

June 5, 2023

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. Account payables in the amount of \$679,033.58 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center. The Medical Center is working on migrating the EMR records and the Clinic records together into one software program. Mr. Gillard again wanted to thank Bobby Shomper and the Highway Department for helping with the pipe that collapsed at CCMC. Mr. Gillard stated that they had advertised for three open positions over the last two weeks and have received 12 applications for the three positions. This is a huge improvement with the number of applications received compared to open positions in the last couple of years. MD Save has gone live to prepay for surgeries. They have performed several procedures already for individuals using this program. When using MD Save the cost will be the lowest within a 200-mile radius.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, stopped in the Commissioner meeting to inform them that the packer is broken down and they will not be chip sealing today. It will take approximately two weeks to chip seal the 32 miles that is scheduled to do this year.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason stated that he is still working on getting prices and finding someone that would be willing to build furniture to fit the small size of the office.

The Board approved Cari Pfizenmaier, Teacher at Lincoln Elementary, to bring her 2nd grade summer learning class to the Courthouse Square on June 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to draw pictures and write positive words on the sidewalks around the Courthouse.

The Board approved Leah Knitter, Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, and her summer class to post pictures that they have drawn for the theme Explore Clay County on the Courthouse Square. The pictures will be placed on the Square on Thursday afternoon June 8th and will be left for approximately one week for the public to enjoy.

The Board signed and Event Approval for an employee of the Treasurer's Office to attend a conference in Manhattan, Kansas.

The Board signed and approved the second half of the NRP Refunds in the amount of \$11,487.50

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to report that Real Estate and Personal Property have both been certified to the County Clerk. The Personal Property has a 6.3 million dollar increase in valuation for the 2023 tax year. The Board granted Mr. Mesalles to spend up to \$200 on the purchase of a new paper shredder.

Alec Trembath, Paramedic Team Captain, met with the Board to report that the Department has been busy and that they are currently at 393 emergency runs or out of town transfers so far this year. Mr. Trembath presented bids to purchase two new tires for Medic 8 as follows:

Friesen Clay Center, KS – Firestone TransForce AT2 All Season - \$296.02 for 2 tires installed

Firestone TransForce HT2 All Season - \$290.92 for 2 tires installed

Kansasland Tire & Service – Wrangler Workhorse HT - \$419.98 for 2 tires installed

Glavan Ford – Unknown Brand of tire - \$390.95 for 2 tires installed

The Board discussed the quote from Carlson Heating & AC, LLC for the replacement of a heat pump at the Law Enforcement Center that has stopped working. The quote is to replace one Bosch 4-ton 2-stage geothermal heat pump with copper/nickel exchanger for the water well system. This comes with a 10-year warranty on parts and 1 year warranty on labor on Bosch equipment in the amount of \$10,842.71. This needs to be replaced for it provides air conditioning to part of the building. After discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the heat pump from Carlson Heating & AC in the amount of \$10,842,71 to be paid for out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp provided the Board with a document concerning changes that the State of Kansas has made involving Agriculture Structure permitting in the Floodplains in each County. Ms. Kemp also sent the Board an email with more information and instructions specific for Clay County Floodplain. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Emergency Management to attend a conference in Mulvane, Kansas.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that she has not heard back from Advance Electric on the generator issues. The Board instructed Ms. Rickley to reach out to them again. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee to attend a conference in Salina, Kansas.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga discussed the replacement of the heat pump at the Law Enforcement Center. The Board stated that it would be paid for out of the County General Fund because it was not budgeted in the Sheriff's Department Budget. Sheriff Benninga stated that he has ordered a Ballistic Shield in the amount of \$999 and will be paid for out of the VIN Number Fund.

Madison Howe, Clay County Conservation District Manager, met with the Board to present the 2024 proposed funding request. Annelle Chestnut, Bevin Law, Lowell Marsh, Derek James, Tom Meek, Carol Adams, and Mike Pavel, Regional Representative also joined the meeting. Ms. Chestnut reported on the salaries and the wages for the one full-time employee and one-part-time employee. Ms. Howe reported on the KACD Technician position that is paid for by a grant and that the previous employee had transferred to a permanent NRCS Tech position and they have filled the position with a new employee. Mr. Marsh, Drill Manager, reported that the drill rental continues to stay busy and that he tries to keep both drills greased in between being used. Ms. Adams reported that the district maintains a close working relationship with USD 379 to offer the conservation poster contest to the elementary students and the Envirothon program for high school students. Ms. Howe stated that the 5% increase in the

funding requests will go towards salary, benefits, technology, and travel expenses. The Commissioners stated that they will consider the \$55,566 that has been requested for the 2024 budget year when preparing the 2024 Budget.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 12, 2023
Clay Center, Kansas