

September 13, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to pay Vathauer Catering \$420.00 for meals for the Commissioner Regional Meeting that was held on September 7, 2021. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and it passed unanimously. This is to be taken out of County General. The Board would also like to thank Kayla Wang, County Clerk, for her help and hard work getting this meeting setup.

The Board reviewed 2 bids for mowers from Bruna Implement Company for the Clay County Park. They are as follows:

2022 Grasshopper with 72" deck- \$26,550  
Trade-in- \$12,000  
\$14,550

2022 Grasshopper with 72" deck- \$26,550  
Trade-in- \$11,600  
\$14,950

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept both bids from Bruna Implement. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board. Ken Shivers and Daton Hess join the meeting to discuss Fall Cleanup for the City of Clay Center. The City of Clay Center is short staffed and is in need of 2 CDL drivers to help with the cleanup. The Board agreed to lend a hand and they will have 2 employees with CDL's to help with this process at no cost to the City of Clay Center. Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, also stated that she could send one of her employees if they need an extra driver. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion that the city will pay for the first \$5,000 of the landfill fees and the county will take care of the rest. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper informed the board of the projects that the department has been working on this past week. He also informed the Board that Husker Steel priced the 38 foot bridge on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd in the amount of \$201,029 and Norfolk's part would be \$24,900. If they have any other fees that could be another \$50,000. They will also be reviewing quotes on concrete boxes next week.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give his weekly update. Medic 3 is at Briggs getting worked on. Mr. Cramer reported that they are up 104 runs from last year at this time. Mr. Cramer presented an invoice in the amount of \$8,060.10 from McGee Roofing for repairing the roof at the EMS department. This is to come out of the General Fund.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, Health Department Director, met with the Board to give the weekly COVID-19 pandemic update. We currently have 69 active and are following 145 individuals. Ms. Rickley informed the Board that the TV at the Health Department is having problems and it is an older tv. The Board gave her permission to purchase a new one.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give his weekly report. Mr. Benninga requested that an employee from the Sheriff's Department attend an online Corrections training in the amount of \$125. The Board agreed that this would be a good training.

Natalie Muruato, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to go over a new NRP plan. Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, joined the meeting. The Board discussed the changes that they thought would be beneficial and Ms. Muruato will make the changes and be back with the final draft next week to be approved.

The Board accepted the official request from Dr. Susan Speaks, District Coroner, for Dr. Eric S. Anderson to serve as a Clay County Coroner effective immediate.

Brandon Gibson with Spangenberg, Phillips, Tice Architecture and Mike Argo, Fair Board President, met with the Board to discuss the Fairgrounds Building. Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, also joined the meeting. After much discussion on this project Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to hire Brandon Gibson with Spangenberg, Phillips, Tice Architecture to help with this project and Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Shelby Crimmins, Deputy  
September 20, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas