

February 13, 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.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend a meeting in McPherson, Kansas.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County Business. Mr. Mason reviewed the different options that the Opioid Settlement funds can be spent on. The funds can only be spent on specific training or purchases. Mr. Mason also reported that last week he filed the Delinquent Tax Sale Petition for 39 properties. Commissioner Mayo asked Mr. Mason about the Indigent Attorney's and how many hours they are putting in for the monthly amount that the County pays them.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper provided the Board with information on dust control with the use of DustGard liquid magnesium chloride. Mr. Shomper presented the quotes on the widening of doorways and new doors within the shop at the Highway Department. The quotes were received as follows:

JM Custom Builders - \$63,823.96
Rolling Hills Construction - \$65,341.00
Budreau Construction Inc. - \$73,404.00
Tallgrass Construction - \$95,061.00

The Board reviewed the quotes with Mr. Shomper and Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the quote from JM Custom Builders in the amount of \$63,823.96. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled rock to locations in different area throughout the County and worked in the shop.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department continues to be busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Cramer presented the quotes for a set of 4 tires on Medic 8 as follows:

Friesen – Firestone AT2 - \$555.68
Kansasland – Goodyear AT- \$ 654.20
Five Creeks Automotive – Iron All Country - \$733.24

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Carlson made motion to purchase the 4 Firestone AT2 from Friesen in the amount of \$555.58. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board signed an Event Approval for three employees of the EMS Department to attend a meeting in Concordia, Kansas.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that they are needing to get the infant scale calibrated which will be an estimated cost of \$2,000. The WIC Program will pay 20% of the cost to calibrate the scale. The Board authorized Ms. Rickley to spend up to \$2,000 for the calibration. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a meeting in Topeka, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reviewed several of the different expenses that the County is required to pay for with the housing of prisoners along with the day-to-day cost of running the Law Enforcement Center.

Zac, Vakadewatabua, Methodist Youth Director, Janae Crimmins and Raegann McDonald, Youth Group members, met with the Board to report that 22 of the Clay Center Methodist Youth Group and 9 adults will be attending the Youth 2023 BOLD Conference in Daytona Beach, FL in July. This type of conference is held every 4 years. Ms. McDonald reported that they have held several fundraisers to help with the cost of the trip and was wondering if the Board would consider making a donation towards the expenses. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$500 out of the Alcohol Fund to the Methodist Youth Group. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to discuss the Leachate Pond. Blue Flame has provided a quote on a digital monitoring system in the amount of \$14,505 that will send alerts to a cell phone if there is a problem with the levels or the pumping of liquid at the pond. Also a quote on an additional pump assembly and flow meter assembly in the amount of \$8,000 that the State is requiring the Landfill to have on hand in case the currently one stops working. The Board stated that they feel that the digital monitoring system is really expensive and that they feel they should wait on the purchase of it. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the purchase of the extra pump and flow meter in the amount of \$8,000 which the State is requiring the Landfill to have on hand. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted Ms. Carroll permission to hire for the two vacant positions at the Landfill. Ms. Carroll presented quotes on a dust collector that hooks up to the band saw that was just purchased. The quotes were as follows:

Harbor Freight - \$299.99 – 70 gallon 2 HP
\$599.99 -1HP Dual Action Switch
Tractor Supply - \$799.99 – Jet 2HP 230V Micron Bag
Global Industry - \$734.00 - Kufo Seco 2HP UFO-101

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the 70 gallon 2 HP from Harbor Freight in the amount of \$299.99. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$1,000 out of Travel & Tourism Fund to the Longford Rodeo to be used for advertisement. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned from the Commission Room at 11:30 a.m. to go to the Fair Grounds and tour the new Multi-Purpose Building. The Board reconvened at 11:38 a.m. with Brett Ohlde, BHS Superintendent, and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architect to tour the building. Mr. Ohlde explained different areas of the building and stated that they hope to have it enclosed by the first part of March if the weather cooperates with them. The placement of the generator, bathroom fixtures, the change of a double door to a single door, and the internet service was discussed. The Board will visit with Mr. Ohlde in two weeks again to review the progress.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
February 21, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas