

September 5, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were all present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$201,581.54 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$546,234.78 were both reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board approved an event approval for an employee of the Treasurer's Office to attend the KCTA Conference in Salina Kansas from September 6 through September 8.

The Board discussed the pickup that is operated by the Clay County Park employees as it is having issues and the cost to fix it is going to be very high. They discussed a couple different options and are going to speak with Mr. Arnold at a later date.

The Board of Commissioners received a phone call from a concerned camper at the Clay County Park. They informed the Board that the 12:00 a.m. noise curfew is not being enforced. They also discussed a couple other complaints with the Board. The Board is going to speak with Mr. Arnold on these issues.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County operations. Employee benefits was discussed but no decisions were made. Mr. Mason also informed the Board that The Gather for the Good is to be held on September 21st at the Museum and asked if they could use the parking stalls on the south side of the Courthouse to park food trucks from 4-7p.m. The Commission did not see a problem with that.

The Commissioners granted permission for Common Ground to use the Courthouse square for the 5th Quarter activities on September 15.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give his weekly update. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that they were busy blading roads, removing trees, and working on ditches. Mr. Shomper spoke with the Board about the radios that are currently in the office at the Highway Department. They get terrible service in the building. The Board told Mr. Shomper to get prices on 2 new radios and a main box.

Alec Trembath, EMS Director, met with the Board and informed them that they are at 604 runs to date. Mr. Trembath informed the Board that the Gator that they use at events is having some issues and that Prairieland is going to let them use one if needed for events. Mr. Trembath stated that they are going to be offering an AEMT class later in the fall.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to update them on the Flood Plain Management Conference that she attended last week. She brought back some helpful knowledge. Ms. Kemp also informed the Board that Jim Bogart attended the Homeland Security Exercise last week and it went very well. Ms. Kemp also informed the Board that September is Preparedness month.

Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to update them on the meeting that she attended last week. She brought back a lot of helpful information. Ms. Rickley informed the Board that she is in need of another refrigerator to store vaccines. The Board instructed Ms. Rickley to go ahead and get one ordered when she hears back from the State.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give his weekly update. Mr. Benninga stated that he has received some applicants for the open positions within his department.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss repairs that need to be made on the box truck. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to repair the box truck in the amount up to \$10,000 at Barnes Auto. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll also discussed the Groundwater Monitoring Report from the state.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss solar and wind energy in Clay County.

Eric Davis met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse Square on Friday September 29 for the 12th Annual Cruise Night. The Board granted permission.

The Board Adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Shelby Crimmins, Deputy County Clerk
September 11, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas