

April 13, 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.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper reported that after reviewing the bridge inspection report that there are four bridges that need attention so they will be looking at these bridges this week. All of the other bridges on the inspection are in good shape. Last week the Department worked on grading dirt and gravel roads, built two driveways, hauled rip rap and scalping's, cleaned ditches, removed a hedge line, installed new pipes, and hauled 500 tons of chips to the area that they will be sealing. Two of the truck tarps were replaced because of holes in them and then two more were purchased to have in stock. The battery pack for the internet has stopped working. Best Buy had a CyberPower 1500VA for \$159.99 or a CyberPower PRC Sinewave Series 1500VA with Surge Protector for \$326.99. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the Sinewave Series 1500VA with Surge Protector for \$326.99 from Best Buy. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department will be using Zoom Video Conferencing at a cost of \$14.99 per month to continue teaching the EMT class that they had started before the COVID-19 pandemic. Once the Stay at Home order has been lifted, they will go back to the classroom teaching. Osage Ambulances has closed their business for two weeks due to the COVID-19. This will move the delivery of the new ambulance to the first part of June if not later. Clay County will not be receiving the grant for the purchase of a Zoll monitor. Mr. Cramer will research the cost to see if one can be purchased with the 2020 budget.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to present the bids for the guttering on the new shop. The bids were reviewed as follows:

McGee Roofing LLC - \$2,425.57

American Seamless Gutter - \$910.00

Parrack Construction - \$1,625.00

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from American Seamless Gutter in the amount of \$910.00 for the guttering on the new shop. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carney reported that he has opened the streets up in the park area, but had to put up some No Trespassing signs to keep people from driving in the fields where he is trying to let the grass grow. The center section of the pedestals is completed and will start working on the H frames today. Mr. Carney informed the Board that there is a person that camps in the park that is not happy with him right now and that they maybe hearing from them with their complaint. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to advance the Clay County Park with \$5,000 out of the County General Fund for the bills that are automatically withdrawn from the Park's checking account. This will need to be paid back to the General Fund when funds become available. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The difference on Griggs Electric quote to the bill is two additional outlets that were

requested by Mr. Carney after the quote was presented. The Board granted permission to purchase an impact drill for the Clay County Park.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to sign a corrected 2020 Payscale for Clay County. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that they have been helping businesses understand the laws and providing support. Individuals need to keep doing the social distancing and continue staying at home to help with the spread of this virus. Clay County has been allocated \$13,345 from KDHE for the local Health Departments to help with the expenses of the COVID-19. Also Ms. Rickley has received a grant from Sunflower Health in the amount of \$1,500 for the Health Department. Ms. Kemp reported that Executive Order 20-18 will continue as stands. Ms. Kemp presented the Board with the Incident Action Plan on United Community Response for Clay County 2020 COVID-19 Operational Period. This plan will be needed to receive any FEMA funds if they are available.

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

Susan Mall, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to ask permission for her employee to use 8 hours of vacation from her first year of accumulated leave. Permission was granted.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to renew the WatchGuard software program for the Clay County Courthouse in the amount of \$1,119.40 from Networks Plus. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to renew the Veeam software program for the Clay County Courthouse in the amount of \$1,353.90 from Networks Plus. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thurlow asked that the tower lights be turned to blue for all First Responders.

The Board rejected a bill received from Economic Development for Advance Electric in the amount of \$304.53. They did not feel that the County should be responsible for this.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to put into force for all Clay County Departments a spending freeze on all non-essential purchases and for all Departments to watch budgets and the spending of cash. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, and Rick James, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss personnel. Ms. Carroll asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 10:57 a.m. with Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, Rick James, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is personnel. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed

unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:17 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to terminate an employee at the Clay County Landfill due to Insubordination. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Shannon Stark, Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce Director, met with the Board by conference call to discuss the shirts that have been designed for the Small Business Fund. To show support for our local businesses, all donation of \$25 or more will be given a T-shirt with their donation. In addition to this gift, a \$10 donation will be made on your behalf to the CCCIF and their Clay County COVID-19 fund. This is a great way to support both causes. Ms. Stark asked the Board if they would consider making a donation to the cost of the shirts. They will be ordering a minimum of 200 shirts at \$11.75 each for a total cost of \$2,350 from Gate 9 Graphics. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate the \$2,350 for the cost of the shirts out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This donation will take the place of the donation that was not made to the Positive Addiction Program for shirts since the schools closed for the COVID-19 pandemic.

An email was received from Janel Michaud, CCARE President, with the 2019 Year End Report provided. Ms. Michaud stated that they again were asking for support from Clay County for the 2020 year. In the year 2019 the shelter took in 205 dogs. Of those, 112 were adopted, 86 were reclaimed by owners, 1 transferred to another rescue, and 2 were euthanized. CCARE is a volunteer driven shelter with over 3,505 hours being donated by individuals. Ms. Michaud states that they are hopeful to be here for our community for many years to come. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$7,000 out of the General Fund for the 2020 year to CCARE. This is the same amount that was donated in 2019. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 20, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas