

June 7, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$983,121.90 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that currently they have two construction projects going on. One in the Dietary Department and the other at Clay Center Family Physicians. Both projects are expected to be finished sometime in the month of July. CCMC received only one bid on the parking lot across the street to the west of the Medical Center. They will also be replacing the sidewalk and the helicopter pad on the westside of the Medical Center at the same time. The Medical Center has been installing Negative Air Flow units in 11 patient rooms that can be used for COVID patients. This renovation should be complete by the middle of July. The Medical Center will be using COVID funding for updating the radio system by placing a digital repeater inside of the building. This will allow EMS, Law Enforcement, and Medical Staff to communicate with each other. Mr. Gillard stated that they are applying for a Rural Health COVID Vaccine Grant that is due on June 28<sup>th</sup>, so that Clay Center Family Physicians and the Medical Center will be able to administer the COVID vaccine.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason discussed the Kansas Open Records Act and several of the requests that have been received.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to appoint Marcy Schooley as a representative for Clay County to the Pawnee Mental Health Services Board of Directors effective immediately. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department worked in the shop getting equipment ready to chip seal this week, hauled rock, mowed roadsides, bladed roads, and attended training for the dump truck drivers and the distributor operators. On Frontier Rd. just north of Highway 24 there was a culvert that was washed out. After researching, they installed a 30'X45' pipe and directed the water to drain down the ditch and not across the road. If weather permits, they will begin chip sealing on Thursday morning. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to pay Mr. Shomper \$947 for the loss of his personal Dell laptop that was stolen from the Highway Department when they were broken into on April 16, 2021. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are zero positive cases of COVID in Clay County. Ms. Kemp stated that she feels that we need to keep the Local Declaration concerning the pandemic in place so that if we do have and increase in cases within the County, we have the availability to get assistance from the State. Ms. Kemp wants the public to know that the State, through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, has initiated the Sunflower Safe Residential Safe Room Program. The program is designed to provide a rebate for the purchase and installation of a residential safe room for Kansas homeowners. The application deadline is June 19, 2021 for this program. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09

adopting the North-Central Region F Regional Mitigation Plan that includes Clay County, Kansas. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga discuss the filling of the Investigator position that has been vacant since Benninga became Sheriff. Sheriff Benninga made the recommendation to the Board to move Deputy Stellner to the Investigator position. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to transfer Deputy Stellner into the Investigator position. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed by majority. Commissioner Mayo abstained from voting on this issue.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to present a quote from KNOWink, LLC for the purchase of 9 replacement iPads & cases to use for Electronic Pollbooks in the amount of \$3,590.50. This will be paid for out of the Election Fund. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the purchase of 9 iPads to use as Electronic Pollbooks in the amount of \$3,590.50. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board approved the purchase of two rectangle desk mats from Central Office Service & Supply in the amount of \$189.52.

The Board approved the renewal quote for the WatchGuard Security Suite at the Landfill in the amount of \$183.29 from Network's Plus.

The Board of Commissioner refinanced the Series 2011-B Bond at a much lower interest rate saving Clay County \$125,853.06. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021-A, OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO REFUND THE ISSURER'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPLE OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF AND AUTORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENT AND ACTIONS CONECTED WITHIN.** Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
June 14, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas