

June 1, 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 \$176,314.78 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$649,828.88 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department worked on the lighting in the shop area, cleaned and serviced equipment, fixed damage to roads due to the weather, moved the equipment for chip seal project at the Idana location, rocked roads, mowed roadsides, and piled sheeting and finished the back wall of the tube that was placed in the Clay County Park. All oil has been ordered for the approximate 46 miles of chip sealing project. Mr. Shomper visited with King Construction and Reece Construction about the installation of a tube that needs to be replaced at 9th & Deer Trail Rd. Neither Company are interested in this project, but did recommend a couple of excavating companies that specializes in the placement of tubes that are in difficult locations. Mr. Shomper will be contacting them after they are finished with the chip sealing project for this year. Quotes were received for the tube to be placed at this location as follows:

Rail Yard – 75'x 9' box - \$18,768.00

Gateway Pipe – 75' x 9'4" - \$23,000.00

Welborn Sales – 2 pipes that will need to be banded together - \$8,255.13
30' x 6' pipe, 40' x 6' pipe and Band

Metal Culverts – 75' x 6' - \$9,146.25

After reviewing the quotes, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to accept the quote from Welborn Sales for the purchase of 2 pipes and a band in the amount of \$8,255.13 to be paid for out of Special Bridge fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper reported that he has had a blade operator resign, so they will need to fill the position as soon as possible. Permission was granted to place an employment ad in the Clay Center Dispatch to fill an upcoming vacant position. The Board approved an additional day of National Guard leave to an employee at the Highway Department. This is in addition to the two weeks that the County allows for the summer training.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that Medic 8 was on an emergency call when a hawk flew up and hit the mirror breaking the glass only. The bids to repair are as follows:

Perfection Auto Body - \$69.00

Wilder Auto Body - \$80.44

Glavan Ford - \$128.45

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go with Perfection Auto Body for the repair of the mirror on Medic 8. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The bids for the lease agreement financing of \$150,000 for three years with an annual payment toward the purchase of a new ambulance were opened as follows:

Union State Bank – 1.74% fixed

(Bank not responsible for lease contract)

United Bank & Trust – 2.86% fixed

Citizens National Bank – 2.29% fixed

Farmers & Merchants State – 1.95%

After discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with Union State Bank with an interest rate of 1.74% fixed for the partial financing of a new ambulance. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. American Pest Management Inc. sent a letter to the EMS Department stating that if the County would prepay for the pest control service annually in the amount of \$266.40, we could save \$29.60. Normally they spray quarterly at a cost of \$74.00 each time. The Board agreed to pay for the service annually. ZOLL Medical Corporation presented a three-year extended warranty on the ZOLL AutoPulse in the amount of \$3,975, this covers the use of a loaner at no charge, lithium ion batteries, multi chemistry battery charger, and a worry-free warranty on the unit. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the three-year extended warranty through ZOLL on the AutoPulse unit at a cost of \$3,975. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jody Thorman, Interim Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to give an updated report. Commissioner Mayo reported that Griggs Electric had contacted him stating that there were 11 pedestals that were bad. There are two options, they could replace the entire pedestal or replace the unit that is inside each one. Replacing the unit inside would be an estimated cost of \$1,000 for all 11 pedestals plus approximately a half hour of labor per unit. The Board granted permission for Griggs Electric to replace the unit that is inside each of the 11 pedestals plus the cost of the labor. Ms. Thorman reported that the park is full. There are 4 or 5 campers that do not have any power, but Griggs Electric is working on that issue. There are 19 trees that need to be topped out. The Board instructed Ms. Thorman to get bids from the tree services in Clay County and to return at a later date with this information. The Club cart that is used all over the park, is not working correctly. Commissioner Mayo called Kansasland to see if they would look at this. The Board instructed them to take the cart to Kansasland to have repaired. Prairieland was able to find a used part for the John Deere tractor repair for less than \$900 plus labor. It is supposed to be fixed and back at the park this week. The fish cleaning station is open for use. Ms. Thorman would like to thank Brian Yarrow and Jamie Mellies for rebuilding a very sturdy hand rail on the dock and also a thank you to Brian Drake and Moby D. for working on a culvert that needed repair and cutting up trees. The Board approved bills, one from Mel's Pump & Plumbing in the amount of \$1,376.12 and several loads of rock and scalplings from Bayer Construction Co. that the Highway Department hauled to the Clay County Park.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19. Ms. Rickley reported that the new pass thru window has been installed and the staff feels more protected with it in place. Ms. Rickley would like to thank the Sheriff's Department Deputies for delivering the COVID signage to all the small towns within the County. Ms. Kemp had David Thurlow, Chairman sign the Version 4 Clay County Re-opening Plan. Red Cross is getting critically low on the blood supply nationwide. The National Weather Service is considering removing Advisory from the alert system and using just the watch and the warning for weather alerts. Research has determined that the current system is confusing to many core partners and the public. The State has issued guidance for schools and fairs.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn stated that the new tankless hot water heater system has been installed. They will be checking on the status of the new patrol unit that was ordered from Friesen Chrysler Dodge in February.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Landfill. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Landfill to attend an HHW class in Junction City, Kansas. The Board discussed the opening up of the Landfill. Councilman Daton Hess called in by phone to discuss the possibility of when the City could begin picking up the recycling again. After discussion with Ms. Carroll, the Board instructed Ms. Carroll to open up the Landfill to customers for receiving all types of solid waste. The roll off truck will be returned this week from having a blown head gasket repaired. The skid loader and the mower both have been repaired.

The Board approved the installation of two new door closures on the entry doors at the Courthouse in the amount of \$535 from DAS Glass Shop.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 8, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas