

October 11, 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.

Lori Neumayer met with the Board to discuss the Clay County Park and the Manager Chuck Arnold. Ms. Neumayer stated that she is still having issues with Mr. Arnold and feels that he is rude and tries to intimidate her on different issues. There have been other campers that have had issues with Mr. Arnold and his wife, but they will not complain to the Board because they have been threatened that they will not be able to camp in the park next season. Ms. Neumayer also stated that she has had trouble with the pedestal and the amp burning out. She has reported this to Mr. Arnold but it has not been fixed and they are unable to use their camper. Commissioner Thurlow stated that the Board will discuss these issues with Mr. Arnold.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 8:20 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 employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Mr. Mason reported that the roads that are leased to Kansas Department and Wildlife around the lake are not being maintained and are in bad shape. They will eventually have to be closed for they will be unsafe to travel on. Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, stated that the roads or the bridges are not being maintained on the property that KDWPT leases from the Corp of Engineers.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Commissioner Mayo discussed the new multi-use building at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Shomper was informed that he would be able to start dirt work soon. Mr. Shomper reported that last week the Department bladed roads, patched asphalt roads, mowed roadsides, and had a 5-member crew sealing cracks on asphalt roads in different areas of the County. Commissioner Carlson informed Mr. Shomper that the people in the southern part of the County are very pleased with the laying of the asphalt and the crack sealing that has been done. Mr. Shomper stated that he is looking into purchasing a couple of sets of headsets to use with the crack sealer crew to help with communication between the truck and the person having to handle the sealing hose. The Board agreed that they would be good to have to handle the communication for the project. The Board granted permission for the purchase of 3 pallets of blocks of crack sealing material from CRAFTCO in the amount of \$4,914. APAC has completed the asphalt laying for this year. They will need to return for a couple of repair jobs. The center and side line painting crew will be here in two weeks to paint all 20 miles of the new asphalt roads.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 886 emergency runs so far this year compared to 725 emergency runs in 2021. The upcoming EMT Class that is starting later this month will have 10 students in it at this time. The inspection that was done by the Board of EMS went well. They received one small violation and it was corrected during the

inspection. Mr. Cramer received the invoice from J.R. Behan, National Registry Representative that will be out to do the AEMT testing. The testing will be done on December 12, 2022 and Mr. Behan's fee will be \$365.62.

Mark Wendelken, Wakefield Fire, met with the Board to discuss the need of having a generator placed at the Fire Station in Wakefield. The City of Wakefield has voted for the placement of the generator at a city meeting. Most of the work will be done by volunteers to prepare for the generator. The estimate received from Holte Electric was in the amount of \$8,300 for the cost of the generator. Mr. Wendelken asked if the County would be willing to pay for part of the cost since the rescue squad is housed in one of the bays. The Board stated that they would be willing to pay one third of the costs along with the City of Wakefield and the Wakefield Rural Fire each paying one third. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to pay \$2,764 to the City of Wakefield out of the County General Fund for the purchase of a generator to be placed at the Wakefield Fire Station. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley asked permission from the Board for the County Health Department to have an Exterminator come and spray inside and outside to prepare for the winter months. The Board informed Ms. Rickley to call the local Exterminators and get quotes and then go with the lowest priced one and provide them with the quotes at next week's meeting. Ms. Rickley informed the Board that the office chairs that they purchased two years ago are not comfortable to sit in all day and she would like to replace them with chairs that have lumbar and support. The Board asked Ms. Rickley to contact Central Office Service & Supply about different kinds of chairs and possibly trying out the chair before purchasing them. Fulltime and parttime benefits for the County were discussed. Currently there are 5 documented positive cases of COVID in Clay County. With the State this considers Clay County to be low transmission status at this time.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the UHF Radio Repeater on 24th Rd. has been having issues. This repeater is over 30 years old. A quote from Homman Electronics was received for the purchase of a repeater, power supply, and a battery backup in the amount of \$4,713. This expense can be paid for out of the 911 Funds. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase a new repeater, power supply and a battery back up from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$4,713 to be paid for out of 911 Funds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. An email was received from Jessie Hubbard with Riley County Corrections concerning the funding for Parent Project class that Clay County have given Riley County Corrections in December of 2019. From December 2019 to March 2020, they had used all but \$1,021.11 of the funding. When COVIDb hit all classes were suspended. When Classes resumed, they were able to secure additional funding to cover all the necessary costs associated with this program. Therefore, they still have \$1,021.11 in unexpended funds. They are asking to reallocate the funds and use for random drug tests on our adult probationers. If possible, they would like to use the remaining funds to pay for these tests. The Board of Commissioner granted Riley County Corrections permission to use the remaining funds for the random drug tests on adult probationers.

The Board granted a two-week extension on an employee's FMLA status update paperwork that a Physician needs to fill out. The report is now due on October 24, 2022.

Natalie Muruato, Director Grow Clay County, met with the Board to give an Economic Development update. Ms. Muruato reported on several grants that she has applied for and on some that she has been awarded. They have provided funding assistance to 4 new Childcare Providers Relief Grant applications. The Growing Rural Business Training class has 21 individuals attending. They have attended 4 meetings so far and have more to do. This number of individuals attending is really good to see. They will go away with a lot of good information that will help all of them in the future. Ms. Muruato submitted the Rural Champion and SEED grant application. This is a grant that the Cities within the County could address what they need to promote their towns. If the Grant is awarded, each of the towns that applied will get a portion of the funds. The city continues to work on the walking trails. This will be a great asset for people to use. The new website is in the process of being built and the Marketing Plan is in the final draft. The billboard on I-70 is up and the work will begin next week on the billboard located at the Riley corner. Ms. Muruato reported that she has met and has provided information to several organizations and attend several trainings. Grow Clay County continues to provide several types of services to the community and have many exciting things happening at this time.

The Board adjourned at: 12:15 p.m.

Jerry Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
October 17, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas