

February 8, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$193,617.88 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatements 2020A24 thru 2020A25 in the amount of \$2,032.66 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, hauled rock, hauled scalping's on 19th Rd. between Granite Rd. & Hackberry Rd., replaced signs in several locations throughout the County, cleaned out ditch on 6th Rd., patched roads, hauled scrape metal & wood from the Frontier Bridge project, prepared all trucks and tightened spreader chains, worked in the shop on equipment maintenance, transported D950 track loader to shop for repairs, repaired several trailer tires, sent trucks out to remove snow and to spread salt and sand in areas where it was needed. Mr. Shomper presented a quote for the purchase of 12 Michelin XGLA214.00R24 grader tires as follows:

Kansasland, Inc. – Clay Center - \$1,098.60 each Michelin or \$1,040.60 each for Titan
Pomp's – Salina - \$ 1,098.60 each Michelin or \$809.00 each for Firestone
Goodyear Commercial Tire – Salina - \$1,098.60 - \$25.00 each Michelin or
\$725.00 each for MS203 Tires

Mr. Shomper stated that currently they are running Michelin on all graders and would like to stay all one brand. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to stay local with Kansasland, Inc and to buy 25 Michelin Tires in the amount \$13,183.20. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Permission was granted to purchase parts for the John Deere Loader to make repairs to the radiator. They will need to purchase seals in the amount of \$255.27 and send the radiator out to be flushed at an estimated cost of \$200. The mechanic has requested that the County purchase filter systems to be placed on hydraulics since they have been having issues. The cost from NAPA is \$48.80 each X 9 systems for a total of \$439.20. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the filter systems to be placed on hydraulics in the amount of \$439.20. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The lower pins on the bucket of the 950 Cat Track Loader are needing to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$4,200. They will haul the loader to a Caterpillar location to have these repairs done for it takes special tools to work on. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to replace the lower pins in the Track Loader bucket at an estimated cost of \$4,200. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported that he had called Commissioner Carlson to get approval for repairs that needed to be made on the Blue Kenworth in the amount of \$2,500 this past week. The Board granted permission to purchase 8 bearings from CTI, Inc. for the buzz saw in the amount \$700.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department had kept really busy this past week with emergency runs. They are currently at 106 runs so far this year. Mr. Cramer will be contacting Osage Ambulance to start the process of getting a quote on two different

options of either purchasing a completely new ambulance or using a current box on a new chassis and comparing the difference in price. To order and build either type of ambulance is almost a year process. Mr. Cramer reported that the bedroom project is moving along. The painting is completed and the flooring is being laid today. Security Solutions have been up to look at the security system and have found that there is a panel that has shorted out and will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$300. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department pagers are getting worn out and he was going to look into purchasing new ones but had talked to Johnny Ihnen, Clay Center Fire Chief and he has enough room on the E-Dispatch plan that they could add the EMS Department. This is where the page goes out over the individuals cell phone and they have been very satisfied with this. Commissioner Thurlow stated that the Wakefield Rural Fire Department also uses this program to page to a fire. Chief Ihnen stated that it would be an estimated cost of \$500 annually for the EMS Department to be added to the Clay Center Fire's E-Dispatch plan. The Board granted permission for Mr. Cramer to move in this direction instead of purchasing replacement pagers.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the COVID-19 update. Ms. Rickley reported that they had one additional positive COVID case over the weekend. So far, they have administered 413 vaccines in Clay County. There are 1,689 individuals signed up to get the vaccine. Clay County is receiving 100 doses of vaccine a week. This will take a period of time to get everyone vaccinated with both doses and worked through the system.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Permission was granted to hire a former employee as a contract employee at \$12.00 an hour to work for a set period of time in the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Benninga presented an invoice from Double L Manufacturing LLC in the amount of \$1,400 for the metal work that needs to be done in the jail. This will be paid for out of the SPARKS funds.

Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, met with the Board by conference call to do the final closure procedure on the CDBG program. Chairman Carlson opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. for public comments. No comments were made and the public comment session was closed. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the Chairman for signature on the final closure of this grant. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sonia Cooper and Wade Reh, River Valley Extension District, met with the Board to introduce Mr. Reh as the new District Extension Agent. Mr. Reh stated that he was happy to be here and to work with the four Counties in the District. Ms. Cooper reported that it had been a different year for the 4-Her's in the County. All of these meetings have been held by Zoom and hopefully they will be able to meet in person soon. So far, the District has been able to attend all of their meetings electronically and to keep all programs active. The Board welcomed Mr. Reh and stated that if they can help him with anything to let them know.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to get signatures on the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report and on the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. Both of these documents are sent to the State of Kansas. The Board discussed job requirements with Ms. Baer for employees in the Noxious Weed Department. The Board signed two Event Approvals for an employee of

the Noxious Weed Department to attend meeting in Mulvane, Kansas and to attend a monthly meeting in various locations.

Susan Mall, Register of Deeds, met with the Board and asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Susan Mall, Register of Deeds, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is personnel. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow an employee to use the remaining hours allotted for COVID with a doctors documentation, to use remaining sick leave hours, and to grant permission to use vacation hours before the employees 1st year Anniversary, and to donate 80 hours of sick leave out of the County Sick Leave Pool. This will then be reviewed again on March 1st. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
February 16, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas