

August 14, 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.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to discuss a grant application for a project at the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard stated that CCMC would like to apply for a grant from the State of Kansas called The Rural Hospital Innovation Grant but will need the County's help and support since the hospital is owned by the County. The Secretary of KDHE will award the grant only if the state funds to be awarded in the grant have been matched by private stakeholders, including hospital foundation or other organizations on a basis of \$2.00 of private stakeholder funds for every \$1.00 of state funds. The funds are to be used at a hospital for the transitional assistance related to changing a hospital's current healthcare delivery model more appropriated for the community that the hospital serves. Making changes to the services provided and delivered to better suit the community. CCMC would like to put an addition on to the front of the Medical Center/Family Physicians area to expand the Mental Health services for the area. After much discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the expansion project for Mental Health services in Clay County. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved a bill received from BHS Construction in the amount of \$86,709.93 for the Clay County Event Center building project.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, patched blacktop roads, hauled rock, mowed roadsides, replaced pipes at Cherokee Rd. and Neighbor Rd. at the edge of Longford City and on Sunflower Rd. between 23rd Rd. & 24th Rd. APAC is here this week laying asphalt beginning on Frontier Rd. & 18th Rd. then heading south to the Countyline.

Alec Trembath, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Trembath stated that they were at 551 runs so far in 2023. They had 20 emergency runs last week. Mr. Trembath reported that the conference that several employees attended was very informative and they had great speakers with topics that will be helpful and lots of ideas that they can use at the EMS Service.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that she attended a Damage Assessment Training last week and learned some different ways to record damage.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that a correction was made on the dollar amount of the grant application from last week. Chairman Thurlow signed the new application.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga would like Clay County residents to be aware of their surroundings and to keep homes and cars locked because of all the thefts that have been going on.

The Board put out for bids on a sidewalk that goes out the west door of the Clay County Event Center to the back door of the Exhibit Building. This sidewalk will be 95ft long and 8ft wide and 6 inches thick.

Bids were received as follows: BHS Construction - \$9,441.69
 Chris Fyfe Construction - \$6,800.00
 Bloom Construction - \$8,640.00

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Chris Fyfe Construction in the amount of \$6,800.00. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of placing lighting on the outside of the Landfill building. The Board thought that would be a good idea and instructed Ms. Carroll to get quotes on the placement of lights on the building. The Board granted permission for Ms. Carroll to have several areas of the fencing that has been damaged or cut fixed and to take the Green Ford Pickup in for repairs to the clutch. Ms. Carroll asked permission for an employee to use 21 hours of the employees accumulated leave. Permission was granted for an employee of the Landfill to use 21 hours of accumulated hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss department updates. Mr. Mesalles reported that Marvin Planning has provided the wording about Fort Riley that will be placed in the Clay County Land Use Plan for review. They are hoping to have the Land Use Plan complete later this fall. Mr. Mesalles also asked if the Board wanted him to attend the meeting concerning the railroad down by Longford or if they would like to hear what they have to say and make an appointment with the Board. All of the Board agreed that they would like them to make an appointment to come and make a presentation in a Commissioners meeting.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 21, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas