

April 20, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$179,290.89 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$34,525.33 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Ryan Wilson, Clay Center Dispatch, went live at 8:30 a.m.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, welded ends on box, hauled chip for sealing, replaced culverts and pipes, and cleaned out ditches. The bids on a replacement set of tracks for the John Deere skidster were reviewed as follows:

John Deere Brand - \$4,300

Misc. Brand sold by John Deere - \$4,800

Murphy Tractor - \$2,300

The Board granted permission to purchase the set of tracks from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$2,300. The cost of the CyberPower PRC Sinewave Series 1500VA with Surge Protector battery pack that was approved last week needs to be amended to \$351.99. The price quotes on tack oil per gallon was tabled until next week until more information is provided.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The EMT class held their first Zoom Class and everything seemed to go well. Dr. Kelly has approved one class to be held by Zoom and one class in person per week. The deadline for the Ambulance & EMS Service licensing through the State has been extended because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Permission was granted to purchase a replacement fan for one of the bedrooms at the EMS building.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park, and Rick James, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss property damage that happened in September 2019. The City of Wakefield had hired Johnson Service Company out of Kearney, Nebraska to do sewer maintenance. It had rained for days before and was raining the day that they came to provide the service for the City. The ground was extremely soft and when they pulled their big truck on to the Parks property it made deep ruts and ended up getting stuck and had to have a wrecker pull it out. This left a large area that the grass and ground was damaged. They also did damage to the property that the City leases from Clay County. Mr. Carney stated that they will not be able to mow in this area for it would do damage to the mowers. Mr. Carney had contacted the Mayor for the City of Wakefield about this issue since they were the ones that hired the Company, but nothing has been fixed. Mr. Carney then contacted the Company through email and had been emailing back and forth. Then on March 25th, Mr. Carney emailed to see what the status was on this issue and all communication has stopped. Mr. James stated that Mr. Carney will need to get two quotes from landscaping companies on the costs to repair the damage. Mr. James will then send a demand letter on behalf of Clay County to Johnson Service Company giving them 30 days to pay to fix the damage or he will take them to Court. Mr. Carney asked permission to talk with Double L Mtg. about making a powder coated 2-piece metal work bench to place in the new shop at the park. The Board stated that he will need to get prices for the work bench and return for them to make a decision at a later date.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give a weekly update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Kemp reported that we have the 3rd confirmed positive case in Clay County. Ms. Kemp provided the Board with a revised COVID-19 Guidance 20-16-1 on Essential Activities and Essential Functions This guidance is offered by KDEM for the benefit of emergency managers, health officers, law enforcement, affected businesses and individual Kansas citizen and a COVID-19 Guidance 20-16-2 Clarifying that Restaurants and Bars May Not Reopen for Dine-In Services. Ms. Kemp also discussed the Non- Congregate Sheltering if we would have a First Responder test positive, we could place them in a motel or rent a house until they are recovered to keep them separated from other employees and from their families. This would be reimbursed by FEMA. The Food Banks within the County have been busy with helping a lot of families. We are very proud to have so many volunteers helping in our community.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported to the Board of a plumbing problem they had at the jail last week. They had to have Kansas Coring & Cutting, LLC do some core drilling into the concrete. When the addition was built onto the original jail the plumbing was placed in the middle of concrete. Mel's Plumbing then did the plumbing work.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to ask permission to place an employment ad in the local paper to fill a vacant position in recycling. Permission was granted. Ms. Carroll introduced Greg Adam to the Board as the new equipment operator at the Landfill. They are getting an extreme amount of recycling brought to the trailers at the Fairgrounds since the City is not picking up the recycling in town with the COVID-19. They are having trouble keeping trailers in place to use since they are letting the recycling sit in the trailers for a period of time in regards to the virus before unloading. The Board approved overtime at the Landfill for the week of April 12-18, 2020 for they had to load a semi of recycling late one day.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, talked to the Board by phone to inform them that there were two more confirmed positive cases, so Clay County is at 5 cases.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
April 27, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas