

June 6, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$1,394,746.11 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board granted permission for United Bank & Trust to use the Courthouse Square for their annual BBQ on June 29th, 2022 with June 30th, 2022 being the rain date.

The Board received an email concerning why the boat docks are not in the lake to be used at the Clay County Park. Commissioner Thurlow stated that he would attend the Park Board meeting and find out from Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, why the boat docks are not in the water to be used. Commissioner Thurlow will report back next week.

Robbin Cole, Director of Pawnee Mental Health, met with the Board to give an update and to present the 2023 Appropriation request. Ms. Cole stated that Pawnee was first incorporated in Manhattan sixty-five years ago as Riley County Mental Health Center. In 1965 Clay County joined with Riley County as part of what was then the North Central Kansas Guidance Center. In 1977, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Marshall, and Geary Counties merged with Cloud, Republic, Mitchell, Jewell, and Washington to form the Pawnee Comprehensive Mental Health Center. Clay County has been a member of Pawnee for 57 years. While there may be other mental health providers in the community, Pawnee is the only resource that is a 24/7/365 service and have several different levels of service available. Last year Pawnee provided mental health and substance use treatment services to 196 unduplicated Clay County residents. In the calendar year 2021, 73 Clay County residents were served by Crisis Service Unit. Ms. Cole stated that they are respectfully requesting a 3% increase in the appropriation for 2023. This would increase the appropriation by \$1,987 for a total of \$68,247. Ms. Cole thanked the Board for the partnership that they have with Clay County and they look forward to Clay County's continued support. The Board stated that they would consider the budget request when working on the County's 2023 budget.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that the Department continues to be very busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Medic 3 will be going back to Friesen's for repair work that was not completed last week and then to Wilders Auto Body for repairs on damage to a door that was done while at Friesen's. Mr. Cramer presented bids for a replacement furnace for the EMS Building. Bids were presented as follows:

Holte Electric - \$7,553.80

Comfort Heating & Air - \$7,477.00

Carlson Heating & AC - \$5,173.00

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with Carlson Heating & AC in the amount of \$5,173.00. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cramer presented the proposed 2023 Budget with three different options on the salaries for the Captain Level. The budget proposals were left with the Board for review.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated the he has been in contact with the water rescue crew and they stated that the rescue boat motor is in need of repairs. The Board granted permission for repairs that are needed to be made. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Law Enforcement Center to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper presented a copy of a letter that he had received from Bayer Construction Co. stating that beginning on June 1st, 2022 they will be adding a fuel surcharge in the amount of \$1.20 per ton of rock. This will be an additional cost of approximately \$3,000 per day for Clay County depending on how much rock that the County hauls for that day. This is a huge expense towards the County and it would be different if Bayer were hauling the rock but they are not, Clay County is the one hauling. The Board asked Mr. Shomper to visit with the surrounding Counties to see what their plan will be for this. The CDL Course has been approved and they currently have two students taking the class. Mr. Shomper showed the Board the contents of the class and the training. For the driving part of the class, they will need to purchase orange cones to set up the driving course. The quote for the purchase of 40 cones from National Sign Co. are \$29.35 each for a total of \$1,174.00. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the purchase of 40 cones at \$29.35 each for a total of \$1,174.00 from Nation Sign Co. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department bladed roads, broomed the chips off of Utah Rd., hauled rock, mowed with the tractor, worked on the approaches on the new bridge located on Limestone Rd. between 24th Rd. and 25th Rd., and trained on the new patching machine that was delivered last week. Mr. Shomper reviewed the damage with Enterprise Pipeline that was done on 27th Rd. between Navajo Rd. and Osage Rd. and on 23rd and Meadowlark Rd. and have agreed on the amount of \$2,200 to be paid to Clay County.

Shannon Stark, Assistant Director Grow Clay County, met with the Board to present the 2023 budget for Travel & Tourism. The budget proposal was reviewed with the Board and left for study. Ms. Stark presented the webpage design for the Travel & Tourism website. They are hoping to have it up and running in the near future. Travel & Tourism continues to promote Clay County in the Kansas Magazine and in the Kansas Travel Guide. Ms. Stark gave a presentation on the music downtown project and explained how the speakers work and asked if the Commissioners would be willing to purchase the one speaker that is located on the Courthouse Square in the amount of \$2,000 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to pay for one speaker that is located on the Square in the amount of \$2,000 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, Clint Armstrong and Phil Kasper, 15/24 Brew House, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of 15/24 Brew House hosting a beer garden at the July 3rd Fireworks Celebration at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Armstrong stated that it would be held in the same location as the Memorial Ball Tournament. They would have arm bands and you would have to be 21 or older to be within the fenced in area. They would start serving at 3:00 p.m. until the Fireworks Display starts and then they would shut down. Mr. Argo stated that the Fair Board approves of the beer garden. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow 15/24 Brew House to host a beer garden at the July 3rd Celebration. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Argo asked about letting 15/24 Brew House have a beer garden at the Rodeo on July 13th & 14th. This is

the week before the Clay County Fair is held. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow 15/24 Brew House to host a beer garden at the Rodeo on July 13th & 14th. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board stated that they would not allow a beer garden at the County Fair. That is a time for all of the 4-H members and families to enjoy. Mr. Argo then brought up the 3 Non-Fair Races that are held at various dates through the summer. They had beer gardens at the races last year and had no problems. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow 15/24 Brew House to host a beer garden at the 3 Non-Fair Races at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Argo presented the proposed 2023 Fair Maintenance budget to the Board. After reviewing the budget, the Board stated that they would consider it when preparing the 2023 Clay County budget.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to request permission for the County Clerk's Office to work overtime hours for the Primary and General Election. And for the SB13 mailers if needed. Permission was granted.

The Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 13, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas