

April 27, 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 on Facebook at 8:20 a.m.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department finished a job of placing rip rap, hauled chips for sealing, cleaned out the black top patcher and it is ready to use, hauled rock, and worked in the shop. A small bridge on 25th Road, west of Jayhawk is in terrible shape. Mr. Shomper asked the Board if they thought that a 7'X30' tube could be used for this location. The only issue would be if we had extremely hard rain it could possibly back up in a field for a short period of time. The Board granted permission to place the 7'X30' tube in as a bridge. Mr. Shomper stated that he had a request from a farmer about a road that needs rock so that they are able to get to a pasture. This road is currently not a rock road, so the Board decided that they will not be placing rock on this road. If they were to rock this road, there are many other roads that farmers use to get to fields and pastures that they would then have requests to rock. The bids for tack oil were reviewed as follows:

Vance Brothers – CSS-1H - \$1.85/gallon FOB Vance Brothers
CRS-1HM - \$1.95/gallon FOB Vance Brothers
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Freight - \$0.13/gallon
Pump - \$65.00 (if requested)
Demurrage - \$70.00/hr. after first 1.5 hours free
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc – CRS-1H - \$1.840/gallon (Plant Price)
CRS-1H - \$1.940/gallon (Delivered Price)
CRS-1HM - \$1.940/gallon (Plant Price)
CRS-1HM - \$2.040/gallon (Delivered Price)
CSS-1H - \$1.990/gallon (Plant Price)
CSS-1H - \$2.090/gallon (Delivered Price)

After reviewing both bids, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. for the purchase of oil to be used for chip sealing in Clay County. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that Undersheriff Jim Bogart, Clay County Sheriff's Department had been in contact with him and asked if the Department would possibly be able to assist in the restructuring of the shooting range that the Sheriff's Department uses for activities and for range certification. Mr. Shomper stated that they would be willing to assist with this and thought they could do this project in approximately 5 days after 2 days of cleanup has been completed. The Board granted permission for the Highway Department to assist the Sheriff's Department with this project.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to rescind the use of the sick leave and vacation time if employees feel uncomfortable with being at work because of COVID-19 pandemic. This will be effective immediately on 04/27/2020. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The EMT Class continues to go well with the use of Zoom and then once a week in the classroom. Mr. Cramer has been notified that Osage Ambulances will be closed for an additional week so this will delay the arrival of the new ambulance that has been ordered.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Tim Penner, County Health Director, Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, Brandy Riggs, Wakefield City Councilwoman, and Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, joined the meeting. Ms. Kemp reported that on the daily EOC Conference calls there are usually 8-10 individuals from the County and City that attend these meetings. So far, the handing out of the food commodities has gone smoothly. Harvester's and the Elk's Club have provided distributions for the month of April. When people are ordering PPE supplies, they need to be careful of scams and the conditions of the items that they are purchasing. There are a lot of bad vendors selling products that are not safe to use. The FEMA Applicant Briefing will be done by Go to Meeting electronically and not in person this time. It is doubtful that Clay County will be able to meet the threshold to be able to collect funds. Counties are required to report the number of supplies on hand to the State once a week through the Emergency Manager. The State is using these numbers to try to get more supplies from the Federal Government. The Governor is expected to release a new Executive Order this week. Ms. Rickley gave a report on the testing of COVID-19 in Clay County and reported that we have had our first related death in the County. Ms. Rickley stated that she is concerned about the opening of the Clay County Park and the effects that it could have on the elderly residents and the shopping at the stores. With this many people coming into the community from different Counties and States, the stores will need to continue with good sanitation and disinfecting to make it safe for everyone shopping. Dr. Penner gave a report of the limited number of healthcare workers that are available, testing and the capability of getting results within an hour at CCMC then if the test is positive it will have to go to KDHE for verification. Currently Clay County is testing 13 out of every 1,000 people. Dr. Penner stated that the Hospital has converted the OB section into 5 negative pressure rooms for COVID-19. They have redesigned the Doctors work flow to keep high risk patients away from others. It has never been more important for everyone to have individual and civic responsibilities. The Opening of the Courthouse was discussed. Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, stated that they are working on a plan for the office with the COVID-19 and with having property taxes being due on May 10th. They will be limiting the number of people in the office at one time and will have a plexiglass barrier between the customer and the employees. The Treasurer's Office also has a drop box in the north entryway for people to use or they can mail payments into the office.

Brandy Riggs, Wakefield City Councilwoman, met with the Board to discuss the plans of re-opening Clay County. Chris Dumler, Mayor of Wakefield, joined the meeting by phone. Also present were Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, Dr. Tim Penner, Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, Christine Swaim, Treasurer, and Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager. Ms. Riggs reported that the City of Wakefield is concerned with the opening of the Clay County Park with having campers travel from other Counties and States as we move forward to Memorial Weekend. This is one of the busiest weekends for Wakefield and the Park. Wakefield has a lot of older vulnerable population and the City Council feel that they need to watch out for all of their residents. All of the City parks in Wakefield are

currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that signs are posted because of not being able to disinfect the areas and there are to be no gatherings of people in the parks. We want them to come but to do it safely and if we are given some directives to keep our community safe and healthy and could welcome them in a safe fashion that would be ideal. We do recognize the impact that this has had on our local small businesses and want them to be able to return to business as safely as possible without creating an environment that will move our few cases to become a cluster. We feel that by working together and laying out guidelines to protect and support our community and to return slowly and safely to the new normal we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Ms. Riggs asked about the opening of the shower houses and the bathrooms that are located within the Park. Mr. Carney stated that at this time the shower houses and bathrooms will remain closed and that the campers will have to use their facilities within their campers. Commissioner Mayo expressed his concern about the congregating of people around campfires and getting together to eat. The Executive Orders that is in place states that no more than 10 people together and they are still to do the social distancing. We understand that there are great friends that camp together and this is what is done with camping. The problem is we cannot let this happen because of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. After much discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to have the Park remain closed until May 30th, and to review everything at that time. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn stated that the showers and the plumbing in the cell blocks are fixed and can be used. One of the grants that was received in 2019 was to upgrade the monitor for the weather maps. Some additional accessories in the amount of \$269.16 need to be purchased to hook the monitor up for use. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the purchase of the accessories in the amount of \$269.16 for the new weather monitor. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. They also need to replace a scanner that is used for documents to be sent to the County Attorney and District Court. The bids are as follows:

ImageScan Pro 820ix 20ppm - \$389.95

ImageScan Pro 830ix 30ppm - \$449.95

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the ImageScan Pro 820ix 20ppm in the amount of \$389.95. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunn reported on the improvements that they will be doing at the shooting range. Sheriff Dunn stated that Undersheriff Jim Bogart will be working with Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, on the design and the moving of the location of the range. A lot of dirt work will need to be done to make this much needed improvement.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to discuss the working of overtime during the spraying season. After discussion, the Board decided that the employees need to go in early like 5:00 a.m. and then take off early after working 8 hours. During spraying season, permission is granted for the Noxious Weed employee to work overtime on the Saturday morning that they work for the Landfill.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to get permission to purchase a pedestal and shaft for the John Deere pump that was purchased for the Leachate water wagon at an estimated cost of \$455.71. Permission was granted to purchase the pedestal and shaft for the John Deere pump. Permission was also granted to purchase 4 loads of road rock and 6 loads of 3" rock to use at the Landfill.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of rock to use in the campground. Permission was granted for the purchase of rock. The Board stated that they have had complaints about the boat dock not being in the water for people to use. Mr. Carney said that he has not had time with having to redo all of the electrical and all of the cleanup from the flood. The Board asked him to put it in as soon as possible.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, presented a quote from Double L Manufacturing LLC on a locked drop off box for the Courthouse. The quote was for the following:

Stainless Steel Box – Powdercoated with 2 crates - \$1,300

Steel – Powdercoated with 2 crates - \$950

This can be used by all departments within the Courthouse for individuals to drop off items after hours. The location to place the box is still being discussed. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the steel- Powdercoated box with 2 crates in the amount of \$950 to be used as a locked drop off box at the Courthouse. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made a motion to place an ad in the local newspaper thanking everyone for staying home and shopping local during the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
May 4, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas