

September 12, 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.

The Board received a Proclamation from Pawnee Mental Health Services declaring the Month of September as Recovery Month in Clay County and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recognize the importance of recovery, and to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use and mental disorders and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to proclaim the month of September as recovery month in Clay County. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the County Clerk's Office to attend a District Meeting in Marion, Kansas.

The Board signed a letter of support for Grow Clay County to apply for a Rural Champion Grant to help aid in finding solutions to our county's child care programs.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, mowed roadsides, hauled rip rap, installed several pipes in different locations, placed a tank car on Meadowlark Rd. between 15th Rd. & 16th Rd., hauled scraper to 27th Rd. between Thunder Rd. & Utah Rd. to do ditch work, hauled rock, placed asphalt on the approaches of the Clifton bridge. The track loader is in the shop for repairs in Concordia for fuel system problems. The Board signed two Event Approvals for an employee to attend two conferences in Overland Park and St. Joseph, Missouri. APAC will return later this week to finish the process laying the asphalt for this year.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that they are at 784 emergency runs for 2022 compared to 653 emergency runs in 2021. The Department continues to stay busy. The Department is currently fully staffed but continues to take applications for PRN employees that are always needed. Mr. Cramer presented the results of taking bids for the purchase of a remount ambulance. American Response Vehicle responded with an answer saying that they are not able to provide a bid as requested. So Osage Emergency Services will be the only bid to be presented to the Board as follows: 2024 Osage Type III Ambulance Remount (J2336) on a 2024 Ford E450 chassis with a possible delivery in the first quarter of 2024 depending on the chassis delivery date in the amount of \$184,582.67. This will be paid for out of the 2024 Budget Capital Outlay line. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to order the 2024 remount ambulance from Osage Emergency Services in the amount of \$184,582.67 to be paid for out of the 2024 EMS Budget. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a meeting in Manhattan, Kansas.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that they had held their first Command Staff Meeting last week since the COVID pandemic. The group went over the After-Action Report on the Active Shooter Drills that were held in several schools. There are

always good ideas that come out of these meetings and can be implemented to the plans that can benefit everyone. Ms. Kemp asked that the laptop computer bid with Central Office Service & Supply be amended by \$115 to provide full warranty for three years. The Board granted permission to amend the Central Office Service & Supply bid for an additional \$115.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that in the last 30 days, Clay County has had a 40% COVID positivity rate. They will be receiving the booster that has the BA4 and BA5 strain in it this week. The County Car that the Health Department uses needs the back window to be worked on. It will not stay up and falls down inside the door. The Board granted permission to have this issue fixed. Ms. Rickley reported that McGee Roofing has looked at the guttering and the downspouts and will schedule a date to make the repairs. Ms. Rickley stated that they are working on a grant application that is called Visiting Nurse Program for pregnant mothers and newborn babies through the Children Trust Program. This would be a great program to be able to offer in our County.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that one of their patrol units is in the shop at Glavan Ford for repairs. The mileage on several of the patrol units were reviewed.

Jake Young met with the Board to ask permission to use the Fairgrounds for the 3rd Annual Ian Roetman Memorial Ball Tournament and Fall Bash on October 1st, 2022 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Mr. Young also asked permission to have Scanolli's manage a beer garden at the tournament. Mr. Young stated that everything will be the same as last year and there will be fencing placed to make the area contained. It will be a fun filled day with several teams signed up to play ball and cornhole. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow the use of the Clay County Fairgrounds and a beer garden at the 3rd Annual Ian Roetman Memorial Ball Tournament. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jeanna Fancella, Wreaths Across America, met with the Board to give a report on last year's event. This year was the 6th year that they have placed wreaths on Veterans graves at Greenwood Cemetery. In 2021 they placed 1,200 wreaths on Veterans graves. At this time there are approximately 1208 Veterans in the Greenwood Cemetery. They would really like to place a wreath on every Veterans grave. Last year the County purchased 70 wreaths and the company donates one wreath for every two that is purchased to they actually received 105 wreaths for the amount that was donated. Ms. Fancella thanked the Board for support this event. Ms. Fancella invited the Board to join in the ceremony of the wreath placement if they would like to participate. This is always done the weekend before Christmas and are called a Remembrance Wreath that is placed on every Veterans grave. Ms. Fancella also stated that the Wreath Across America's mobile exhibit will be in Clay Center on October 24th, 2022 and will be parked on the north side of Twin Valley Telephone on the street for individual to tour. This is a great way to learn about the great program Stem to Stone that this company offers. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate funds for the purchase of 70 wreaths in the amount of \$1,050 again this year. Which will be a donation of 105 wreaths. This is to be paid for out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Attorney-Client Privilege Exception for 10 minutes beginning at 11:38 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is pending litigation matters. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to appoint Commissioner Mayo as the Representative for Clay County and authorize signature on a document.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to update them on the Leachate Pond. Ms. Carroll said that she has been in contact with Booh Flame and they will be here on September 26th to install the new flow meter and a new pump in the pond. Ms. Carroll has requested an estimate on the cost to do this job. The Board instructed her to move forward with the installation, it needs to be completed. Ms. Carroll presented the Board with a repair estimate from Berry Tractor on the fork lift. The manifold gasket needs to be replaced and Berry Tractor is recommended the purchase of 4 new solid tires. Ms. Carroll provided pictures of the old tires. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to have Berry Tractor do the repairs and to purchase 4 new solid tires for a total of \$2,175.57. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll informed the Board that she is still waiting on the quote for the crawler repairs and will bring it to them next week. Commissioner Carlson instructed Ms. Carroll that she needs to get the propane bids and to get a price locked in for the winter.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
September 19, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas