

January 9, 2023

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to nominate Commissioner Thurlow as the Chairman and Commissioner Carlson as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2023. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow read the partial list of businesses for the annual meeting. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign the partial list of businesses for the Commissioners annual meeting which is used for the reorganization of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01 setting the salaries of the Elected Officials for the 2023 year. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02 setting the reimbursement of mileage at .56 per mile actually incurred in the performance of such duties by such official or employee effective January 1, 2023. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03 setting the financial statements and the financial reports of the County of Clay to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll in the amount of \$218,129.07 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$185,786.51 for the budget year 2022 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$286,667.32 for the budget year 2023 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reported that there were more criminal cases and more child in need of care cases filed in 2022 than in 2021. Mental illness is a huge issue in today's times. But it's an issue everywhere.

Abatements 2022A09 thru 2022A13 in the amount of \$1,041.36 were reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board approved a payment to BHS Construction for the metal building in the amount of \$130,014.13.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, met with the Board to ask permission to run an employment ad in the newspaper and on KCLY Radio. The Clerk's Office is looking for applicants to fill the Payroll/Accounts

Payable/Human Resources position and the Administrative Assistant/Election Clerk position. The Board granted permission to run the employment ads.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Adam Hlad, Bruckner's Truck & Equipment was also present for the meeting. Mr. Hlad provided documents to the Board on the cost of leasing 4 dump trucks and 2 semi's for 4 years and then either buying them or trading them in for new units to lease for another 4 years and a document with the cost of purchasing all of them outright. The Board discussed both options and asked Mr. Shomper to put out bids to the local banks for interest rates and they will then make a decision. Mr. Shomper asked to correct two bridge project numbers from previous minutes. Project 14C-5163-01 is bridge #4.0-U-5 and this is in the State Bridge Improvement Plan where the State pays 90% and the County will pay 10%. The other correction is Project 14C-5149-01 is bridge #V.0-15.7 this bridge is in the State Bridge Improvement Plan where the State will pay 80% and the County will pay 20%. Also, in the minutes of December 27, 2022, the amount that was transferred from the Township Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund should be \$73,321.82. Mr. Shomper reported that all of the pipes that were ordered from J & J Drainage have been delivered to the yard. Last week the Department spent a lot of time removing trees from under bridges. They worked on two bridges in Athelstane Township, two bridges in Chapman Township, one bridge in Clay Center Township, one bridge in Goshen Township, one bridge in Grant Township, three bridges in Hayes Township, and one bridge in Union Township. They also worked under four bridges that are considered Rural System Bridges. Last week the mechanics inventoried the parts cage and are aware of what parts are on hand. The Board granted permission for the Highway Department to remove a large tree that has fallen at the Shields Cemetery.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that she had met with Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, and that the meeting was very productive and that the Medical Center and County Health will be working closely together to benefit the community. There are 17 reported cases of COVID in Clay County. Clay County will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> with a guest speaker to give a presentation on Marijuana.

Commissioner Mayo expressed his concerns with the County devices possibly having access to the Tik Tok application. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to block access to Tik Tok on all County devices. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Askew, Andrew Askew Construction, LLC, met with the Board to present a proposal for the District Court Office Improvements. Melissa Stellner, District Court Clerk, and Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance were also present. This would include building a wall and the placement of a window to serve the public. This would make it so that unauthorized people could not enter the office. Mr. Askew stated that it will take possible 8 weeks to get some of the supplies. A detailed drawing and proposal were provided to the Board at a total cost of \$53,256.50 for this project. After much discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to proceed with the proposal in the amount \$53,256.50 to be paid for out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that he will be meeting with Fort Riley today to be discussing the possibility of a contract to house prisoners for them at our Law Enforcement Center.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to report that the Zoning Board had met last week to discuss the change of classification from Agriculture to Commercial on a parcel also known as 1510 18<sup>th</sup> Rd. owned by James and Arlyss Vathauer (Vathauer Catering). The Zoning Board voted to make the recommendation to the Board of Commissioner to change the parcel classification from Agriculture to Commercial. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the recommendation made by the Zoning Board to change the classification code from Agriculture to Commercial. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mesalles reported that they have sent out the Personal Property Renditions and that they are due back in the office by March 15, 2023 before a penalty is applied. Mr. Mesalles informed Board that there will be a meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 with the Zoning Board and Marvin Planning to review the draft copy of the Clay County Land Use Plan and he would like to invite the Board to attend also.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
January 17, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas