

October 18, 2021

Kerri Spielman, Clay Center BPW President, Dana Rickley, Judy Stitt, LewAnn Schneider, Leanna Grater, and Kayla Wang, BPW Members had coffee with the Board of Commissioners in observation of National Business Women's Week that is held October 17-23, 2021. Ms. Schneider provided a report on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BPW Car Show that had 143 entries and thanked the Commissioners for the donation and the support that they have showed the organization for the last 10 years. Ms. Spielman reported on events that BPW will be hosting this week and invited them to attend the monthly meeting that will be held on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$183,698.81 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$24,643. 25 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign the Proclamation claiming October 17-23, 2021 as National Business Women's Week. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This event is sponsored by Business and Professional Women/Kansas and encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic, and cultural purposes.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason presented a copy of the complete Neighborhood Revitalization Plan that will need to be adopted at the hearing on October 25, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. A copy will be available in the County Clerk's Office for review. Mr. Mason provided a draft copy of the letter that he will be sending to the Indigent Attorney's stating the proposed terms that they Board of Commissioners have agreed to. Also Mr. Mason is working on a contract between Clay County Sheriff's Department and the Cloud County Sheriff's Department on the housing of prisoners in Clay County.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, hauled rock, replace pipes, removed trees and cleaned ditches, mowed roadsides with both tractors, patched holes on asphalt roads, removed a beaver dam and picked up 1,000 gallons of used oil. They have discovered two bridges that are in need of repair, one on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Valleyview Rd and Countyline Rd. The back walls are falling in on this bridge. And one on Prairie Rd. between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Rd. Mr. Shomper would like to replace these two bridges with tank cars. He has contacted Railroad Yard and they have two available that are 9'x64' for \$20,865 each for a total of \$41,730. They would be delivered to the bridge site or to the County Highway Department. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the two tank cars from the Railroad Yard in the amount of \$41,730. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer discussed staffing and has received a resignation of an employee. Currently he has an employee that is a PRN and

would like to come back full time. The Board granted permission to hire the PRN back to full time and to start the pay at a Step 2 since they were still an PRN employee.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that there are currently 25 positive cases in Clay County. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay Counts sponsors the 5<sup>th</sup> quarter activity after a home football game and at the last one that was held downtown, they had 143 kids attend. They were very pleased with the attendance and this gives the kids something to do in town. Ms. Kemp stated that the Elected Officials and Department Heads have been invited to Dickinson County to participate in a Table Top Exercise. This is an exercise to use the participants current policies and procedures to prepare for a disaster in their own County. Ms. Kemp stated that she would like to have as many attend this as possible. Ms. Kemp reported that she has been appointed to the North Central Regional Legislative Committee for this year.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that Brad Homman Electronic has been up and installed additional security equipment at the Law Enforcement Center. A bid on 4 replacement tires was received as follows: Kansasland Tire and Service – Workhorse AT Goodyear - \$814.28. This was the only bid that was received for this purchase. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the 4 replacement tires from Kansasland Tire in the amount of \$814.28 Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Benninga stated that he has been working with the County Attorney on the Prisoner Contract with Cloud County.

Jeanna Fancella, Wreaths Across America, met with the Board to give a report on last years event. Last year was the 5<sup>th</sup> year that they have placed wreaths on Veterans graves at Greenwood Cemetery. In 2020 they placed 1,085 wreaths so that every Veteran in the Cemetery received a wreath. We have lost several more Veterans and will need an approximately 1,100 wreaths for this year. 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 and invited them to participate in the placing of the wreaths on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. This is always done the weekend before Christmas and they are called a Remembrance Wreath is placed on every Veterans grave. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate funds for the purchase of 70 wreaths in the amount of \$1,050 again this year. This is to be paid for out of the Parks and Recreation Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the placement of an employment ad in the Dispatch to fill a vacant position at the Landfill. The Board granted permission to place the ad in the newspaper and on KCLY Radio.

The Board visited with Dave Jermark by phone about a pipe that needs to be fixed or replaced on Prairie Rd. approximately ¼ north of his residence. When it rains the water washes across the road. Mr. Jermark stated that he has talked to Commissioner Thurlow and the Highway Department came out and dug around the pipe but have never been back to replace it.

The Board approve a proposal received from Network's Plus for the renewal software of WatchGuard DNSWatchGO (12) in the amount of \$344.28.

Jake Young and Taylor Mall, met with the Board to ask permission to use the end of the sidewalk on the westside of the Courthouse for the Miles for Murals 5K fun run on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. They would like to place a small stage at the end of the sidewalk to use for the announcement of the raffle items that have been donated for the event. They are coordinating this Shop Small Saturday hoping that this will help bring people out for all events going on. The Board stated that it is fine with them to place the stage at the end of the sidewalk, but they will need to talk to the Christmas Tree Festival people to make arrangements for this event.

The Board reviewed the 2022 County Holidays. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the list of 2022 County Holidays. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
October 25, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas