

July 6, 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 \$596,259.13 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that OSHA has come out with new 6-month regulations for all Health Care. All Health Care will need to continue wearing masks and to remain 6' from each other if possible. There is a very large violation if these new regulations are not followed. The remodel project that is currently going on at the Clay Center Family Physicians will be completed on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Out of 23 rooms available at the hospital, 11 of them have negative air flow that is available to handle COVID patient. The Dietary remodeling project has a little delay in the completion. They are having problems getting equipment but should be able to have it finished by the end of the month. The projected start date on the west parking lot will be August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board approved the purchase of a 24-foot fiberglass extension ladder in the amount of \$299.99 for the County Maintenance Department.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason will be presenting his 2022 budget at next weeks meeting.

Joel Mason asked the Board to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 8:25 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Joel Mason, County Attorney, Kayla Wang, County Clerk, and Shelby Crimmins, Deputy Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment joined the meeting. Mr. Fraser explained to the Board that the Caterpillar graders have had three increases since February and they are expecting at least two more increases this year. Also, if the County were to order one today it will be at least 6 months before they would receive it. Along with the price increases, Foley Equipment is allowing more for the trade-ins. The County is planning to purchase two new graders in 2022 with the trade in of two graders. Mr. Fraser presented a quote for the purchase of two new graders to be paid out of the 2022 budget. The quote is as follows:

2022 Caterpillar Mode 10-15J Motor Grader -	\$307,000
Trade In – 2014 Caterpillar 12M2	<u>- \$80,000</u>
	\$227,000
	<u>                    x 2 graders</u>

The total price for the purchase of 2 graders - \$454,000

Mr. Fraser stated that if the County would purchase the two graders today this would lock in the purchase price per the quote as well as the trade in price. The trade in price may increase but the

purchase price of the grader will not increase. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into agreement with Foley Equipment for the purchase of two 2022 Caterpillar 140-15J Motor Graders at a cost of \$227,000 each. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported that last week the Department edged Broughton Rd., patched roads, replaced two different pipes, bladed roads, mowed roadsides, and worked in the shop. This week they will start working on cold mix projects located on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. and the bridge on Frontier Rd.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department has been extremely busy. They are currently at 493 emergency runs so far in 2021. Mr. Cramer stated that they are needing to replace the back tires on the John Deere gator. The quote for the tires is as follows:

Five Creeks Automotive - \$123.94 per tire

Kansasland Tires - \$140.00 per tire

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 2 rear tires for the gator from Five Creeks Automotive at a total cost of \$249.88. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for three EMS employees to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

The Board approved the Microsoft SQL Server Update for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,289.92 from Network's Plus. This will be paid for out of the General Fund.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that we have an outbreak of COVID at the Clay County Law Enforcement Center. The individuals have been placed into isolation or quarantined as requested by the County Health Department. The County Health Department has provided guidance and requested that PPE be worn by all involved. The Board granted permission for MS. Rickley to place an employment ad to hire a full time Registered Nurse. Ms. Rickley provided the Board with an updated 2022 proposed budget request. Ms. Kemp stated that it was a busy weekend and that Clay County as of the time of the meeting has 3 positive COVID cases.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented the 2022 proposed budget for the Sheriff's Department. The budget was left for review. Sheriff Benninga stated that they will be using PPE and using precautions with the positive cases of COVID in the Law Enforcement Center. The Board granted permission to purchase new headsets and replacement batteries from Call One in the amount of \$329.00

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss a concern that she has been made aware of over the weekend. The Board stated that they will look into the matter.

The Board of Commissioners called Chuck Arnold, Clay County Park Manager, by phone to inform him that he will need to get more than one bid on the purchase of a utility vehicle. They would like to compare bids before making a decision on what to purchase. Mr. Arnold reported that he had a big weekend and was full with campers. Mr. Arnold stated that he had a few issues with individuals lighting off fireworks that are not allowed in the campgrounds.

Kyle Bauer met with the Board to discuss the different option of the NRP plan. Danney Mesalles, County Appraiser joined the meeting. Mr. Bauer explained how the plan had helped him years ago when he had used it on the radio station. Mr. Bauer understands that currently the Clay County NRP Plan is for Commercial only, but he would like to see it put back into force for Residential also. The Board and Mr. Bauer both agree that there is a shortage on housing in Clay County for the average income individuals. Commissioner Mayo stated that the Board has been talking about either a one-time incentive out of the Economic Development Fund or the County developing another NRP Plan for Residential use. Mr. Bauer stated that he supports any incentive that will help the County grow and be a benefit to the taxpayer. The Board agreed to study all options in more detail.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to present tire bids for 4 new tires on one of the Department vehicles. The bids were received as follows:

Five Creek Automotive – Hercules Road Tour - \$495.44  
Kansasland Tire – Assurance All-Season - \$626.80  
Friesen of Clay Center – Firestone Destination LE3 - \$564.28  
Continental Terrain Contact - \$621.80  
Bridgestone Ecopia H/L 422 Plus - \$724.40

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 4 new tires from Five Creek Automotive in the amount of \$495.44. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mesalles reported that they are having a small issue with moisture in one of the offices again. The Board asked if they are running the dehumidifier that was purchased. Mr. Mesalles stated not as much as they probably should be. Commissioner Thurlow instructed them to run it as much as possible and to make sure that it is running through the night.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-13 approving the Interlocal Agreement and the Amended Bylaws for the membership of KCAMP. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott Taddiken, Cowboy's for Christ, visited with the Board by phone requesting funding for the Cowboy's for Christ Open Arena event that they host for the public to ride, brush, and shoe horses. Commissioners Thurlow made the motion to donate \$500 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Cowboy's for Christ. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Eric Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 12, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas