

March 30, 2020

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. Ryan Wilson, Clay Center Dispatch, went live at 8:15 a.m.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, and Jeff Germann, Assistant Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department worked on cleaning the shop area, hauled rock, fixed several pipes that the ends had been smashed, stock piled chips, bladed both rock and dirt roads, and patched holes. Took one dump truck to Don's Tire in Abilene to have repaired. Mr. Shomper visited with a few landowners about cleaning ditches and maintaining the roads. Last week the rock quarry ran out of the size of rock that the Highway Department normally put on roads so they had to put a larger rock on some of the roads. The quarry is crushing again now.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, presented the Board with bids for lawn fertilizer and weed control. This amount will do the Courthouse Square, County Health, and EMS lawns.

The bids are as follows:

Van Diest Supply Co. – 21-3-8 with Barricade
50lb bags – 20 bags at \$21.35 = 427.00
2 ½ gallon container of Millennium - \$208.25
Walls True Value – 20-4-1 with Barricade
20lb bags – 50 bags at \$20.50 = \$1,025.00
Clay County Lumber – Fertilizer with Dimensions
50lb bags – 20 bags at \$52.99 = \$1059.80

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Van Diest Supply Co. with free delivery for the amount of \$427.00 plus the 2 ½ gallon container of Millennium in the amount of \$208.25.

Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that they have decided to suspend the EMT Class that was being held in Clay Center with the COVID-19 pandemic going on. Homman Electronics has ordered parts to fix the siren on Medic 8. The garage door has been repaired and is back in working condition.

The Board received a statement from Nick Brummet, USD 379 Counselor, that with the COVID-19 they will not be ordering the shirts for Positive Addictions. The donation of \$1,820 from the Alcohol Fund will not be made for the 2020 year.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager and Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19. Clay Center Councilman Daton Hess and City Superintendent Ken Shivers listen to the meeting by conference call. Ms. Kemp presented the Board with the number of positive cases, negative cases and the death of the Coronavirus for the State of Kansas. They also discussed the Governor's Executive Order establishing a statewide stay home order in conjunction with

the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts. Ms. Kemp stated that all County employees are considered essential positions and will continue to work. KDHE has re-designed their webpage to make it easier to find items. Ms. Rickley and Ms. Kemp are attending conference calls with business owners on Tuesdays and Fridays through Lori Huber, Economic Development Director, to discuss the Executive Orders that have to be followed and issues that the businesses are dealing with. Ms. Kemp stated that she was relieved when the Governor issued the stay at home order, for it was just a matter of time before Clay County would have made the order. Ms. Rickley reviewed that there has been the one positive test in Clay County. All restaurants are to be observing curbside or take out food. There is to be no dine in at this time. Local businesses are having trouble ordering and receiving supplies such as hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, Lysol, gloves, and N95 masks. Councilman Hess asked Ms. Kemp that if all of the Sanitarian employees and the Waste Water employees would all get sick at one time, would the State send someone to run the Departments. Ms. Kemp stated that the State probably would not send out anyone for that is up to the local government to have a plan in place to handle this. Councilman Hess asked the Board of Commissioners if they would be available to help, Commissioner Thurlow stated that they are willing to work together but they have the same concerns for the County employees and Departments. Ms. Kemp reported that Central Office Service & Supply and Ray's Apple Market have made community contributions in the form of supplies to County Health Department and Emergency Management. This is very much appreciated by Clay County.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Commissioner to discuss the 6ft social distancing that is recommended for all individuals to follow. In the Treasurer's Office they have no way of getting 6ft from each other. The desk is all one piece and can not be moved. Commissioner Carlson asked Ms. Kemp about the placement of dividers between the employees in the Treasurer's Office. Ms. Kemp stated that this would work since they are not able to move away from each other. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to research this with Central Office Service & Supply and to purchase if they had what was needed. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mayo visited with Matt at Central Office and they didn't have anything that would work in stock. Commissioner Mayo contacted Wall's True Value to see if they had plexiglass in stock. Todd Slagle came over to the Courthouse and measured what was needed and it was decided that Wall's True Value would frame 3 sides of the plexiglass and temporarily put them in place, so that they could be removed when the COVID-19 is over.

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 6, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas