

February 21, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting starting 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$205,075.35 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account Payables in the amount of \$21,571.92 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed three change estimates from BHS Construction for the new Multi-Purpose Building at the Fair Grounds.

1. A permanent generator with an automatic transfer switch \$50,796.62
2. Programmed Access Controls for 3 doors - \$11,148.92
3. 500 additional feet of water line includes excavation, new water line and labor - \$3,392.80

After reviewing the above changes, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the permanent generator in the amount of \$50,796.62 and the 500 additional feet of water line in the amount of \$3,392.80. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board did not approve the Programmed Access Controls for the 3 doors for they felt that it was too much money and could be done another way.

Abatements 2022A15 and 2022A16 in the amount of \$1,180.44 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County Business. Mr. Mason discussed the current Indigent Attorney contract with the Board and the type of cases that are assigned to them. We currently have 4 Indigent Attorney's contracted with Clay County.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board asked Mr. Shomper to take a look at two pipes on 21<sup>st</sup> Rd. between Thunder Rd. and Utah Rd. that are in bad shape. Mr. Shomper stated that he would go out after the meeting to look at these. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled rock, cleaned out culverts, worked in the shop and got the equipment ready for the incoming weather. Mr. Shomper requested a donation of 32 hours from the Clay County Sick Leave Pool for an employee of the Highway Department that has not been employed long enough to receive accumulated leave time. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate 32 hours out of the sick leave pool to an employee at the Highway Department. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper stated that he has received a pricing summary from Bruckner Truck Sales and there has been an increased price on the chassis of \$2,968.22 per truck on the trucks that we ordered in January.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that they stays busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Cramer reported to the Board that the nasal Narcan that he ordered for the Sheriff's Department cost \$93.75 for a 2 pack. Each Deputy will have access to the Narcan in case of a Drug emergency. This will be paid for out of the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented the Board with three Event Approvals. The Board approved all three Event Approvals for employees of the Emergency Management to attend training in Junction City, Salina, and Mankato, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, and Sheriff Benninga, present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board the second time to report that he had been out on 21st Road to look at the damaged pipes that they had discussed earlier in the day. Mr. Shomper had called J & J Drainage and received a quote on the purchase of two pipes in the amount of \$8,370. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the two pipes from J & J Drainage and to replace the damaged pipes on 21<sup>st</sup> Rd. between Thunder Rd. and Utah Rd. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ron Fancella, Adjutant General American Legion Post 101, stopped in to thank the Board for all of the support that they have given the Legion with the purchases of all the grave markers for all of the Veterans. This means a lot to the Veterans to know that the markers will continuously be supplied to them by the County.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Mesalles reported that the Real Property Valuations will be going out on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The Board asked questions about several parcels throughout the County. Mr. Mesalles stated that he has one employee that has not been employed for a year that would like to take one day of vacation early. The Board granted permission for an employee of the Appraiser's Office to use 8 hours of the accumulated hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
February 27, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas