

September 26, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 7:50 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

Austin Burr, Lincoln Creek 4-H Ambassador, Reece Geer, Washington Headliners 4-H Ambassador, Chayla Maichel, Lincoln Creek 4-H Ambassador, Sierra Stewart, Washington Headliners 4-H Ambassador, Judy Stitt, 4-H Ambassador Advisor, and Melissa Baxter, River Valley Extension District 4-H Program Manager, met with the Board to present the proclamation declaring National 4-H Week as October 2-8, 2022 throughout Clay County. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country. Whereas, 4-H has helped 137 youth in Clay County, Kansas to become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the Proclamation for October 2-8, 2022 as National 4-H Week in Clay County. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Each Ambassador gave a report to the Board on the division that they are involved in within each of their clubs. Ms. Stitt thanked the Board for all of the support that they provide to the 4-H Clubs in Clay County.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he has met with Christine Swaim, County Treasurer about the delinquent tax sale. Mr. Mason stated that the delinquent tax letters will be sent out soon to the property owners.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week they bladed roads, mowed roadsides, hauled rock, installed a pipe on Frontier Rd. between 7<sup>th</sup> Rd. and 8<sup>th</sup> Rd., had all blades out going over all of the roads, and did maintenance on equipment in the shop. A bid was received on a different crack sealer in the amount of \$77,523 from CRAFCO, Inc. and is designed as the County had requested. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to rescind the decision to purchase the crack sealer from McConnell & Associates in the amount of \$77,176 as merchandise was not available as ordered. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the crack sealer from CRAFCO in the amount of \$77,523. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper stated that he is needing to order motor grader tires and had received a bid from Kansasland Tire for 12 tires in the amount of \$13,126.20. After reviewing the bid, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase 12 grader tires from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$13,126.20. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department was kept busy this past week and weekend with emergency runs, out of town transfers, and standbys. On Saturday they had a booth set up at Piotique and had lots of people stop by to look at the equipment. The Department will be participating in the Active Shooter Drill at the Wakefield School today at 12:30 p.m.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp stated that she will be attending the Homeland Security Meeting this week. Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, joined the meeting. Mr. Knoettgen presented a picture of a window at ESA that needs to be replaced. A

quote was received from Clay County Lumber with two different styles of windows. After reviewing the quote, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase two new windows in the amount of \$2,046.72 from Clay County Lumber to be installed at ESA. This is to be paid for out of County General Fund.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported Five Creeks Automotive has fixed the window and serviced the County car. Five Creeks stated that there are a few items that need to have repairs done and the tires are in need of replacement. The Board instructed Ms. Rickley to get the repairs done on the car and to return with bids for the new tires. Clay County currently has 6 positive COVID cases. Ms. Rickley stated that they do have the booster shot for the strain of COVID that is active at this time. Ms. Rickley reported that she will have a vacant position at the end of the year in the In-Home Services Department and would like to advertise for it now. The Board granted permission to advertise for this position.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that they will be having the Active Shooter Drill in the school at Wakefield today. Sheriff Benninga stated that Maintenance has completed the new siding and work on the front of the Law Enforcement Building. It was in worse shape than they thought and need to be repaired.

Jerry Orr, J & J Sales, met with the Board to report that the new shades have been installed at ESA and in the Courtroom. The incorrect length of wires was sent for the solar chargers on the blinds in the Courtroom, so they have ordered the correct ones and will install them when they arrive. Mr. Orr also stated that he feels that the new shades in the Courtroom have helped with the lighting and the sound and would encourage them to consider placing the same blinds on the three windows on the south wall. Mr. Orr asked the Board to go up and view the new blinds that have been placed in the Courtroom. The Board went to view the Courtroom. After returning Mr. Orr presented a quote on the cost of blinds on the last three windows in the amount of \$2,650. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the blinds for the last three windows in the Courtroom in the amount of \$2,650 to be paid for out of Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the repairs on the crawler. Ms. Carroll reported to the Board that Foley Equipment has sent her another quote for added repairs and an additional amount of \$35,418.99. The total amount of all four quotes received is \$89,867.77 for repairs made on the crawler. The Board made a conference call to Ryan Standley with Foley Equipment to discuss the four quotes that has been received. Mr. Standley stated that with this old of a piece of equipment there are a lot of repairs that can not be seen until it is all torn apart. There were a lot of original parts that were still on the crawler that now needs to be replaced. For the total cost of the repairs, they need to add all four quotes together for a total cost of \$89,867.77. There will be a one-year warranty on the workmanship, parts and labor. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to move forward with the repairs on the Landfill crawler in the amount of \$89,867.77 to be paid for out of the Solid Waste Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll requested a donation of 2 hours out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool for an employee of the Landfill Department that has not been employed long enough to receive accumulated leave time.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate 2 hours out of the sick leave pool to an employee at the Landfill Department. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
October 3, 2022  
Clay Center, Kansas