the Election Capital Outlay within the General Fund. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to allow the purchase of the Surface Pro 9 with the attachments and two monitors in the amount of \$3,092. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Wang asked permission to purchase 6 additional monitors for the County Clerk's Office. Permission was granted for the purchase of the monitors.

The Board received the renewal estimate for the Firewall at the EMS Department in the amount of \$2,100 and the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$3,119 for a total amount of \$4,981. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the Firewall renewal in the amount of \$4,981. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department hauled rock, bladed roads, mowed roadsides all week, patched asphalt roads, and made sure that the roads to the cemeteries were in good shape. Mr. Shomper reported that they finished asphaltting on the project on 24th Rd. just east of Hwy #15 and also filled in and asphalted over the pipe on 3rd Street in Wakefield. Mr. Shomper reported that Ottawa County has 4 pup trailers listed on Purplewave. They drove over to look at the trailers and would like to place a bid on two of them. They are rusty in places from the salt but in good shape and would work great with the new Mack trucks that are ordered. The Board granted permission for Mr. Shomper to bid on the two trailers up to \$4,000 each. Next week they will start chip sealing in the northwest part of the County and then move to Clifton and Vining. They are planning on chip sealing 32 miles and should finish around June 16th, 2023.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department has had 383 runs so far this year and continue to stay busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Cramer reported that he received an email from David Vance with Osage Emergency Services stating that their remount facility is up and running and that they are expecting to expand their business again soon. On a new build ambulance if ordered today, the estimated time of delivery would be the 2nd quarter of 2026 and if you ordered a remount today, the estimated time of delivery would be the 2nd quarter of 2025. They are that far out with orders.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided the Board with a copy of the Security Policy for radio communications and then emailed a couple of other the document as Why Encryption in P25 Public Safety Land Mobile Radio System. Ms. Kemp stated that during a disaster the Law Enforcement and EMS has their own talk groups and then there is the State Template talk group that everyone else should use. Ms. Kemp met last week with the Home Health Aid to help with the design emergency plans for their clients that are at home.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Health Department to attend training in Salina, Kansas. This training will be paid for by a grant. Clay Counts is doing great things in Clay County. In July they will be taking up to 5 kids to Dallas, Texas to attend a Youth Leadership Training Conference. This is being paid for by a grant. Ms. Rickley reported that they are still having issues with the new generator that they had installed. Advanced Electric were the ones that installed it and they have been called to fix the issue. McGee Roofing has finished installing the guttering except one spot that one down spout is not connected. Ms. Rickley asked if they could have the mulch removed from around the building and replace it with rock. The Board stated that they are wanting to do some landscaping at the Courthouse, ESA, and the Health Department. They will try to get some estimates from different landscaping businesses.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to report that he is having issues with the Maintenance pickup. Mr. Knoettgen stated that he took it to Five Creek Automotive and they have estimated it to cost \$700 to fix. The Board granted permission to have the pickup fixed.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse Square for the Relay for Life Event on August 11, 2023. Permission was granted by the Board. Also Ms. Swaim stated that they would like to hold a Pie in the Face fundraiser on the evening of this event and she is asking if the County Commissioners would participate in this. Ms. Swaim stated that she has herself and two other Elected Officials that have stated that they would do it with her. The Board stated that they would do it with her.

Raimee Lipker and Addy Pladson met with the Board to report that they are members of the Manhattan Mayhem Volleyball Club 14U Premier Level Team. We are associated with the Heart of America of the USA Volleyball Association. Ms. Pladson stated that this year they gained a bid to the Junior National Tournament in Chicago. They battled all year finishing 7th in Power League, 9th at the Midwest Qualifier and 2nd at the Show Me National Qualifier. With all of our achievements they have earned a bid in the American Division. Ms. Lipker asked the Board if they would be willing to make a donation and to help

them meet their goal of playing in the Chicago Junior National Tournament. They really appreciate the consideration and support of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$200 to attend the Chicago Junior National Tournament. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board and reported that they are still have issues with the recycling box truck. They will change the fuel filters and if that doesn't help, they will take it back to the Barnes Automotive in Clifton to look at it. Ms. Carroll stated that they are having issue with the pump at the leachate pond. It keeps blowing the fuse. They replaced the fuse and then it happened again. They called Grigg's Electric and they discovered that there was an electrical box that sets about 25 feet East of the leachate pond that set on the ground and the varmints had chewed most of the wiring. Griggs replaced the box but put it on a stand-off of the ground. The estimated cost for this is \$2,000. Ms. Carroll presented an estimate from Blue Flame Crew on a Fleet-Zoom Telemetry System. This would remotely transfer monitoring information electronically to a cell phone and would let them know if something is not working correctly at the leachate pond. The cost for this program is \$15,607.00. Commissioner Thurlow asked if they currently check this pump and flow meter every day. Ms. Carroll stated that they do check it once a day. Commissioner Carlson stated that this is a lot of money for just remotely transferring information to a phone. The request was tabled for a later date.

Mike Argo, Fairboard President, met with the Board to give an update on the Fair. Mr. Argo stated that the Fair schedules are going as planned. They are needing to build some booths and quilt racks to place and use in the new building for the Fair. The cabinets are still not installed in the new building but that will not affect the Fair. BHS Construction did plant grass around the new building and the Fair Board is trying to keep it watered. There is a large baseball tournament at the Fair Grounds this coming weekend and a horse show in the horse arena. There are several light poles that need to be replaced at the ballfields and racetrack. They will be researching how many 40-foot and how many 50-foot poles that they will need. Mr. Argo reported that with the pledges they have and the donation for the new building they have an estimated amount of \$220,000. The Board suggested that they start purchasing the tables and chairs that will be needed for events in the new building with the funds that they currently have and to keep the fundraising going.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 5, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas