

April 29, 2019

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

The Board reviewed the Independent Accountant's report for the EMS Department with the change of the EMS Director. No deficiencies were found.

Jimmy Thatcher, Mayor of Clay Center, met with the Board to discuss SB190. This Senate Bill repeals the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction statute and the separate statute allowing for revenue sharing by the state with cities and counties. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to strongly object to Section 3 of SB190. Section 3's single sentence that repeals the "Local ad valorem tax reduction fund" (LAVTR) and the "County and City Revenue Sharing Fund". Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, hauled sealing chips and rock, got the blacktop patcher ready, installed the tank car on Hackberry Rd., and removed trees and dirt work in several locations.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a meeting in Salina, Kansas. The new commercial washer has been installed at a cost of \$949.99 from Wall's True Value. The Board approved the purchase of replacement pads and batteries for AED's that are located in outlying locations. This purchase will be paid for out of the County General Fund. Mr. Cramer has been in contact with Osage Co. about the cost of a new ambulance. There is an increase of approximately \$14,000 on one like we ordered last time and a 300-day delivery time. After reviewing the cost of replacing or refurbishing pagers for the Department, it was decided to send three pagers in to be refurbished at a cost of \$148 each.

Mary Helene Garbarino and Jana Cott met with the Board at the Board's request to further discuss the Travel & Tourism Fund. The Board discussed the proposal that was received from EDG to handle the Travel & Tourism job. The Board asked if either one of them would be interested in handling the projects that have to do with Travel & Tourism if they were paid to do the jobs. Both Ms. Cott and Ms. Garbarino stated that they both are going to step down from volunteering with the Travel and Tourism.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the construction of the new leachate pond. The liner has been installed and it will be finished soon but can not be used until KDHE signs off on everything. Tire bids were tabled until next week. The Landfill will be closed on Saturday May 25th, 2019 for the employees to observe the Memorial Weekend.

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

Arnie Knoettgen, County Maintenance, met with the Board to present a quote on a new lighting system to be able to light up the tower. The current one is no longer working and will need to be replaced. A quote was received from REDI Systems out of Manhattan as follows:

Tower lights on all sides - \$9,292.09  
Base of the Courthouse lights - \$21,242.09  
Total Cost - \$30,534.18

The lights have a 5 year warranty and the electronic part have a 3 year warranty. The Board felt that the public enjoyed the tower light and being able to see the Courthouse at night. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the lights for the clock tower only and to spend up to \$9,400 for this project. This will be paid out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted permission to purchase a new controller for the irrigation system in the amount of \$235 and replacement parts for the repair of the sprinkler system.

Max Weir and Bill Weir met with the Board to discuss the road that runs in front of his residence. Mr. Max Weir stated that the asphalt that he personally paid for, and was laid in 2012, has approximately 50 feet that has been damaged by being grading off and now it is crumbling. Mr. Bill Weir provided pictures to the Board and explained the damage. Mr. Max Weir stated that he had visited with Ronnie Tremblay and asked that the grading be done differently where the blacktop is located. After several requests the grading has now changed. Mr. Bill Weir asked that only the damaged part be repaired and that a concrete entry be placed next to the asphalt. Mr. Max Weir stated that he is willing to pay for the concrete if the County will provide the labor. After discussing the issue, the Board decided that if Mr. Weir is willing to pay for the concrete the County will provide the labor to do the job. The concrete will be a 2 feet wide by 2 feet thick laid at the entry of the asphalt. The County will also replace and repair the damaged asphalt up to the west edge of the driveway and then the concrete entry.

Pawnee Mental Health provided the Board with a Proclamation declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Month 2019. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt the Proclamation declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Month. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Proclamation states: Whereas, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being and Whereas, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and Whereas, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and Whereas, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shared the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts. Therefore, Clay County does hereby proclaim May 2019 as MENTAL HEALTH MONTH and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Clay County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, its relationship to a strong, vibrant community, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
May 6, 2019  
Clay Center, Kansas