

October 17, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:15 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$192,431.80 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$115,543.53 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

A letter of support for Big Lakes Developmental Center was signed by the Board for a KDOT application on a \$10,000 operating grant for Transportation Assistance and a replacement accessible bus. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign the Agreement of Services between Clay County and Big Lakes Developmental Center for 1 year commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason 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 5 minutes beginning at 8:37 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 8:42 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has been busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate 46 hours out of the sick leave pool to an employee at the EMS Department. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp reported that she has not heard of an estimated date for the cybersecurity test that Homeland Security will be providing our County. She will look into this and see if they have set the date yet. Ms. Kemp is hosting a training for the City and Rural Fire Departments called Incident Command for Rapidly Expanding Wildfires this week. The instructor will be Eric Ward with Kansas Forest Service Excess Property Manager/Fire Planning Specialist.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that there are 4 reported active cases of COVID in Clay County. The County Health Department is holding a Health Fair all week and two additional days next week. Ms. Rickley stated that she had received confirmation that Dale Quigley, Deputy Coordinator for National Marijuana Initiative will be a guest speaker here in January for Clay County. He is responsible for providing information on the science, prevention, and education on issues surrounding marijuana. Ms. Rickley introduced Helena, a Nursing student that is working towards her BSN in nursing. She is getting her Public Health hours through the Clay County Health Department.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the Department has been working on training. The Deputies are ahead of schedule on the 40 hours of training that is required annually. The radars that are in the patrol units were all certified last week.

Taylor Mall, Marketing/Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on the Travel & Tourism. Ms. Mall reported that she had attended the Tourism Council meeting. They are trying to get information on things to do in Clay County. The Murals are bringing individuals to town to view. The billboard on I-70 has been completed and the one on Hwy 77 has been rebuilt and they are waiting for the wrap to finish it.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to present a Residential NRP application for approval. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the Residential NRP Application. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Chairman signed the application. Vacated roads and easements were reviewed.

Adam Crowl and Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction, Brandon Gibson, SPT Architects, Mike Argo and Brian Girrens, Fair Board, met with the Board to discuss the new multi-use building that is being built at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Crowl handed out detailed construction plans for this project. Mr. Crowl went through the plans page by page to review with the Board the process of the bids and the construction process. The estimated delivery time on the metal building is the end of January. Mr. Argo stated that they have rented the current 4-H Conference Center to individuals for the Holidays and with having to shut off the gas service for the construction of the new building, they are needing to know what to tell the people that have rented the facility. After much discussion, Mr. Crowl stated that the County will need to communicate with Kansas Gas to find out the time frame that the service will be shut off at the Conference Center. The Board decided to change the service to propane for the short period of time and to allow the people to rent the Conference Center.

The Board adjourned at: 1:25 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
October 24, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas