

May 15, 2023

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Board Commissioners approved Payroll in the amount of \$212,498.40 and Account Payables in the amount of \$282,741.14. The minutes were approved as printed.

Chuck Arnold, Wakefield Park Manager, met with the Board to discuss a complaint that was reported to the Board. Gail Westgate was in attendance also. The Board discussed the steps that are in place when wanting to camp in the camp park. Mr. Arnold showed the board pictures of the fence at the Pavilions that he replaced. The Board informed Mr. Arnold to contact Bobby Shomper to discuss the potholes that need to be filled.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give his departments weekly update. The department has been busy cleaning up after the storm and heavy rain came through last week. Mr. Shomper informed that board that they assisted the hospital in digging up a pipe to be fixed. Mr. Shomper was happy to report to the Commissioners that an employee of his department received his Class B CDL. The Highway Department will be chip sealing June 5-16.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board and informed them that they are at 350 runs so far this year. Mr. Cramer stated that they are working to fill the vacant position in his department. Medic 8 goes in the shop for routine maintenance this week. Mr. Cramer informed the Board that the training that was attended last week was very beneficial for the employees that attended.

Dana Rickley, Health Director, met with the Board and informed them that they joined the Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalitions. Ms. Rickley presented an event approval for an employee of her department to attend the Regional Public Health quarterly meeting in Topeka on Wednesday, May 17.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give his department weekly report. Mr. Benninga shared updates to email security that will be taking place in the future.

Melissa Stellner, District Court Clerk, met with the Board to ask permission to purchase 3 Desk and 3 File Mobile Pedestals in the amount of \$2,791.41. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase 3 desk and 3 file Mobile Pedestals from Central Office in the amount of \$2,791.41 to be paid for out of District Court Clerk Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board also signed an event approval for an employee of the District Court Clerk's office to attend meetings in Manhattan on June 5 & 6.

Natalie Muruato, Director Grow Clay County, met with the Board to request a letter of support for USD 379's Application on behalf of their efforts to improve and expand childcare in our community through applying for the Child Care Capacity Accelerator Grant. Also in attendance were Brett Nelson, Mike Floersch, Blake Slansky, Sierra Urban, Alicia Paul, Kyle Bauer, Josh Hinkle, Tanna Timmerman, Brandon Lee, Scott Leitzel, Monte Green, Susie Swanson, Rowan Rusert, Maury Catlin, and Brad Fowles. Mr. Nelson spoke about the goal to serve families in the community and working for a sustainable solution by providing additional quality childcare spots, especially for our low to middle income families. After a

discussion Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign the letter of support for USD 379's Application for the Child Care Capacity Accelerator Grant. Commissioner Mayo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board signed and approved the payment of a bill in the amount of \$252,507.30 to BHS Construction.

The Board adjourned at 12:44 to attend the meeting at the Fairgrounds with BHS.

The Board reconvened at 12:57 at the fairgrounds to tour the new building with Brett Ohlde, BHS Construction Superintendent and Jason King, BHS Construction Project Manager. Also in attendance were Brandon Gibson with Spangenberg Phillips Tice and Brian Garrians. Mr. Ohlde informed the Board that they are very close to being finished with the outside of the building. The water and sewer are hooked up to the building. They are getting closer to being finished with this project and are estimating to be finished the first of July.

The Board adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Shelby Crimmins, Deputy County Clerk
May 22, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas