

August 22, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$190,734.55 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$793.94 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason informed the Board that he had a jury trial this week that he has been preparing for.

Commissioner Mayo 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 8:45 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Rhonda Carney, Payroll and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is accumulated leave. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with no action being taken during session.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Lance Jones, Murphy Tractor, joined the meeting. Mr. Shomper reported that he had the grader operators make notes of the pros and cons of the John Deere grader that they had used as a demo for the last few weeks. Mr. Shomper read some of the comments to the Board. Most of the comments were along the lines of comfort with being in the cab for a 7-hours a day and not with performance of the machine. But they did like that the machines were made in the USA. Most items have to do with change and will be fine after getting use to the different set up. Mr. Jones reviewed the weight and the horse power of each different model compared to the different models of Caterpillar. After reviewing the quotes, prices, and trade-ins that were presented in the July 18th, 2022 minutes, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to order two John Deere 670P motor graders at a total cost of \$464,754 and to be billed and paid for out of the 2023 Budget. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled road gravel from Concordia to stockpile, mowed roadsides, worked 2 days on demolishing and hauling away the building at the Fairgrounds, worked closely with BNSF Railroad laying asphalt in spots on the crossing north of Longford. Mr. Shomper reported that he had asked Husker Steel for a quote on the placement of a bridge on the 900 block of 26th Road. The quote came in for a pre-fabricated bridge at the price of \$166,969. After reviewing the quote, the Board asked Mr. Shomper to get prices on the purchase of large tubes that would possibly work at this location also. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is accumulated leave. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with no action being taken during session. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to approve and grant an employee 8 hours of sick leave time. The Board granted permission to place an employment ad for one Truck Driver position and for one Blade Operator position.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The new emergency Medic 3 was brought over to the Courthouse for the Board to go out and view. The Department is currently on run number 708 so far this year. The Board approved an invoice for the UV light that was requested in the new ambulance but was invoiced separately in the amount of \$3,250. Medic 4 will be going into the shop to get the air conditioning repaired and the tires rotated. A quote was received from Osage Emergency Service for the purchase of a new emergency unit at the cost of \$269,492.67 less \$20,000 for trade-in for a total of \$249,492. This unit would not be delivered until the first quarter of 2025 if ordered soon. The quote for a remount unit using one of our current boxes with a new electronic panel and switches and a new chassis, new paint and new decals would cost \$184,582.67. If the County would choose a remount unit and order it now, it would be delivered in the 1st quarter of 2024. Stryker Co. informed Mr. Cramer that they will be raising the prices on the electronic cots by 9% in October.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented to the Board the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation form for the Chairman to sign. The Resolution concerning the Adoption of the North-Central Region F Regional Mitigation Plan including all of Clay County, Kansas was signed on June 7th, 2021. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of Emergency Management to attend training in Topeka, Kansas.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Clay County currently has 19 positive cases of COVID reported. Ms. Rickley stated that if you do not feel good and if you have a fever, please stay home. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees to attend training in Wichita on medical records and billing updates on the Patagonia program that the Health Department uses. Ms. Rickley informed the Board that she has received an application for an Aid that she would like to hire for the In-Home Services Program. The Board asked if she had budget to cover this employee. Ms. Rickley stated that she had been without a Registered Nurse for several months and had included this position into her budget for the 2023 year. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to hire a Full Time with benefits Aid for the In-Home Services program effective immediately. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga informed the Board that he had appointed Officer Harold Stellner as the Clay County Undersheriff and had promoted Officer Mark Werbin to the Investigator position. Sheriff Benninga stated that he would need a motion in the minutes to adjust the names on the Sheriff's Department accounts at a local Bank. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adjust the names removing former Undersheriff and adding the newly appointed Undersheriff on all financial accounts at a local Banking Institution. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to present an NRP Application for approval. Mr. Mesalles presented the residential NRP application for the Boards approval. The Chairman signed the application. Building permits that have been issued in several parts of the County were reviewed. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Appraisers Office to attend a meeting in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Court Services to attend a Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

Travis Vathauer, Vathauer Catering, met with the Board to present two applications for Temporary Special Event Permits for a beer garden to be allowed at the races at the Fairgrounds on September 10, 2022 and September 24, 2022. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the Temporary Special Event Permits for Vathauer Catering. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board and Kayla Wang, County Clerk visited with Jerold Spohn by phone about some concerns that he had with the Clay County Website, the Commissioner Agenda, the Commissioner Meeting Minutes, the RNR mailer and the Taxing Entity descriptions. The Board and Ms. Wang stated that they would look into his concerns.

The Board adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 29, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas