

April 10, 2023

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.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Commissioner Mayo asked Mr. Mason if he had problems of hearing or communicating in the Courtroom. Commissioner Mayo said that they are still having complaints on the echoing and hearing in the Courtroom. Mr. Mason stated that he has more problems when they are holding a hearing by Zoom. You need to talk directly into the microphone. Zoom hearings are still happening and he expects that they will never go away.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, were present for the meeting. Mr. Shomper provided a layer on his mapping program that showed what roads were open or closed. Mr. Mesalles stated that he would research this layer of mapping. Mr. Shomper reported that last week the Department hauled dirt to the Fairgrounds to put around the new building, hauled rock, removed the bridge at 28th Rd. & Valleyview and replaced it with a tank car, installed a pipe, trimmed and removed trees, hauled rip rap to the northwest part of the County, and went to 24th Rd. & Valleyview Rd. to replace a pipe and discovered that there was over 100 acres that drained into this location and the pipe that they were going to place in this location was not large enough to handle this amount of water. Mr. Shomper called Welborn Sales and priced a larger squash pipe that would cost \$13,897. After much discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the squash pipe in the amount of \$13,897 from Welborn Sales to put in to place at 24th Rd. & Valleyview Rd. 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 be busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Cramer reported that it was time to renew the extended warranty with Zoll to cover the AutoPulse unit with the Worry-Free Service 3-year warranty plan in the amount of \$3,975. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the purchase of the 3-year warranty for the AutoPulse unit in the amount of \$3,975. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp stated that she participated in the interview that EMS is doing for EMS Week. This has been very interesting telling the history of the EMS Service. The Board approved an Event Approval for an employee to attend training in Topeka, Kansas. Ms. Kemp reported that Clay County will be in the Red Flag Warning this week and that there is a real fire danger for everyone in the County.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that they have completed the Drug Free Communities Grant and it was accepted. Now we will wait to see if Clay County is awarded the grant. If we are awarded, we will receive a total of \$600,000 over the next 5 years. Ms. Rickley also reported that April 11, 2023 is the end of the COVID Pandemic.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented a Proclamation for the Board to sign declaring April 9–15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Public Safety Telecommunication are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and are the single vital link for our officers and emergency responds personal by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign the Proclamation declaring April 9-15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to pay North Central Regional Planning Commission annual dues in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made motion to purchase two diaper changing tables to place at the new building at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed a letter of support for Big Lakes Development Center Inc's application for \$200,000 in Community Service Tax Credit. The Raise the Roof Capital Campaign Project is important for the future of Big Lakes Development Center. While the project is not located in Clay County, the location and the work performed there is essential to the services they provide in our County.

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to present a quote from American Digital Security for a fire alarm in the amount of \$516.38 to be placed in the Elevator Maintenance Room. This needs to be installed before the upcoming elevator renovation.

The Board called Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, to find out if she had an update on the confirmation monitoring report that was delinquent last week. Ms. Carroll said that she had called Associated Environmental Inc to see why they had not reported the 2022 groundwater monitoring for Clay County. They stated that they had sent the report in when it was due. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to call the State and ask if they had received the report and if not then to call the Associated Environmental back and ask for proof on the reporting. Ms. Carroll will inform the Board of what she finds out next week.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 17, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas