

January 23, 2023

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. Payroll in the amount of \$211,609.72 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Accounts payables in the amount of \$158,104.79 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2023A14 in the amount \$859.72 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he had reviewed the draft copy of the revised County Handbook and made a few recommendations on items that will need to be changed before being approved.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, installed a pipe on Utah Rd., tree removal under and around bridges, worked in the shop, and salt & sand roads. On Saturday they deployed units and worked 4 hours removing snow and on Sunday they worked 4 to 5 additional hours opening roads and removing snow. Mr. Shomper presented a spreadsheet for the Board stating that he would like to purchase two dump trucks from Mack Truck and then have Master Tech build the beds. The quote was reviewed as follows:

Mack Truck – \$150,022 per dump truck

Ken Worth - \$279,602 per dump truck

Wet Kit - \$101,474

16 ft Spreader - \$39,961

12 ft Snowplow - \$13,058

Shipping, SW Up Fit - \$12,362

Total with a Mack Truck – X2 = \$633,754

After reviewing the information provided, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase two Mack Dump trucks then have Master Tech build the beds, wet kits, spreader and plow for a total amount of \$633,754. Pending the financing with one of the local banks. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported that the County has had several road signs damaged by vandals and will need to be replaced.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 62 emergency runs in 2023. Mr. Cramer reported that the Zoll X Series Advanced Monitor has been ordered.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley made a couple of recommendations for the Employee Handbook. Ms. Rickley reported that they will be hosting the annual Health Fair on March 13th – 17th, 2023. You will need to make an appointment with the Health Department to attend the Health Fair. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay Counts held a Town Hall Meeting at the Methodist Church with Dale Quigley as the speaker on Lessons Learned on Marijuana. They had 85 people attend the Town Hall Meeting and 40 individuals heard Mr. Quigley speak at the Rotary Meeting. Clay Counts will also be hosting a free movie night on January 28, 2023 to watch A Man Named Otto.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that there were no accidents reported from the snow last weekend. Sheriff Benninga reported that the interview with Fort Riley to house prisoners went well and now will wait for the approval and a contract to sign.

Melissa Stellner, District Court Clerk, met with the Board to present a quote for equipment to hang electronic items on the wall for the renovation that will begin soon in the office. The items to be purchased total an amount of \$824.93. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to allow the purchase in the amount of \$824.93 for the District Court Office. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marlene Stamm, NCK Environmental, met with the Board to give the quarterly sanitation report for Clay County. Ms. Stamm reported that she continues to stay busy but that the permits always slow down at this time of year. The report stated that there were 9 Tank/Lateral, 6 Wells, 3 H2O Tests, 3 Lateral systems, 1 Septic Inspection, 1 Tank Only, 1 Lagoon, and 1 Holding Tank in the last three months.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
January 30, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas