

January 6, 2020

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. Ryan Wilson, Clay Center Dispatch, started the Live Stream on Facebook at 8:30 a.m.

Jeff Germann, Interim Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department treated bridges on Sunday, bladed roads, hauled rock, and mixed salt and sand. Hauled more sand to finish mixing with the salt that they had in storage. Mike Carney joined the meeting to discuss the old stone culvert that has fell in with the flood damage. Mr. Germann stated that he has been in contact with the Rail Yard in Oklahoma to discuss what they could use to replace this culvert. The Rail Yard stated that they have a half moon shaped culvert with a metal floor that could be used for this and they could make it any length that the County would need. The Board asked Mr. Germann to get a quote on the cost of replacing this culvert with a half moon culvert and they will review the quote when received. The Board instructed Mr. Germann to keep track of all the hours that the Highway Department puts in at the Clay County Park helping with cleanup and with the culvert for FEMA records.

The Board of Commissioner's signed documentation approving the Clay County 2019 Departmental Inventories.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board for the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department made 901 emergency runs in the 2019 year and continue to keep busy. When the new ambulance was ordered, he had forgotten that Unit 5 was equipped with an evacuation chair and not a stair chair. The plans were to just transfer the chair over to the new unit but the evacuation chair will not fit in the designed area of the new unit. Sometime between now and May when the new ambulance is to be delivered, they will need to purchase an additional stair chair in the amount of \$3,500. Permission was granted for the purchase of an additional chair. The Board granted permission to pay the 2020 KEMSA Membership dues in the amount of \$465. Mr. Cramer reported that they will be teaching an EMT Class starting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. So far, they have had 7 individuals signed up to take the EMT Class.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park, met with the Board to present the estimate from Bloom Construction to square off the build with a small addition that a bathroom and a sink would be added to the shop. The estimate was in the amount of \$8,500 for labor, equipment, material to pour concrete slab, with stubbed water and sewer then build roof and walls butted against northside of shop and west side of office. This is a 12'x20' addition including pier footings at the corners. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the estimate from Bloom Construction to add a 12'x20' addition to the Park Shop. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carney reported that there was an issue discovered last week when he was discussing the color of the tin to be placed on the roof with Bloom Construction. Mr. Bloom stated that they were not replacing the roof for it was not in the insurance specs that they went off of for their first estimate. Mr. Carney is concerned that the insulation that is under the roof is contaminated from the flood water. Commissioner Thurlow asked why it would be contaminated when the water did not get that high. Mr. Carney stated that the insulation is like a wick that has absorbed moisture from the flood water sitting in the shop. The Board decided to call

Kcamp Insurance to discuss the claim that the County had filed on the building. Commissioner Mayo placed the call to James Gambrell, Kcamp Sr. Claims Representative. Mr. Gambrell asked to go into Executive Session to discuss this claim. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Confidential Data Exception for 10 minutes beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Mike Carney, Park Manager, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is insurance claim. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board and Mr. Carney contacted Mr. Bloom with Bloom Construction by phone and asked if it would be possible to cut out the current batted insulation from the roof and replace it with the spray insulation. Mr. Bloom thought that it would be possible and that he would get a cost estimate for the additional work that is being requested for Bloom Construction to provide. The Board will review the estimate next week.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give an update on the 2020 Ag Values for Clay County. Mr. Mesalles reminded the Board that the values are all established by the State of Kansas for each County. The non-irrigated land in 2019 increased by 7 to 8 percent and in 2020 the increase will be 4 to 5 percent. The irrigated land in 2019 increased by 3 to 4 percent and in 2020 the increase will be 2 percent. Grassland in 2019 increased by 7 to 8 percent and in 2020 the increase will be 19 to 20 percent. This is not good for the taxpayers that have pasture land. The State works with K-State in collecting the data from a survey that is sent out to 11 Counties in a North Central Reporting District. Mr. Mesalles also reported that the Personal Property Worksheets have been sent out last week.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for two employees of the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Hutchinson, Kansas. Sheriff Dunn made the announcement that he has decided not to run for another term of office. The Board thanked Sheriff Dunn for all of the years of service that he has provided to the citizens of Clay County.

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to do a Department Tour at the Clay County Landfill. The Board reconvened at 11:18 a.m. at the Landfill. The Commissioners drove around the Landfill to view the grounds and the new Leachate Pond and then went inside to view the recycling center, HHW room, and visited with a few of the recycling employees. The Board adjourned at the Landfill at 11:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m. for the regular meeting at the Courthouse.

Ashley Pfizenmaier, Morganville Ball Association, met with the Board to report an estimated cost on the items that the Association is wanting to fix at the City of Morganville ballfields. Ms. Pfizenmaier reported that they have ten 60' poles that need replacing at a cost of \$20,000, lighting fixtures in the amount of \$7,000, replace the fencing in the amount of \$6,000, and additional bleachers in the amount of \$5,000 for a total of \$38,000. This will be completed over several years. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$10,000 out of the Parks and Recreation line under the General Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give a Department update. The Board discussed the amount of recycling that is received everyday and what the plans are for getting the building

cleaned out. They informed Ms. Carroll to find a company to take the bales of recycling even if the County has to give it to them if they will pick it up. This is very overwhelming for all employees to work in every day. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Carroll be granted permission to place an ad to hire an additional full time with benefits recycling employee for the Landfill. Permission was granted to put out for propane bids that will be opened next week. The Board also instructed Ms. Carroll to move forward on an employee obtaining their CDL License.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Management, met with the Board to give the After-Action/Improvement Plan Report on the Ice Storm Table Top Exercise that was held in December at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Several other trainings and exercises have been completed. The Board signed six Event Approvals for Ms. Kemp to attend trainings and meetings in several locations in the year 2020. The Weather Spotter's Training is set for February 27, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Clay Center. The funds for the 2019 Emergency Management Grant has been approved in the amount of \$16,584.

The Board adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
January 13, 2020  
Clay Center, Kansas