

August 15, 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 \$31,975.01 were reviewed and approved.

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

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee in the Register of Deeds Office to attend a meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

The Board approved a bill from Kaw Valley Engineering in the amount of \$3,300 for the Topographic Survey that was done at the Fairgrounds for the new building.

The Board spoke with Scott Glaves, Superintendent of Utilities, by phone about the quote that was received for the new three phase transformer for the new building at the Fairgrounds in the amount of \$35,957.64. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to grant permission to purchase the new transformer to be placed at the Fairgrounds for the new building in the amount of \$35,957.64 to be paid for out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to present the quotes received on the removal of four trees and the grinding of the stumps on the Courthouse Square. The bids were presented as follows:

B & B Tree Service - \$3,000

McGee Roofing - \$1,500

Axe Monkey Tree Service - \$1,500

After reviewing the quotes and having two quotes for the same amount, the Board decided to flip a coin to choose the one that would be awarded the job. The Board stated the heads-up would be McGee Roofing and tails-up would be Axe Monkey Tree Service. The coin was thrown up in the air and it landed heads-up so the job was awarded to McGee Roofing. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the bid from McGee Roofing in the amount of \$1,500 for the removal of 4 trees and the grinding of the stumps on the Courthouse Square. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Knoettgen also presented a quote on the replacement of the damaged siding on the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$586. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the cost of replacing damaged siding on the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$586. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission for the purchase of a new windshield from Livengood Glass in the amount of \$304 to be installed in the roll off truck at the Landfill.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, and Jeff Germann, Assistant Highway Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Commissioner Mayo reported that he had received a complaint that there is caving in on the wings of the bridge located $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile west of 6th Rd. & Cherokee. Mr. Germann stated that they are aware of it and will go and look at it. Last week the Department bladed

roads, hauled rock, patched asphalt roads, replaced bridge planks, hauled road gravel and replaced tires on equipment. Mr. Shomper stated that Clifton City Council had made the decision that they do not want the limestone chips for their chip sealing next year. They want a different chip that is harder and will last longer. They received prices from a quarry just across the line into Nebraska. They would like the County to haul the chips and stock them for next year. This would be a lot of road time and hauling for the County. Clifton would reimburse the County for the rock and the hauling. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to inform Clifton City that they will need to hire a trucking company to haul the chips with it being that far away. Mr. Germann presented some of the pros and cons that the grader operators have stated between the John Deere graders and the Caterpillar graders. Most of the concerns are that the controllers are totally different in each grader and the blade lift height. Mr. Germann stated that the service that Caterpillar provides is outstanding with three locations within an hour from here. They have had issues with the service on the one John Deere grader that they currently have. Service is very important when needed. After much discussion on the pros and cons of each brand of graders, the Board table the decision until a later date.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that the Department has made 689 Emergency runs so far this year compared to 582 at the same time in 2021. The new ambulance has arrived and is being prepared for service with the radios being transferred from Medic 3. Stryker will be coming out to look at the one power cot to see what it needs to have the powerload capability. Mr. Cramer will see how much it would cost to add this capability on this one cot so that all cots will work in all Medic Units.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided information to the Board on the Grants that have become available to expand the broadband access in high-need areas. There is a need for this in several areas of the County that have bad reception for the access of internet. Commissioner Mayo stated that he would make sure that Natalie Muruato with Grow Clay County is aware of this grant.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 22 positive cases of COVID in Clay County. Right now, COVID is in high transmission status.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that they were able to fill the vacant Corrections Officer position this last week and hope to fill the vacant Deputy position soon.

Michelle Lipker met with the Board to allow the four local 8th grade volleyball girls to give a report to the Commissioners on their experience of that they had while playing at the Youth National Volleyball Championship Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana. Addy Pladson, Raimee Lipker, Alana Liby, and Daelynn Rothfuss all play on a team named Mayhems out of Manhattan. Each gave a small presentation on events at the Championship Tournament. Ms. Liby reported that they played a total of 114 games this season. They placed 7th in the Power League, 9th in the Northern Lights Qualifier Liberty division, got 1st out of 64 teams in the Show Me Qualifier, 17th at Junior Nationals, and placed 8th at the Heart of

America overall rankings. All of them thanked the Board for the support and stated that they very much appreciated it.

Jerry Orr, J & J Sales, presented two quotes to the Board for the replacement of blinds on the windows in the classroom and office at the ESA Building in the amount of \$2,247 and on the 4 half-moon windows on the East wall of the Courtroom in the amount \$3,887. The half-moon windows will have solar charged remotes to open and close because of the height of the window. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve to accept both bids for new blinds and installation in the amount of \$3,887 for the Courtroom to be paid for out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund and for the ESA Classroom and Office in the amount of \$2,447 to be paid for out of County General Fund. 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 22, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas