

April 24, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at the regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

The following employees were presented with Longevity Service Awards for the years of employment with Clay County. For 5 years: Krista Bowser, Eric C. Carlson, Annette L. Carson, Debra S. Dunn, Melanie L. Germann, Alexander Murchison, Linda C. Taylor and Tammy K. Thompson. For 10 years: Rocky E. Cramer, Joseph G. Stroede. For 15 years: Rhonda S. Carroll and Robert S. Wilken. For 20 years: Mikel R. Crawford. For 25 years: Raymond L. Geer and Dana A. Rickley. For 30 years: Kayla M. Wang. For 40 years: Nancy J. Winter. The Board thanked the employees for their years of service with Clay County.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04 the Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Clay County, Kansas. On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Clay County, Kansas Finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Clay County, Kansas. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dusty & Debra Hammond and Crystal Hammond, met with the Board to discuss the open road/private drive located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd. & Jayhawk Rd. Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, Joel Mason, County Attorney, were also present. Mr. Hammond asked what the status of the Road is currently at this time and Commissioner Thurlow stated that they had voted in the April 17, 2023 meeting to keep the road open based on Implied Dedication. The Hammonds stated that no one is keeping them informed of what is going on and the only way that they know is to read the paper. Ms. Hammond informed Mr. Mason that there is a process to go through for the Implied Dedication. Mr. Mason stated that there is a process that has to be followed either way if it is left open or if the Board decides to close the road. Crystal Hammond stated that they have tried to compromise with the other landowners and the County but no one wants to agree to the compromise so now the Hammonds want their private drive that they own and is on their deed back and want the other landowners and the County out of it. The Board tabled this matter until they receive the survey, so at this time it is an open road.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the EMS Department has currently made 296 emergency runs or out of town transfers so far this year. The State Annual Inspection renewal for the EMS licensing and the service inspection on all 4 ambulance units has been completed and approved.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that she will be calling McGee Roofing to come and look at the Health Departments Roof to see if there is any wind damage from last week's storms. As of today, there are no official cases of Covid in Clay County. They will be having their Advisory Board meeting today and wanted to invite the Commissioners if they would like to come.

Marlin Mugler, United Bank & Trust, met with the Board to drop off the Lease Purchase Agreement for the two new John Deere Graders in the amount of \$464,754.00 with an interest rate of 4.490%. The Board will review the documents, sign and return back to Mr. Mugler.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that Prom went well this year. The Department did work a couple of serious wrecks over the weekend.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to present two Residential NRP applications for approval. The Board reviewed and Chairman Thurlow signed the approved applications. Mr. Mesalles stated that he will be holding 11 Appeal Hearings on the 2023 values. The 2023 Real Estate Inspections will include the properties in Clay Center, Clifton, Green, and Morganville along with the Townships of Garfield, Goshen, Sherman, Mulberry, Bloom. Hayes, and Highland.

Quotes were received for repairs on the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado for the Highway Department as follow:

Wilders Auto Body - \$7,161.43

Perfection Auto Body - \$4,367.50

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go with Perfection Auto Body for the repairs on the pickup. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
May 3, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas