

August 8, 2022

The Board of Commissioners served as the Board of Canvassers for the August 2nd, 2022 Primary Election beginning at 7:30 a.m. Rhonda Carney and Shelby Crimmins served as the Provisional Board for the Election. The Board viewed the zero tape, worked and reviewed 68 Provisional Ballots. Of those 43 Ballots were counted. Kayla Wang, County Clerk reviewed all totals, the Election Audit process and documents, write ins and tally sheets with the Board while the Provisional Board ran totals of the 43 ballots that were processed. The Official Final Results were presented to the Board. The Board adjourned the Canvass at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:45 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$194,570.64 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$5,132.78 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of purchasing the drink cooler to use for Fair time and the races. Pepsi use to provide two coolers and they have now stated that they will only be providing one if the pop is bought through them for events. They really need to have two coolers or one large one. The Board asked if he had contacted Coke to see what their policy is and if they would possibly provide the coolers. Ms. Argo stated that he had went to Wall's True Value to see if they had one and they did. They rented it through the Fair for \$200 and would like to purchase it. The cost of the cooler is \$4,750 and the 4-H Council has agreed to pay \$1,850 towards the purchase which leaves a balance of \$2,900. Mr. Argo asked if the County would be willing to pay for part or all of the balance. Commissioner Thurlow stated that after he had checked with Coke, and if they stated that they would not supply a cooler then he would make a motion to pay for ½ of the cooler in the amount of \$1,450 out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, did ditch work at several locations in the County, mowed roadsides, hauled rock, cleaned out pipes and installed a new driveway. Mr. Shomper stated that he will be hauling rock to two area's that have no windrows and then he will begin hauling road gravel out of Concordia for a while to use on the roads. An APAC representative will be by today to review the areas that they will lay 16,685 tons of asphalt on a total of 20 miles. APAC has stated that using the KDOT index that was \$4.90 per ton when we signed the three-year contract and now, they are wanting to charge an extra \$4.06 per ton for an additional cost of \$67,741.10. The Board stated that they would like to review the contract before agreeing to this. The contract was given to Joel Mason, County Attorney, to review and report back to the Board.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has made 670 runs so far this year compared to 567 runs in 2021. Over the weekend Twin Valley internet was down and this caused issues with getting notices for calls. They ended up carrying their pagers with them all weekend. They are currently down Medic 3 for it is in the Bodyshop having repairs done to it. The AEMT class that is currently in session is going well and clinicals are to begin in October. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the EMS Department to

attend the KEMSA Conference in Mulvane, Kansas. Mr. Cramer stated that during the Crisis Drill it was discovered that one of their power cots does not have the powerload capability. Mr. Cramer will see how much it would cost to add this capability to this one cot so that they will work in all of the Medic Units.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that there had been an update with KDHE on Back to School with COVID. The update has been posted to KDHE's website. Ms. Kemp asked the Board permission to get quotes on a new laptop and to get a cell phone for the Deputy Director. The Board granted permission for both items.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. In 2019 the Health Department started the process of providing Telehealth in Clay County for Pawnee Mental Health clients. This will make the Telehealth available for clients to come to the Health Department and use a room to talk to their contact with Pawnee Mental Health online instead of in person. Ms. Rickley reported that they have a great partnership with USD 379 and that they are planning ahead with back to school starting soon. County Health has attended several events like the Elk's Back to School, Kindergarten Roundup and Parents Night to provide vaccines for students and COVID Vaccines if requested. There are currently 28 positive cases of COVID reported in Clay County. The State funding for providing COVID vaccines has been extended for an additional 6 months. Ms. Rickley discussed the placement of an employee on the Wage Scale that is doing two different jobs. This will be discussed again with the Board next week.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that he had a Corrections Officer resign last week. And asked permission to fill the vacant position. The Board granted permission to advertise to fill the vacant Corrections Office position. Sheriff Benninga reported that they are needing to purchase from Axon a total of 14 training taser cartridges and 4 service taser cartridges at a cost of \$32.15 each for a total of \$578.70 and 1 replacement battery controller for a body camera at a cost of \$262.00 for a total purchase of \$840.70. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the purchase from Axon in the amount of \$840.70. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Orr, J & J Sales, met with the Board to discuss the different types of window coverings available for the half-moon windows in the Courtroom. Mr. Orr recommended for the east windows a solar powered remote shade that could be put down to block the morning sun and opened later in the day. This type of shade works well for this type of window because of the height. The Board asked Mr. Orr to provide an estimate on this type of shade. Also, the Board asked Mr. Orr to look at the windows at ESA and to draw up an estimate for shades to cover all of the windows in the Office area and the classroom. Mr. Orr will return with both estimates for the Board.

The Board granted permission to Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, to get estimates for the removal of the pine trees on the Courthouse Square that are dead.

A quote was received from Computer Information Concepts for a new County server that is for the offices in the Courthouse. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the purchase of a new

County CIC server in the amount of \$2,400. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the contract with APAC for the three years of laying asphalt in Clay County. Mr. Mason stated that there is nothing in the contract saying that we owe the company an additional \$67,741.10. There is a statement that we will have a 3% increase each year and for every \$10 increase/decrease of the KDOT asphalt price index compared to the September 2021 index, we are to add/subtract this amount from the base price. The Board called Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, by phone to discuss this. Mr. Shomper stated that APAC will settle on the increased amount of \$23,359.00 for the increased cost of the asphalt. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to stay with the original contract price and the additional amount of \$23,359.00 for increased costs. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 15, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas