

July 11, 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 \$198,709.17 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, and Wade Reh, County Extension Agent, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming events with the upcoming County Fair. Mr. Reh reported to the Board that they will be providing breakfast again this year on Sunday morning for the 4-Her's and their families. In other years the County Commissioners have sponsored the breakfast and wondered if they would like to do that again. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sponsor the breakfast on the Sunday morning of the Fair week. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mayo made the comment to Mr. Argo that he has a problem when the rules for the beer garden were not followed at the Independence Day Celebration. The Board, Grow Clay County, and Mr. Argo had requested that a fence be place around the area that the beer garden would be placed and this was not done. Mr. Argo said that he had even offered the fence that the Fair Board has to 15/24 Brewhouse but was told that they had it all handled. The Board agreed that if the rules are not followed then there will not be a beer garden allowed at the events. Mr. Argo stated that the Rodeo and the non-Fair races are a little different for the beer garden since it will be in a contained area that is already provided. Commissioner Thurlow asked if the Fair Board was receiving any payment off of the sales from having the beer garden at events. Mr. Argo stated that they had not asked for any payment at this time. The Board stated that they should not be treated any different than any other vendor at the Fair. They need to pay for their space to host the beer garden. Mr. Argo asked if they felt that \$100 per night would be fair. The Board agreed to this amount in order for 15-24 Brewhouse to host the beer garden at upcoming events.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board to hold the second budget workshop. Several changes were made to the budget requests for the 2023 budget. Mr. Gassman will return next week with another draft for the Board to view and to make additional changes.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Commissioner Mayo asked Mr. Mason about the Steve Lloyd Wetlands and if there were different types of Wetlands in the State of Kansas. Mr. Mason stated that there are several different Wetlands and then there is also the National Refuge Land that is similar to the Wetlands for Migratory birds. Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, joined the meeting. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 9:22 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:37 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Ms. Carroll presented several statements on delinquent accounts at the County Landfill. The Board asked Mr. Mason to draft letters and send to the persons on the account for collection.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment Regional Sales Representative, joined the meeting. Mr. Fraser presented two quotes on the purchase of two new motor grader with the trade-in of two 2016 models. The Board asked Mr. Shomper if he had been in contact with John Deere to get a quote from them to have for comparison. Mr. Shomper stated that he was meeting with the John Deere Representative this afternoon and would have quotes next week for review. The warranties and extended warranties were reviewed. The option of selling the used graders on Purplewave was discussed. Mr. Shomper stated that he had contacted Purplewave and we would be able to set a minimum bid on the motor graders if we were to sell them this way. Mr. Shomper feels that we could get more out of them than the trade-in amounts. The price of new motor graders has increased a lot and feel that the trade-ins should be worth more also. The Board tabled this until next week when they can review the quotes from John Deere also. Mr. Shomper reported that last week the Department hauled rock, did maintenance on the grounds around the shop, mowed roadsides, and did patching on the roads in the Clay County Park. This will take multiple days to complete the patching on the roads within the park. The Board discussed a couple of road issues that were brought to their attention this past week and asked Mr. Shomper to take a look at the problem.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reviewed the County Debris Policy that needs to be followed when there is a cleanup after a disaster with the Board. This plan is very important to follow when FEMA reimbursement is being applied for. Ms. Kemp reported that KDHE has reported that the Blue Green Algae is at Hazard Status in Wakefield. According to the KDHE website the Hazard Status indicates a harmful algae bloom is present, and extreme conditions exist. Signage should be posted at all public access locations. It is recommended that either a portion of the lake or the entire lake or zone be closed to the public. In some cases, the adjacent land should be closed as well. Actual setback distances will be determined on a site-specific basis, if necessary. When partial closures (i.e., beach or cove) are issued, the remaining lake or zone area will carry a warning status. Commissioner Thurlow stated that the boat ramps in Wakefield have been closed by the Corp of Engineers and they have placed a sign to inform the public.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that she had been in contact with McGee Roofing and they will be providing an estimate for new guttering and down spouts on the Health Department building. Ms. Rickley stated that there are currently 7 active cases of COVID in Clay County. Most of the cases are in the age group of 50 years old and older.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Benninga stated that the Sheriff's Department would be discontinuing the K9 program in Clay County. The current K9 is 7 or 8 years old and with all of the changes in the marijuana laws he feels that it is best to retire the current dog.

Susan Mall, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to ask permission to place an employment ad in the newspaper to fill a soon to be vacant position. The Board granted permission to place an ad in the local newspaper. Commissioner Mayo also stated that Ms. Mall may want to look into placing an ad on Indeed.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to ask permission for an employee that has not been here one year to use 3 hours of accumulated vacation hours. The Board granted permission for an employee of the County Clerk's office to use 3 hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to present an NRP Application for approval. Mr. Mesalles presented the residential NRP application for the Boards approval. The Chairman signed the application.

Jim Bogart, Undersheriff, met with the Board and asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 11:42 a.m. with Jim Bogart, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee benefits. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:57 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Adam Crowl, BHS Construction, and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architects, met with the Board to review the Project Schedule of the Multi Use Building that is being built at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Crowl reported that the metal building has been ordered. Different types of plumbing fixtures, HVAC systems, unit locations, lighting fixtures, and control types were reviewed and decided. Mr. Crowl stated that they will wait now until after the County Fair to move forward to the next step.

The Board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
July 18, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas