

February 19, 2019

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$14,515.27 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The following employees were presented with Longevity Service Awards for the years of employment with Clay County. For 5 years: Lynda Bishop, Autumn Cannizzo, Brenda Hudlin, Christopher Terrell, and Susan Mall. For 10 years: Eric Bushell, Joseph Bork, Amber Charest, Shelby Crimmins, and Abbey Newmeyer. For 20 years: Dawn Davis, Debra Luthi, Jay Knitter, and Richard Jarvis. For 25 years: Barbara Rott. The Board presented the awards and thanked the employees for all that they do and for their years of service with Clay County.

The contract was signed by the Chairman for the concrete parking project at the EMS Building with Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC in the amount of \$10,800.

The Board signed an Event Approval for the Probation Officer to attend Conference in Manhattan, Kansas.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The membership of Sourcewell formerly NJPA Coop was reviewed and if the County still needs to put out for bids on equipment. Rick James, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Mr. James stated that he feels that the County needs to take bids because how do you know if the price that Sourcewell is quoting is actually the lowest price. Mr. Tremblay stated that Sourcewell told him that they have already done the bid process and that the County would not need to. A phone conference will be held next week with a representative from Sourcewell to explain how their program works. Mr. James will also be present. The Highway Department has received all of the corrugated pipe that they had ordered and have picked up \$6,000 worth of used pipe from Hess Salvage. The Department has placed three buggy signs in the Wakefield area so that the public is aware of the horse and buggies being used on the roads.

Mike Holladay met with the Board to discuss the unemployment appeal. Rick James, County Attorney, and Sheriff Dunn were also present for the meeting. Mr. James and Commissioner Mayo explained the process of the unemployment appeal and instructed what his next step would be.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The plumbing repairs are complete. The 4" epoxy sewer liner has been installed and the flooring will be laid soon. Mr. Cramer reported that he has received two Paramedic employment applications and will start the interview process on them. The annual ambulance inspections will be scheduled soon. A job description for the Assistant Director has been drafted and will be brought to the Board of Commissioners for approval next week.

Tom Meek, Haley Bulk, and Bevin Law, Conservation District, met with the Board to discuss a bridge located on Frontier Rd. south of Clifton. Mr. Meek stated that it is in the best interest of the County to remove the log jam pile. If the erosion continues on either side of the pile, it will directly threaten the

bridge abutments. The recommendation is immediate removal of the of the pile, at a minimum. This could be done by burning and/or mechanically clearing. The Board stated that they would discuss this with Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, and make a decision on what they feel would be the best fix for the problem.

The bids were opened and reviewed for the Kansas Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits in the amount of \$56,550 that the County had for sale pertaining to the stone repair and cleaning that was done in 2018. The Bids were as follows:

United Bank & Trust - \$46,550

Scott & Lynell D. Patterson – 89.5%

Riley State Bank - \$48,067.50

Union State Bank- Offer is to purchase up to \$30,000 of the \$56,550 tax credit for the amount of \$24,000 or any lesser denomination at 80% of the tax credit amount.

First National Bank of Louisburg – 88.4%

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the high bid from Scott & Lynell D. Patterson at a rate of 89.5 % per dollar of credit. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to give an update on the 2019 values. The change of value notices will be mailed out on March 1st. Mr. Mesalles stated that there is a 14.8 million dollar increase in values for Clay County in the 2019 tax year. Of this 4.9 million is new construction and 1.1 million is commercial new construction.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed two Event Approvals for the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Topeka and Washington, Kansas. Sheriff Dunn informed the Board that they need to purchase a replacement spike strip. The quote presented from Galls was for a 16 feet of spike strip with case in the amount of \$553.19. This one has the spikes that can be replaced after being used. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase a spike strip with replacement spikes from Galls in the amount of \$553.19. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunn provided a report on the Kansas County Jail Savings on Inmate Health Care Costs. In May of 2006 House Bill 2893 was signed into law and provides that Kansas County and City Jails are able to pay Medicaid rates for inmates who require health care at an offsite healthcare facilities and providers, such as hospitals, physician offices, clinics, and rehabilitation facilities. In 2018 there were 3,279 claims for medical treatment for inmates in the State of Kansas. The amount that was charged for the 3,279 claims was \$7,220,203 but with this new law the Medicaid payment was \$1,022,752 which saved Kansas Counties and Cities a cost savings of \$6,197,451 in medical treatments for one year. Since the law passed in 2006, there have been 53,394 claims for medical treatments for inmates in the State of Kansas. The amount that was charged for those 53,394 claims was \$81,169,469 but with the change in law, the Medicaid payment was \$18,169,469 for a savings of \$63,639,538 for the Kansas Counties and Cities. This is a huge savings and an important program for the County.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, and Brandon Gibson, Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture, met with the Board to present the designs for the construction of the two new Rural Health Clinics in Clyde and Riley.

The Board viewed the drawings and Mr. Gillard provided information about both clinics. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to pass Resolution 2019-06 approving the designs for the two new Rural Health Clinics in Riley and Clyde as presented. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This will allow the Clay County Medical Center to better serve the residence of Clay County and surrounding areas.

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

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of investing County funds in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Ms. Swaim informed the Board that the Investment Pool is currently paying 2% interest and that is double or more than what she is collecting locally. If the Board agrees to allow her to do this, she will put out an investment bid form and if they can't match the Pool then she would invest part of the fund with the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. She would stay local with part of the funds. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06 to join the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Swaim also reported to the Board that it has been since 1981 that the fees were changed at the County level for vehicle registration. There is legislation that has been proposed this session. They are HB 2180 and SB 139 on fees to be retained at the County level. The proposal is to change the fee to a flat fee of \$10.00 per transaction for the County. This would increase the County fee on an average of \$1.64 per transaction. Ms. Swaim will keep the Board informed of the status of this proposal. The Board gave Christine verbal approval for her to attend a legislative hearing in Topeka and to share the ride with the Dickinson County Treasurer.

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk