

July 18, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$75,907.72 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

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

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Lance Jones, Territory Sales Manager with Murphy Tractor met with the Board to present a proposal for 2 new John Deere motor graders. Mr. Jones stated that 95% of the motor graders are built in Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Jones presented information on the purchase of two 2023 670GP Graders. The proposal was as follows:

2023 John Deere 670GP Motor Grader -	\$349,877.00
Less Trade In John Deere Grader	<u>-\$120,000.00</u>
Difference	\$229,877.00
2023 John Deere 670G Motor Grader -	\$349,877.00
Less Trade in Caterpillar Grader	<u>-\$115,000.00</u>
Difference	\$234,877.00

Mr. Jones answered several questions and concerns that the Board and Mr. Shomper had about if they should purchase the two new graders from John Deere.

The Board also reviewed the quote that was presented last week from Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment. The quote was as follows:

2023 140-15J Caterpillar Motor Grader -	\$372,674.44
Less Trade In 2016 12M3 Caterpillar Grader	<u>-\$91,300.00</u>
Difference	\$281,374.44
2023 140-15J Caterpillar Motor Grader –	\$382,874.00
Less Trade In 2016 670GP John Deere Grader -	<u>\$61,000.00</u>
Difference	\$321,874.00

Mr. Shomper stated that there is a huge difference between the two bids. The Board asked if Mr. Shomper would like to have Mr. Jones bring a John Deere Grader to the Highway Department to try out and for a demonstration to be given to the Grader Operators. Mr. Shomper agreed to call Mr. Jones and request a Grader be brought to the Highway Department to look at and try out. The Board tabled the purchase decision at this time. Last week the Department bladed roads, did the test of chip and seal on a section of road, trimmed trees, patched asphalt roads, hauled rock and mowed roadsides. Mr. Shomper said that he would still be interested in the purchase of the Cardegraph mapping program that could be used by all Departments if the County is interested in purchasing a GIS mapping program. The Board stated that they would need to do more research on the different software if they were to purchase a GIS program.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department has been extremely busy and has had 600 emergency runs so far in 2022. Mr. Cramer reported that he had sent

an employee to train on Patient Care Reporting that is a State ran program that will be issuing a new version of software. The mid build review on the new ambulance went well and should be able to be received in August at a final cost of \$194,278. This will be paid for out of the ARPA Funds. Mr. Cramer has visited with Osage Ambulance about the purchase of another ambulance in 2023. They are saying that they will have more than a 10% increase in cost and they are not guaranteeing when they would have one available. There are two options to purchase, the new truck or the re-mount unit. They will provide prices on both options for review.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Commissioner Carlson 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 10:43 a.m. with Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, 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 10:58 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Ms. Kemp discussed the new laws that will be effective January 1, 2024 concerning the KSICS Encryption requirements on 800 MHZ radios. At this time the County will not be required to purchase new radios but most of the current radios are several years old and may need to be updated in the future.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Natalie Muruato, Director of Grow Clay County, met with the Board to give the monthly report. Ms. Muruato stated that she has been in Clay County for one year now and continues to stay very busy learning and meeting with individuals. Mr. Muruato has applied for 7 different grants and has been awarded funding for 7 grants. The last grant received was in the amount of \$10,000 that has been matched with another \$10,000 to be used for concrete benches with murals on them to be placed on the walking trails and downtown. Ms. Muruato reported that a real concern is not having a piece of land that business prospects can build on. They do have the funds from the sale of the property that was sold earlier this year. The problem is they can't find land close to the city to consider purchasing and wondered if the Board knew of any property that could possibly be up for sale. Grow Clay County would like to offer an 8-week course that would be taught by Wichita State University for businesses to learn and to network with other businesses. They need a minimum of 15 individuals to be able to put the training on. This will start in September and end in November. The total cost for the course will be \$25,600 with meals served. Grow Clay County has \$18,100 covered at this time and would like to know if the Commissioners would be willing to allocate \$7,500 out of the Economic Development funds to help cover the cost of this course. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allocate \$7,500 for the Growing Rural Business course through Network Kansas out of the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shannon Stark, Assistant Director of Grow Clay County, met with the Board to give a Travel & Tourism update. As you may have noticed our Clay County Billboard East of Riley on Hwy #24 has been destroyed by a wind storm and will need to be restored. We lease the land for \$500 a year and a wrap cost \$500. So that is inexpensive advertising for Clay County. The cost to rebuild the Billboard will be \$5,000 this will include new poles and a larger billboard along with a new wrap for \$500. This will cost a total of

\$5,500. Ms. Stark asked the Board if they would consider paying that out to the Travel & Tourism Fund since this would be advertising Clay County. Commissioner David made the motion to allow \$5,500 to rebuild the billboard and a new wrap to be paid out of the Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stark stated that they have been tracking the Facebook views for the Mural Movement and the Google Walking Map views. It is amazing how many views and inquiries that are made on the Murals.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to ask permission to advertise to fill a vacant position in the recycling part of the Landfill. The Board granted permission to advertise for this vacant position.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to create a position on the 2022 Wage Scale for a Deputy Emergency Manager effective July 31, 2022. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board received a request for permission from Relay for Life to use the Court House square on August 12, 2022 for the evening event. Permission was granted.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
July 25, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas