

July 3, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 7:45 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$883,842.23 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board to hold the first budget workshop to gather all of the information and to start the process of preparing the 2024 budgets for Clay County and the Rural Highway. Mr. Gassman will return next week with a budget draft for the Board to review and to make changes that need to be done.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County Business. Mr. Mason reviewed the 2024 budget for Attorney's Office with the Board.

Susie Mall, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to request leave for an employee that has not been employed with the County for one year. Ms. Mall asked permission to use 10 hours of the employees accumulated leave. The Board granted permission for an employee of the Register of Deeds Office to use 10 hours of accumulated hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper presented the quote from APAC-Kansas Inc. on laying asphalt on the road by the new building at the Fairgrounds as follows: Asphalt – 6" layer - \$33,222.75  
4" layer - \$22,148.50

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the 4" layer of asphalt to lay on the road by the new building at the Fairgrounds. This is to be paid for out of County General Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides, removed trees on 16<sup>th</sup> Rd., between Buffalo Rd. and Cherokee Rd., hauled rock, found the small 15" concrete pipe at 6<sup>th</sup> Rd. and Quail Rd. and re-ditched the area to make water flow better, broke up millings and hauled two truckloads to the Clay County Park, and removed bridge on Prairie Circle to get ready to install pipe.

Alec Trembath, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Trembath reported that they are currently at 453 emergency runs or out of town transfers. They have filled the vacant full time EMT position. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the EMS Department to attend training in Salina, Kansas. Mr. Trembath explained to the Board how the 800 mhz radios are unable to talk to the 400 mhz radios which are the Fire Departments when they are at training or in an emergency incident. It makes it difficult to communicate with each other using two different radios. A quote from Homman Electronic was received in the amount of \$11,544 on the purchase of 4 new BK Digital 800 P25 portable radios, chargers, and the 450 mhz to make them dual band capable. This would make it convenient to be able to talk to all emergency departments on one radio. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase 4 of the BK Digital 800 P25 portable radios in the amount of \$11,544 to be paid out of the EMS budget. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented the proposed 2024 budget for Emergency Management. Several items on the proposed budget were discussed. The budget was left for review.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented quotes for two new patrol units as follows:

- Friesen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram – 2024 Durango Police Inceptor V6 - \$44,138 each  
Plus Thunder Struck Grill \$1,555 each
- 2024 Durango Police Inceptor V8 - \$46,848 each  
Plus Thunder Struck Grill \$1,555 each
- Allen Samuels Dodge – Hutchinson – 2023 Durango Pursuit V8 - \$43,500 each  
2023 Durango Pursuit V6 - \$40,500 each
- Specialty Vehicle Source – Junction City – 2023 Durango Pursuit V8 - \$47,750 each  
2023 Durango Pursuit V6 - \$44,800 each

After reviewing all of the quotes, and discussing the pros and cons of purchasing local verses out of County. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase two 2024 Dodge Durango V8 Police Inceptors from Friesen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram plus the Thunder Struck Grills installed in the amount of \$45,693 each for a total of \$91,386. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Freeman Wakefield Football Coach, Kingsly Smith and Nicholas Freeman, Players, met with the Board to explain to the Board that they are trying to purchase a 5-man sled for football. The old sled is over 30 years old and is in bad shape. They hope to have enough donations to purchase the sled by the end of July to have to use for this year's practice. Mr. Freeman asked the Board if they would be willing to make a donation towards the purchase of the sled. The estimated cost from Roger's Athletics is between \$6,500 and \$7,000. They currently have an estimate of \$4,100 in donations. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$2,000 towards the purchase of the 5-man sled for the Wakefield Schools to use for football out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to present a quote for the HB2014 (SB13) mailer that is mandatory for all Counties to provide tax information for approximately 9,250 parcels in Clay County. After using Postalocity last year and they were great to work with the quote for 2023 was received in the amount of \$5,292.79. This will be reimbursed by the State for this year and next year each taxing entity will be responsible to pay their share of the cost. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the use of Postalocity for the 2023 tax mailer in the amount of \$5,292.79. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Wang also presented the request for funds from Travel & Tourism for the BPW Car Show. In 2023 BPW gave \$9,300 in scholarships for high school seniors and students that are currently in college. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$800 out of Travel & Tourism fund to the BPW Car Show. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Carroll reported that Associate Environmental, Inc has not completed the 2022 KDHE monitoring report as of today. The deadline is next week. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to keep track of this to see if they meet the deadline or not.

The Board adjourned at: 12:45 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 10, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas