

March 20, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$205,626.45 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Mayo presented the quote to have 8-foot liner panels and trim installed in the new Multi Use Building at the Fairgrounds at the cost of \$9,002.24. The Board agreed to the installation of the liner panels in the amount of \$9,002.24 to help with sound in the large community room.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, joined the meeting. Mr. Mason asked Mr. Shomper if the survey was complete for 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jayhawk Rd. Mr. Shomper provided Mr. Mason a copy and the next steps were reviewed. The Board asked Mr. Shomper to get an additional survey with a different option. Mr. Mason reviewed the steps of closing a road with the Board and Mr. Shomper.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department hauled rock, bladed roads, installed a pipe, removed trees, and hauled chips. Mr. Shomper reported that he had talked to the Landowners on Prairie Circle that would be involved with the closing of the bridge that is not useable. Mr. Shomper is putting together prices for a couple of different options and will report back at a later date. The Board asked Mr. Shomper if he would take the mini excavator to the Clay County Park at the boat dock and with the water being so low could he clean out some of the silt that has washed in before they put the boat dock in the water. Mr. Shomper stated that he will put this on his list of projects to do. Mr. Shomper stated that when they removed the boat dock at the end of the season, they noticed that it will need some repairs made to it before putting it back into the water for the 2023 season.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has made 210 emergency runs or out of town transfers so far this year. Mr. Cramer asked the Board if they had set a date as to when they will hold the interviews for hiring the new Director for the EMS. Dr. Kelley would like to participate in the interviews process if possible. The Board will run an ad for EMS Director and tentatively interview the first part of May.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that since January 1, 2023 they have seen 537 clients at the clinic, 45 for footcare and have given 47 COVID vaccines. Ms. Rickley reported that they held the Clay County Health Fair last week.

Jason King, BHS Construction Project Manager, reported that they are able to do the gas line as Kansas Gas requested for a total of \$7,369 and they were able to change a type of glass on an order for a credit of \$7,333 so the County will only have to pay a difference of \$36 for the gas line. The Board approved this change in orders. Mr. King also reported that they had researched the prices on the fans and if they went with 1 - 24 ft fan it would cost \$11,297.33 and the fans from Big Ass Fans were more expensive yet so they felt that it was cheaper to go with the 10 smaller fans in the amount of \$10,267.32.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go with the 10 fans at a cost of \$10,267.32 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that they have been doing training with the new Correction Officer and Dispatchers. Sheriff Benninga stated that they had been able to find a 2022 patrol vehicle that was wrecked and we were able to get the radar unit and some of the emergency lighting off of the 2022 model vehicle for \$250. This is a large savings for the Sheriff's Department.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report on several vehicles that need repairs at the Landfill. The red Ford pickup needs to have the power steering pump replaced, the yellow recycling box truck is making a bad noise and would not start this morning, and the semi-trailer needs new air lines put on. The Board granted permission to have all repairs done as soon as possible.

The Board adjourned from the Commission Room at 11:25 a.m.

Reconvened at the Clay County Museum at 11:30 a.m.

Jeff Gaiser, Museum Curator, and Pat Gilbert, Board Member, provided a tour for the Board along with some of the history of Clay County and explained some of the artifacts that are on display and where they had come from or who had donated them to the Museum.

The Board adjourned at the Museum at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvened at the Fairgrounds to tour the new Multi Use Building.

Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent, met with the Board. Mike Argo, Fair Board President, and Brandon Gibson, SPT Architect were also present for the meeting. Mr. Ohlde provided a tour of the building and explained where items would be located. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the liner panels for all of the outside walls to help with sound in the amount of \$9,002.24. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The location of the appliances in the kitchen was reviewed and the placement of two data boxes.

The Board adjourned from the Fairgrounds at 1:10 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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