

March 29, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:15 a.m. The Minutes were approved as printed.

Danny Mesalles, Zoning Administrator, met with the Board to present the recommendation from the Zoning Board Hearing that was held this morning at 7:00 a.m. on the approval of a Special Use Permit for Bayer Construction Co. Inc. Tim Martin, Landowner, Brian Martin, Landowner, Kelly Briggs, Peter Clark, and Neil Horton, Bayer Construction joined the meeting. Mr. Mesalles reported to the Board that Bayer Construction Co. had applied for a Special Use Permit for the SE1/4 of 32-08-04, approximately 90 acres that would change from Agricultural to Commercial for the purpose of quarrying rock. This would be for a 20-year period of time. Mr. Briggs stated that there will be no change in the entrance to the quarry, the loading of the trucks, or the processing of the rock. Bayer Construction has been in business since the 1950's and employees 150 employees and they work with a lot of different Government Agencies. Mr. Mesalles state that he had been contacted by two landowners that had stated their concerns but did not show at the Zoning Hearing, but he had relayed their concerns to the Zoning Board members at the hearing. Commissioner Thurlow stated that Clay County was very fortunate to have the quarry in our County. The Zoning Board would like to make the recommendation to the Board of Commissioner the approval of the Special Use Permit for Bayer Construction Co. After much discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion that we approve the Special Use Permit for Bayer Construction Co. changing a 90-acre parcel in the SE1/4 of 32-08-04 to be changed from Agriculture use to Commercial Use for the purpose of quarrying rock. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that the dietary remodel project starts today and all of the food preparation for the Medical Center will be done in a mobile kitchen that is parked next to the Medical Center for the next 4 months. Clay Center Family Physicians have completed Phase 1 and have moved to Phase 2 of the remodel project. The new Cerner Medical Record Program will go live on April 19th, 2021.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County Business. Mr. Mason stated that he will be attending training for the new Drug Court Program via Zoom this week.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to opt out of the anticipated Executive Order from the Governor in regards to the mask mandate. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Abatements 2020A29 thru 2020A52 in the amount of \$23,810.16 and 2020A53 thru 2020A76 in the amount of \$20,377.09 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper presented two invoices for labor that the Highway Department had provided to the Clay County Park and for a truck and employee to help with cleanup at Clay Center Locker. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to reimburse the Highway Department for the Labor, Equipment, and Mileage that they provided as follows: Clay County Park- \$5,767.31 – This will be paid for out of County General Fund and Clay Center Locker - \$206.43 – This will be paid for out of Economic Development fund Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dickinson County has been in contact in regards to the replacement of a bridge located on 1st Rd just west of Industry. The cost of the bridge will be shared between Clay County and Dickinson County. Currently Dickinson County has applied for a 2021 KDOT Cost Share in the amount of \$625,000 that would pay for 50% of construction costs only. That would leave Dickinson County to pay \$450,000 (estimate based on population) and Clay

County to pay \$175,000 for a total cost of \$1,250,000 for the replacement. This project would be done in 2022 so that the Counties can budget for the expense at budget preparation time. D0002 Dump truck was transported to Summit Truck Group for repairs in the amount of \$1,726.22. A quote was received from Valleywide Sales to purchase stringers to use for the placement of a metal box on 6th Rd. between Buffalo Rd. and Meridian Rd. in the amount \$1,324.80. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase stringers in the amount of \$1,324.80 from Valleywide Sales. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department graded roads, replaced signs at multiple locations, hauled AB3 rock to 9th Rd. & Indian Rd. and on Redwood Rd. between 14th Rd. and 15th Rd., worked in shop due to rainy weather, worked in Clay County Park replacing pedestals, and hauled rock. Quotes on a 50-ton Lowboy trailer were received as follows:

Kaufman Trailers of SC, Inc. - \$57,790 – Delivered to Beaver City Nebraska and we would have to pickup

Tri State Trailer Sales, Inc. - \$76,350 – 2022 Fontaine Workhorse 55LCC
\$67,950 – 2018 Fontaine Magnitude 55 L Plus

Landoll Company - \$91,691.70 – 2022 model 855-53

Pitts Trailers - \$59,300 – LB55-22DC

After reviewing all of the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the Lowboy trailer from Kaufman Trailers with it being delivered to Beaver City, NE and we will pick it up from there. This trailer will be paid for out of the Special Highway Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to stay really busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Currently they are 16 runs ahead of the same time in 2020. Mr. Cramer asked permission to use sick leave hours out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool for an employee at the EMS Department. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow 31 hours to be used out of the sick leave pool for an employee of the EMS Department. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give a weekly report. Ms. Kemp stated that several County employees had attended the mapping webinar that KDEM had presented last week. This will be a good tool for the County to have and to work with. Ms. Rickley reported that we currently have only one positive COVID-19 in Clay County. Last week the County Health Department gave 302 vaccine shots. The County Health Department is asking individuals that if you have signed up to receive a COVID vaccine in Clay County and have received it from another source, to please call them to be removed off of the Clay County list.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga requested to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 10:34 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Sheriff Benninga, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is Sheriff's Department personnel. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:44 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board granted permission to place an employment ad for a vacant Deputy position. Sheriff Benninga reported that the new camera system has been installed with two additional cameras for an additional \$80.

A request for funding was received from Wakefield Birthday Bash. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$500 to be paid for out of the Alcohol Fund for the Wakefield Birthday Bash. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed how the County would be able to help Brad and Lisa Dieckmann with the fire that destroyed the Clay Center Locker Plant. This business is very important to Clay County and employees a lot of individuals. After discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$25,000 out of the Economic Development Fund to use as they see fit with expenses caused by the fire that destroyed the Clay Center Locker Plant business. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at: 12:20 p.m.

Eric Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 5, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas