

September 6, 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 \$193,118.89 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$765,617.47 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that the Medical Center had received a 5-star rating through CMS and was the only one out of 5 facilities in North Central Kansas that received this rating. Radiology broke the record with a total of 1177 exams provided in the month of August. Approximately 30% of these exams are for individuals from Manhattan. Mr. Gillard stated that the replacement of the MRI machine will begin in October. CCMC will be adding a specialty clinic for foot care. This will be where individuals can do routine foot maintenance care.

A donation request was received from Jessica Kramer, Sturdy Oak 4H Club, for the Longford Fun Day Event. The request was not received until this week. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$500 out of the Alcohol Fund to be used for the Longford Fun Day expenses. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a bid from Solid Rock Audio Video in the amount of \$318.73 for the replacement of a 20" Mini Gooseneck Podium Mic and a 48v Power Supply for the Courtroom. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid and order the Mic and Power Supply from Solid Rock Audio Video in the amount of \$318.73. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed two Event Approvals for two employees of the Clay County District Court to attend the KADCCA Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

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

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed the rock & dirt roads, mowed roadsides, trimmed and removed trees, patched asphalt roads, removed concrete arch and installed a tank car on Meridian Rd. between 15th Rd. and 16th Rd., and placed a pipe on 5th Rd. and Kiowa Rd. Mr. Shomper stated that he returned the new crack sealer to the Dealer in Wichita. They stated that they would take care of Clay County and get us what we really want. They are sorry that the Representative did not understand what we were wanting when we ordered. They are willing to loan or rent a sealing machine for us to use so that we can get the sealing project done in Clay County. Mr. Shomper stated that they had advertised the positions that are vacant at the Highway Department and hope to get some good applications.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has made 766 emergency runs so far in 2022, compared to 637 at this same time in 2021. They remain very busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. This past weekend was a

very busy weekend providing standby service for the football games and the two nights of Longford Rodeo. Mr. Cramer stated that he would like to get someone hired for the billing clerk position so that they can be trained before the individual leaves this position. The Board granted permission to start the process and to start the training on this position. Mr. Cramer presented the invoice from Zoll Medical Corporation for the preventative maintenance on the 4 Z-vent units in the amount of \$3,919.50. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the invoice from Zoll in the amount of \$3,919.50 for the preventative maintenance on the Z-vent units. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted permission for replacement of a 24" monitor, keyboard, and mouse for the EMS Department.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Management, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that she received the funds for her Emergency Management Grant RY21 last week. Ms. Kemp stated that she had learned at the Flood Plain Conference, that there will be upcoming changes made in the future that have to do with rural areas. North Central Regional Planning Commission is working with North Central Regional Homeland Security Council to seek a Consultant for a Cybersecurity Project that they will be working on within the North Central Region. Clay County and Saline County are the next two Counties to have tests, checklists, policies, and procedures to enhance a County's Cybersecurity program.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the Department had a busy weekend with the Longford Rodeo activities. The Rodeo was well attended and there were no issues to handle either night.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to present a quote from Clay County Lumber for 5 replacement windows for the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$1,699.59. This would replace 5 old wooden windows that are in bad shape. This price is for the windows only. The Board granted permission to order the 5 new windows for the Law Enforcement Center and it will be paid for out of the County General Fund.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to report that he had been in contact with Marvin Planning Consultant to find out the status of the Clay County Comprehensive Plan and as to when it would be final. It was Mr. Mesalles understanding last year that the Zoning Board would need to review the plan and give approval. They are now looking at a November of 2022 time frame for the Zoning Board to review and then a final approval from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Mesalles provide quotes for the purchase of a new filing cabinet for the Personal Property Department as follows:

Central Office Service and Supply - \$459.00

Quill.com - \$556.99

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Central Office Service and Supply for the purchase of a filing cabinet in the amount of \$459.00. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to give an update on the delinquent Real Estate that will be eligible for a Delinquent Tax Sale. Currently there are 67 parcels that are eligible for a Tax Sale for the year 2017 and prior. The total dollar amount of delinquent taxes due in Clay County is

\$427,000 plus \$191,000 for penalties and fees. Ms. Swaim reported that for the tax year 2020, Clay County has a 1.18% delinquency rate on all tax types and for the tax year 2021 there is a 1.02% delinquency rate for all tax types. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to proceed with the process of a delinquent tax sale with properties from 2017 and prior. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of two steering tires and alignment for the roll off truck. The Board granted permission for the purchase of two steering tires and the alignment on the roll off truck. Ms. Carroll reported that KDHE was out for a visit to the Landfill and they were not pleased that the flow meter has never been replaced on the Leachate Pond. Griggs Electric has one on order but has not been able to get one in. Then they discovered that the pump for the pond is not working also. KDHE stated that the Leachate water is not being regulated and that they need to find someone to fix the meter and the pump. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to find someone to order the flow meter from and to get the pump fixed. These issues need to be resolved in a timely manner.

The Board granted permission to Eric Davis to use the Courthouse Square on September 23, 2022 for Clay Center Cruise Night.

Durwin Mall, Ram Exterminators, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of taking bids for pest control spraying in County Facilities. Mr. Mall stated that he provides service to part of the Departments and would like to do this for all of the Departments since he is a locally owned business within the County. The Board stated that they would look into this concern and would get back with Mr. Mall at a later date.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
September 12, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas