

August 29, 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 \$678.48 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatements 2021A32 thru 2021A37 in the amount of \$740.34 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason asked about deadlines and steps that have to be done with a delinquent Real Estate Tax Sale. Mr. Mason reported that the Jury trial that was to be held last week was canceled.

Robert Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper reported to the Board that the Crack Sealer that they ordered and received is not the model that they had ordered. This one will take a 6-man crew and two dedicated pickups to do the projects. The Representative did not inform them that there would not be an engine cover or that the compressor would be completely separate from the unit. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to call the Company and send the machine back and get the model that he had wanted and thought that he had ordered. The County does not want the machine that they received. Last week the Department bladed roads, made trips to Salina for tack oil, patched roads, installed a pipe, hauled road gravel, worked on several tree projects in County right-a-ways, worked in the shop and replaced missing or damaged signs. Mr. Shomper reported back to the Board that he had found two tank cars that could be used on the 900 block of 26th Rd., but they would need to build the road up 4 feet in order to have the covering required for the placement of one of the tank cars. Mr. Shomper stated that the Railroad Yard in Oklahoma has two 10'x48' tank cars available for \$20,873.50 each delivered. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the two tank cars from the Railroad Yard for a total of \$41,675.00 to be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The County can use these tanks in several locations. The Board and Mr. Shomper decided to try and build the road up and clean out the ditches to see if this would solve the water going over the road on 26th Rd. before having to put in larger tubes or one of the tank cars. Mr. Shomper reported that he will have four bridges in the State bridge program this next year.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department continues to stay really busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. They have currently had 733 runs so far this year compared to 621 at the same time in 2021. Mr. Cramer asked permission to pay off the lease purchase agreement on one of the Medic units early in the amount of \$50,349.40. The Board granted permission. Mr. Cramer reported that he had visited with his Medic Captains at the EMS and they had decided that they would like to try a remount box on Medic 8. The Board stated that Mr. Cramer could start the process of taking bids for a remount Medic Unit. A quote from Stryker in the amount of \$564.19 was presented to the Board to upgrade a cot from performance load to a power load to match all of the other cots within the Department. With having all the same cots, they will be able to be used in all of the Medic Units. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to

have Stryker upgrade one cot to a power load cot in the amount of \$564.19. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented quotes on the purchase of a new laptop. The quotes were presented as follows:

Central Office Service & Supply - \$3,966.95

Networks Plus - \$3,954.30

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go with Central Office Service & Supply for the purchase of a new laptop in the amount of \$3,966.95 to be paid for out of the Emergency Management Grant Funds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp reported that Homman Electronics had planned a trip to Clay Center for radio maintenance and stopped in Wakefield to look at the storm siren at the Clay County Park and discovered problems with the receiver. Mr. Homman has ordered a new receiver at an estimated cost of \$800 and it will take 2-3 weeks to receive. So currently this siren is out of service. Ms. Kemp reported that she had went back out to Glavan Ford to try and get the second key fob that was promised when the County purchased the new pickup and she has never received it. They stated that they will have to order one and will let her know when it is in. The Chairman signed the Emergency Management Grant FY21 Application for Ms. Kemp to send into the State. The Chairman signed the printed copies of the Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director Job Descriptions.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 14 reported cases of COVID in Clay County but that she expects an increase of cases with school having started and people are going to sporting events. Ms. Rickley stated that she is working on a grant application through Children's Trust Cabinet to assist with home visits.

Permission was given to Robert Stratton and Common Ground to use the west side of the Courthouse on September 9th, 2022 for a Middle School activity.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that he is needing to order some uniforms in the amount of \$190.97. Permission was granted to place the order for uniforms. Sheriff Benninga reported that they had previously purchased backpacks for the Medical Supplies that they need to have in each patrol unit. They are needing to purchase chest seals and quick clot to have in each bag in a total amount of \$175.85. The Board granted Sheriff Benninga permission to purchase medical supplies in the amount of \$175.85 to be placed in each patrol unit.

The Board adjourned to go to the Clay County Museum for the meeting. Jeff Gaiser, Museum Curator, and Pat Gilbert provided a tour of the area that is dedicated to all of the small communities in Clay County. Mr. Gaiser gave a small presentation and an explanation of items that have been donated and placed in display cases for each community. This was very interesting to tour this section of the Museum.

The Board reconvened in the Commissioners Room at 11:37 a.m.

Marlene Stamm, NCK Sanitarian, met with the Board to give the quarterly sanitation report for Clay County. Ms. Stamm reported that she continues to stay busy but that the permits always slow down at this time of year. The report stated that there were 6 Tank/Lateral, 11 Wells, 4 H2O Tests, 5 Lateral systems, 5 Tank/Lagoon, and 1 Holding Tank in the last three months. Ms. Stamm stated that she had applied and had received a grant in the amount of \$1,200 from the National Environmental Health Association to help with expenses.

Charlotte Rundell met with the Board to ask for a donation for the Party in the Ville Event. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$500 to the Party in the Ville Event out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed a contract with HR Partners to provide training for Department Heads and 2nd in line on Family and Medical Leave Act.

Doug Orr met with the Board to discuss some concerns that he is with having the new Amish residents living in the community. Joel Mason, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Mr. Orr would like to propose a county ordinance to be put into place concerning a road registration fee, road friendly horse shoes, road friendly wheels on all types of buggies, waste bags for all horse's being used for transportation, minimum age of operators, minimum road safety lights and warning triangle, and the use of gravel roads in lieu of pavement when appropriate. Mr. Mason stated that several of these requests would not be Constitutional if requested of them. The Board feels that if the County passes a Resolution concerning the above request it would be for everyone in the County to follow. Mr. Mason will be in contact with other Counties that have Amish residents and will find out if they have passed any Resolutions.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report that the Crawler is in need of repairs. Foley Equipment provided a quote on the repair of the cracked equalizer sway bar in the amount of \$13,090.73. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the repairs by Foley Equipment in the amount of \$13,090.73. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board also granted permission to rent a crawler to use at the Landfill while the County's is in the shop for repairs. Ms. Carroll reported that the semi has been taken to Bloom Welding & Repair to be worked on and she would like to take the roll off truck out there also for repairs. The Board granted permission to take the roll off truck to Bloom Welding & Repair to have work done on it also. Ms. Carroll reported that the gear box needs to be replaced on the skidster mower deck. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to get prices from Bruna Implement and John Deere, they should both carry this brand.

The Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m. and will be back at 5:30 p.m. for budget hearings.

The Board reconvened at 5:30 p.m. to hold Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearings.

Starting at 5:30 the Boards of the following entities held their Revenue Neutral Rate and the 2023 Budget Approval Hearings; Sherman Cemetery, Rose Meron & Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Shields Athelstane Cemetery, Gatesville Cemetery, Parallel C & W Cemetery, Norwegian Lutheran Cemetery,

Bloom Cemetery, Swedish Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Mizpah Cemetery, Swartwood C&O Cemetery, Appleton Cemetery, Garfield Cemetery, and Iwacura Cemetery.

Following the above hearings, the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings and the 2023 Budget Approval Hearings for Clay County, Clay County Rural Highway, Mulberry Rural Fire District, and Riverside Drainage District.

Mark Taddiken met with the Board to discuss the Riverside Drainage District income and expenses. Mr. Taddiken stated that there are a few projects that need to be done within the district. There are trees that need to be removed on the dam and in the ditches and maybe have the dams checked for structural integrity. The Board asked Mr. Taddiken to look things over and to report back to them if there is work that needs to be done. Mr. Taddiken left the meeting.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 5.198 with the levy of 5.189 for the Riverside Drainage District. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt the 2023 Budget for the Riverside Drainage District with the mill levy rate of 5.189 and a budget in the amount of \$49,000 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of .309 with the levy of .293 for the Mulberry Rural Fire District. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the 2023 Budget for the Mulberry Rural Fire District with the mill levy rate of .293 and a budget in the amount of \$1,900 as published. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 16.165 with the levy of 17.011 for the Clay County Rural Highway District. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the 2023 Budget for the Clay County Rural Highway District with the mill levy rate of 17.011 and a budget in the amount of \$2,055,000 as published. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 51.638 with the levy of 54.714 for the Clay County budget. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the 2023 Budget for Clay County with a mill levy rate of 55.838 and a budget in the amount of \$18,330,267 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
September 6, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas

