Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of $689.93 were reviewed and approved by the Board. Ryan Wilson, Clay Center Dispatch, started the Live Stream on Facebook at 8:30 a.m.

The 2019 NRP first half of tax refunds in the amount of $69,037.31 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Jeff Germann, Interim Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department worked on treating roads for the removal of ice, worked on projects in the shop, serviced equipment to prepare for more winter weather. Mr. Germann reported that he called Falls Quarry and had spoken for 6,000 tons of chips to use for this year’s chip sealing project. Mike Carney, Clay County Park, joined the meeting. Mr. Carney reported that he had been in contact with his Corp of Engineer and they have stated that the vaulted toilets will need to be removed or put back in the exact locations that they currently are. After discussion, it was decided that they will remove the vaulted toilets and fill the vaults/tanks in with sand. It was also decided to use the tin off of the roof of the shop building to repair and rebuild as many of the shelters as possible.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk’s Office to attend training in Topeka, Kansas.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that Medic 8 was on an emergency run in the southern part of the County when a deer came out of the ditch and collided with the ambulance. The estimates for repair are as follows:

- Perfection Auto Body Inc. - $1,620.40 (repair the left fender)
- Wilder Auto Body Inc. - $2,531.92 (replace the left fender)

After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with Perfection Auto Body, Inc to repair the 2016 Ambulance. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The EMS Department held a CPR Class with the Wakefield Rural Fire Department and had 28 people attend. This will be good to have this many people that are CPR Certified in that location of the County. There will be an EMT Class starting on February 4, 2020. They currently have 14 people signed up and 6 of those are from the Wakefield area. The E Series monitor is back in service. The corrected cost of the internal battery is $153.01 not $53.01 that was stated in last week’s minutes.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss the moisture in one location in the basement. The Board, Appraiser, and County Clerk went to view the issue in the basement. The Board instructed Mr. Mesalles to continue using the dehumidifier along with the work that the plumber did last week to see if it makes a difference in the next couple of weeks. They will revisit the issue at that time.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to no longer allow sick leave donations to be made between employees, but the County will establish a pool of sick leave hours that will be controlled by the Board
of Commissioners. The employee must use all of their own sick/vacation leave before they will be allowed to make a request before the Board of Commissioners to ask for additional leave out of the pool. This will be effective on January 21, 2020. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Monday the Board will start their Commissioner meet at 1:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk

January 27, 2020

Clay Center, Kansas