

July 10, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$217,044.71.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board to hold the 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. The 2024 proposed salary line was reviewed.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper reported that last week they worked in the shop, bladed roads, mowed road sides, and rocked roads where needed. Right now, the mowing tractor is in the shop for repairs.

Alec Trembath, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. They currently are on number 462 on emergency runs or out of town transfers so far in 2023. Mr. Trembath reported that they have filled the vacant position and have named the captain for one of the shifts. The EMS Department has put together 10 Stop the Bleed Kits to donate to the schools in Clay County. They were able to do this by donations and from the sale of shirts. St. Paul Lutheran Church donated money for the purchase of Teddy Bears to give to children that have to ride in the ambulance. Mr. Trembath informed the Board of several training opportunities that are coming up for the Department. He will provide more information at a later date. Last Saturday the Department held an exercise on Emergency Vehicle Training that 10 employees completed. There was the classroom portion and then the driving exercise up at the High School parking lot.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that the new windows in the kitchen area at ESA have been installed and look great. Ms. Kemp stated that the cybersecurity testing for Clay County has been completed and now we will wait for the report to be received.

Dana Rickley, Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that County Health has been setting up on Saturday morning at the Farmers Market for blood pressure checks and other services that have to do with public health. Ms. Rickley stated that she had a meeting with Mr. Gillard, CEO CCMC, about the RSV vaccine that will be available soon. This vaccine needs to be received within the first few days of life.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga discussed the theft at the County Landfill that happened on July 2, 2023. Several items were stolen or damaged.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to report on the projects that have been completed getting ready for the Fair. They poured concrete for the beef washout, they will have a sun shade over the hog washout, installing the large fan in Hogan Arena, and fixed several items at the Rodeo Arena. The Board agreed to the sign that was designed for the donations that were given from Clay County Farm Bureau and Union State Bank towards the new building at the Fair Grounds. The County will pay for the sign to be made. Mr. Argo presented a signed copy of the Management Agreement between the Clay County Fair Association and the Board of Clay County Commissioners.

The Board adjourned from the Commission Room at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Carlson left the meeting for the day at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at the new building at the Fair Grounds at 1:00 p.m.

Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent, Brandon Gibson, SPT Architect, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Mayo, Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, Dale Bechard, Courthouse Custodian, Mike Argo, Fair Board President and Kayla Wang, County Clerk were also present. Mr. Ohlde gave a walk thru of the kitchen, bathrooms, and all areas marking items that need to be repaired and taken care of before the building is complete. The new building will be ready to use for the County Fair on July 25th-30th, 2023.

The Board adjourned from the Fair Grounds at 1:55 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
July 17, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas