

June 13, 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 \$195,569.90 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Von Kramer joined the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to ask to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes beginning at 8:13 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee accrued leave. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:18 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

The Board approved a Grant Application from Travel & Tourism in the amount of \$1,000. This will be paid for out of the Travel & Tourism Fund and will be used for advertising for the Fireworks Display on July 3rd, 2022.

Commissioner Thurlow reported that he had drove into Wakefield to see if there was any damage at the Clay County Park from the storm that came through on Saturday night. Not much damage at all. There was some concern from campers that only one bath house was open to use as a storm shelter. They felt that both of them need to be open and ready to use at all times.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he has been preparing for a two-day jury trial that to be held this week. Mr. Mason asked if there was any more information discussed on the new building being built at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Mayo reported that the cost of the project came in higher than expected and they had made a few changes to the plans.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department serviced graders and worked in the shop, trained on the new patcher, bladed roads, hauled rock, mowed roadsides, and patched roads. The Department has been learning how to use a piece of equipment called a Falcon Hot Box. This heats the cold mix asphalt and makes is easier and better to lay on asphalt roads for patching. Mr. Shomper will be meeting with a Kaw Valley Engineer that will be serving as the independent tester on the materials that were used on the chip sealing project. All samples will be sent with the independent tester for review. Mr. Kramer asked Mr. Shomper as to when the graders would be going over the roads in his area. Mr. Kramer stated that there are roads that are lacking maintenance and need to be gone over before harvest. Last year the roads were not good during harvest and did not get graded until after harvest. There are several roads in the area that need attention. There are culverts that need repaired or replaced. One road has weeds growing in the middle of the road over a foot high, there are drop offs on the sides that are breaking parts of the roads off, and

some rock needs to be hauled. Mr. Shomper stated that he would travel to the locations given to look at and review the damages that were discussed.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that they continue to be busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Medic 3 will be going to the body shop to get the door damages repaired and then will be placed as the 4th out unit. Last week when one of the units was leaving the garage on a run, they did not wait until the door was completely open and one of the antennas hit the bottom panel of the door causing damages. A quote was received on the replacement of the bottom panel in the large door from Strobel Door and Repair, Inc in the amount of \$1,445. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the quote from Strobel Door and Repair in the amount of \$1,445 for the repairs on the garage door. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the EMS Department to attend a meeting in Belleville, Kansas.

The Board signed and approved the second half of the NRP Refunds in the amount of \$49,037.00.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that in the month of May there were 21 cases of Covid, and there are currently 9 active cases in Clay County. There are many more cases that have been positive by a home test kit and are not being reported. Mr. Rickley stated that the new digital informational sign has been installed by the street of the County Health Department and is currently being used. Ms. Rickley asked permission for an employee that has not been here one year to use 16 hours of accumulated vacation hours. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow an employee of the County Health Department to use 16 hours of vacation before their one-year anniversary. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to present the proposed 2023 budgets for the County Clerk's Fund and the Election Fund. Ms. Wang provided documentation for the request and discussed the increase in cost of items in her office. Wages and the cost-of-living increase were reviewed. The Board stated that they will review the documents provided and make a decision for the 2023 budget.

Marlene Stamm, NCK Environmental, held a conference call with Clay, Cloud, Washington, and Marshall Counties to present the Sanitarians 2023 budget request. Ms. Stamm stated that she had put in an increase for Health Insurance, Fuel, and a cost-of-living raise. Ms. Stamm asked each County what they were considering for raises in January. Each County stated or said that they had not decided that amount at this time. Since Ms. Stamm is considered to be an employee of Washington County, they were asked what they were considering for a raise and Washington County stated 5%. After much discussion between the counties, it was decided to give Ms. Stamm a 5% increase in salary.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga informed the Board that he has been able to fill the vacant positions within his department and they are fully staffed at this time.

Carolyn Garwood, Deacon at St. Paul Episcopal Church, met with the Board to give a report on the Kid's Café that the church is providing for the children to be able to get a free meal. They serve from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the months of June and July. This year the number of kids has tripled. On the first day they had fixed 40 meals and ran out. On the second day they fixed 80 meals and ran out. On the third day they fixed 120 meals and had a few leftover. Ms. Garwood had figured in 8 days they had fed 778 kids. Ms. Garwood stated that the church thought that they had a budget that would be able to handle the expenses of the Kid's Café this year. But with the number of children that they are feeding each day they are using their reserve faster than they expected, so they are asking if the County would have any funds to donate towards this good cause of feeding the children in our town. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$2,500 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Kid's Café. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to present the proposed 2023 budget for the Treasurer's fund. Ms. Swaim stated that she had placed an amount in the Capital Outlay line to purchase equipment in the future. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the Treasurer's Office to attend meetings in Hays, Kansas and in Denver, Colorado.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 21, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas