

April 8, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$171,126.04 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$701.94 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2018A30 in the amount of \$19.50 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Permission was granted for Relay for Life to use the Courthouse Square on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board and left the meeting at 8:15 a.m. to tour roads and several issues that needed to be looked at.

The Board returned to the Courthouse at 9:55 a.m. for the regular meeting.

The Commissioners reported that on their road tour they looked at the log jam that is located on Frontier Rd and a bridge that is located west of Vining on the Clay-Washington Countyline. The Board instructed Mr. Tremblay to discuss possibly replacing this bridge with a low water crossing and to see if Washington County would share in the cost. They viewed the building site for the new building at Gas City and then came south of Morganville on Jayhawk Rd and Kiowa Rd. The Board discussed the need of ditching on Kiowa Rd.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer has been working on the Kansas Board of EMS service permits and will be updating the protocols for the Clay County EMS. The Department continues to stay busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers.

Mary Helene Garbarino and Jana Cott met with the Board to discuss the Travel and Tourism Committee Resolution that the Board vacated last week. Ms. Garbarino and Ms. Cott both served on the Committee and were curious as to how the items would be handled through the Commissioners. Ms. Garbarino expressed that she has always done a lot more projects like welcome bags for groups visiting our community and attended meetings that were out of town. She would like to know who will be doing these projects like that now. Commissioner Carlson expressed his concerns and why he made the motion to vacate the Resolution. Mr. Carlson stated that with the 10 individuals that were serving on the Committee, only three or four were attending the meetings and doing all of the work. The fund has a substantial balance and Mr. Carlson feels that if the people are going to be taxed they need to do something with the funds. Commissioner Mayo asked if they were to develop an Advisory Committee of 3-4 people would the two of them consider serving on that Committee. Ms. Garbarino stated that she would like to be on the Committee and Ms. Cott stated that she would have to think about it. The Board would like both of them to think about serving on the Advisory Committee and to return at a later date with their ideas.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Salaried positions and the hours worked were discussed. Rhonda Carney, Payroll Clerk, joined the meeting. After much discussion, the Board decided that a salaried position is hired to do a job not how many hours are worked in a pay period. The Board still expects a salaried employee to work the required amount of hours for a full time position.

The Board discussed County benefits for an employee that is in the National Guard and Reserves. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion that the County will pay for two weeks of leave for the required training each year. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The County will make this change in the County Employee Handbook.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill, met with the Board to review and sign a new contract with KDHE for the cleanup of an illegal solid waste dump site on the property owned by Darrell Baxter. The previous contract had expired. Ms. Carroll reported that the construction of the new Lachate Pond has been slow because of all of the moisture that has been received.

The Board approved the applications for the request of Travel & Tourism Fund in the amount of \$300 from Wakefield Birthday Bash and Longford Rodeo Club.

Craig Williams, Networks Plus and Spencer Price, Blue Valley Tele-Communications, met with the Board to update them on the computer issues that occurred within the County's computer network. The system is restored and back up and working.

An email request was received from Wakefield Pride asking for a donation for the 150<sup>th</sup> Wakefield Birthday Bash. Commissioner Thurlow made a motion to donate \$500 out of the Alcohol Fund to the 150<sup>th</sup> Wakefield Birthday Bash. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
April 15, 2019  
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