

November 14, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$196,706.78 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the renewal contract between Clay County and Pawnee Mental Health for the year 2023. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign the contract for services provided by Pawnee Mental Health for the 2023 year. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BHS Construction, contacted the Board with a change that will need to be made with the current sewer line for the new building at the Fairgrounds. Due to the connection point, there will be some added cost of labor and materials to run the extra distance. This will be paid for out of the building contingency fund. The Board of Commissioners approved the change requested on the sewer line and to move forward with the project.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason discussed the process of opening or closing of a County Road. Mr. Mason asked Kayla Wang, County Clerk/Election Official if there were any issues with the General Election in Clay County. Ms. Wang stated that everything went well with the Election.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides along with widening certain areas, hauled rock, helped removed the boat dock at the Clay County Park, cleaned the crack sealing machine so that it is ready to return. Mike Crawford joined the meeting. Mr. Crawford discussed the incident that happened in the shop and how they were doing just as they had been trained 15 plus years ago. Commissioner Mayo stated that they will support Mr. Shomper with the drafting of different safety trainings and policies to put into place at the Highway Department. Mr. Shomper presented the quotes to purchase first aid kits as follows:

Matheson - \$38.74 each Would need at least 25 kits for vehicles and graders
Along with 3 additional kits, one for each floor of the Courthouse
Uline - \$24.00 each for vehicles and graders (temporarily unavailable)
Matheson - \$255.03 each x 4 to be placed at different locations within the shop
Uline - \$270.00 each x 4 to be placed at different locations within the shop

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to spend up to \$2,500 on first aid kits from Matheson. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to stay extremely busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. They are currently at 1,003 emergency runs so far in 2022 compared to 820 runs at the same time in 2021. The three AEMT students all passed their tests that were taken on Saturday. Mr. Cramer reported that Medic 5 was on their way home from Wichita when they blew both dual tires on the passenger rear. They ended up having the unit towed to Hillsboro where they purchased tires from Rod's Tire Service in the amount of \$302.50 and the towing of 21 miles at the cost of \$385.96.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer, EMS Director thanked Ms. Rickley for allowing the AEMT students to attend the outlying clinics with one of the nurses to help give the shots for training. There are currently 7 cases of positive COVID reported in Clay County. Ms. Rickley reported that in the month of October, County Health had 809 individuals visit the Health Department. Within those visits there were 344 Flu Shots and 233 COVID Vaccines given. The In-Home Services provides an estimated 2,000 visits quarterly to individuals. The Board granted permission for County Health to purchase a water dispenser and to have Longford Water deliver the water to use in the dispenser.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that on Friday night they had several City and County Officers participate in the CCCHS Football Team escort to the stadium. Also, Sheriff Benninga participated in the Clifton Veterans Parade that was held on Friday.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to review both the Residential and the Commercial NRP Plans. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Mesalles about the zoning of home-based businesses. Mr. Mesalles stated that it is really hard to find all of the businesses that are done within the homes. If the business is in a separate building, they are likely to rezone that building as Commercial.

The Board reviewed the After Car Show Event Evaluation report that was provided. The report stated that 72% of the respondents of the survey stated that they would not have come to Clay Center without the car show, five attendees rented motel rooms, six stayed with friends, 25% ate in a Clay Center restaurant, 27% purchased an item in a store, 62% purchased fuel, 42% purchased an item from a vendor, and 50% purchased an item from a food concession. This was the 12th Annual Car Show and the most successful to date. The funds will be utilized for scholarships for high school seniors and students pursuing a higher education. BPW/Clay Center provided \$9,800 in scholarships to area students in June of 2022 and the Kansas BPW Educational Foundation, Inc awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to Clay Center area students. BPW/ Clay Center would like to thank the Clay County Commissioners for supporting our community outreach with the donations they have given to the BPW Car Show.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
November 21, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas