

August 1, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$807,091.50 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center and the Clinics. Mr. Gillard reported that they did a 6-month review of the 2022 CCMC budget and they are exactly where they should be at this time of the year. Mr. Gillard is pleased with this considering all the increased costs of labor and supplies. The visits at all of the clinics have increased and patients are now back to doing the wellness checkups. Though COVID patients had delayed their visits with not wanting to go out into the public. Mr. Gillard stated that he does not report on Meadowlark Hospice very often, but they are very important to our community. Meadowlark Hospice serves a 6-County area and provides care on an average to 35 patients per day. This is a major service to all 6 Counties. Mr. Gillard stated that with all of the active shooter incidents that are happening the Medical Center will be taking more precautions and will be placing more doors on controlled remote access within the facility. This is being done for the safety of everyone.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reported on the conference that he attended in Nashville last week. The conference was put on by the National Association of Drug Court Officials. This training will help with the County getting the Drug Court program up and running. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Attorney-Client Privilege Exception for 5 minutes beginning at 8:42 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is pending litigation matters. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper provided a quote for the purchase of 8-G182 RSD truck tires, 10-RD Master trailer tires, 8-RD Master 11R225 tires and 4-182 RSD 11R22.5 tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$14,768.84. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase a total of 30 tires in the amount of \$14,768.84 from Kansasland. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted an employee of the Highway Department to use 24 hours of accumulated vacation before the employee has his first year of employment. Mr. Shomper stated that they currently have a John Deere 672 grader to try out as a demo. They have been doing research on the different models along with the different weights of each one and if that makes much of a difference. A decision will be made in an upcoming meeting. Last week the Department hauled rock, patched asphalt roads, worked in the shop, and tipped a semi-trailer onto its wheels at the Landfill. The semi-trailer was then taken to the Fairgrounds to use as storage. Mr. Shomper stated that Bayer Rock Quarry is now charging \$1.75 per ton of rock for a service charge. This is a huge additional expense for the County to have to pay. Brian Girrens joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of leaving the Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds to be used for storage. Mr. Shomper stated that he needs to know what his timeline is and on what buildings he is to demolish. They had received a quote from McGee Roofing on the removal of the tin on the Exhibit Hall in the amount of \$6,004.70. This is more than the tin is worth. The Board of Commissioners were wanting to save the tin for the Highway Department to use if needed. Mr. Girrens stated that if they could keep the Exhibit Hall it would be a good sound building that they would be able to use for storage since they will not have the second side addition to the new building. The Board stated that if they were to keep the Exhibit Hall it would need to have

maintenance done and the building would need to be kept up, with it sitting next to the new building. After much discussion, the Board of Commissioners made the decision to leave the current Exhibit Hall and to use it for storage for a period of time.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 10:08 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 10:23 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the revised job description for the Emergency Manager and the job description for the Emergency Manager Deputy Director as presented. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp reported that the Crisis Drill that was done last week went well. The general public likes to see that these drills are being done in the community.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported on several programs and resources that they have available through Clay Counts and that there are a lot of resources being put towards assisting Mental Health Illness. Ms. Rickley asked permission to contact North Central Regional Planning Commission to help with grant writing. The Board granted permission to request this service. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 28 positive COVID cases in the County.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the Crisis Drill that was held at Lincoln Grade School went well and there are changes that can and will be made to improve the future drills. Sheriff Benninga reported that Cloud County Sheriff's Office has picked up all of the prisoners from their County. Mr. Benninga will be adjusting the cost of housing a prisoner before the next contract is considered.

April Swartz, Varney's & Associates, met with the Board to present the 2021 Final Clay County Audit. Ms. Swartz reviewed the income and expenses of several of the larger funds with the Board. Ms. Swartz reported the audit went well and all requirements were met with no findings or violations found in the Audit.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the two vacant positions at the Landfill. One position is for an Operator 1 and the second one is for the recycling department. Ms. Carroll stated that she has received several applications that she will be reviewing and hopefully hiring to fill the vacant positions. Ms. Carroll asked the Board for permission to purchase a dolly to haul and move barrels. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow up to \$450 for the purchase of a dolly. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 8, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas