

June 15, 2020

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$187,069.23 was reviewed and approved. Account payables in the amount of \$127,402.25 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The week of June 8th, the Department started the chip and seal project in the Idana area, moved to the Morganville are, then to Gas City and finished in the Clifton area. The entire project went well this year. On June 10th the Department went back to normal operations of moving rock, blading roads, and mowing roadsides. They had two extra blades out to get caught up on the roads. They did a temporary repair on a culvert on 14th Rd. and Limestone Rd. This culvert will need to be totally replaced, but did not want to close the road with harvest coming soon. When harvest is finished, they will close the road and replace the entire culvert. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that he did purchase two umbrellas at an estimated cost of \$360 to place on the equipment to protect the employees from the sun while chip sealing. At some point Mr. Shomper would like to see what the cost would be to put in a wash rack at the County shop so that they could wash the equipment after being used and driving on the dusty roads. The dirt and grime buildup is hard on the trucks and equipment. Mr. Shomper provided pictures to the Board of an issue that he is having at the Landfill with employees placing scrap iron and other items on the Highway Department section of property that he has barricaded off for the Highway Departments big trucks to be able to get turned around. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to visit with Ms. Carroll, Director of the Landfill about this issue.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer presented a quote from Network's Plus for the EMS Watchguard Security Suite for the Firewall in the amount of \$1,215.42. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the purchase of the Watchguard Security/Firewall for the EMS Department in the amount of \$1,215.42 from Network's Plus. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Medic 5 the new ambulance was delivered on Wednesday and radios were installed on Friday. Andy with Stryker was here to repair the electronic cot that was having issues. Zoll was here on Tuesday to provide the preventative maintenance on the X Series Monitors.

The Board called Jody Thorman by phone to see if she had received bids for topping out the large trees that are dead. The bids were reviewed as follow:

Metz (Washington County) - \$150 per tree
B & B Tree Service - \$150 per tree
McGee Tree Service - \$125 per tree

There are approximately 16-19 dead trees that will be topped, hauled to burn pile and cleaned up for the price listed above. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go with McGee Tree Service at a cost of \$125 per tree. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board asked Ms. Thorman to come in next Monday to give a report to the Board.

Lori Huber, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to finalize the Community Development Block Grant contract with the State of Kansas. Ms. Huber reported that 8 out of the 12 Counties that belong to North Central Regional Planning Commission were awarded funds on this CDBG grant. Ms. Huber called Carroll Torkelson, NCRPC, to ask questions about the contract. Ms. Torkelson explained that after a business has applied for a grant and the application has been approved, the business must show receipts or invoices before the funds will be paid. The County will request a draw of funds from the State at a minimum of at least \$3,000. After discussion, the Chairman David Thurlow signed the Grant Agreement No. 20-CV011 between the Department of Commerce and Clay County.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to give a Department update. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Appraiser's Office to attend training in Manhattan, Kansas. This is a training that was cancelled from the pandemic and has now been rescheduled. Mr. Mesalles presented the proposed 2021 Appraiser's Budget to the Board. The Budget was left for review.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Network's Plus provided a quote for a 3-year Watchguard Security/Firewall for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,806.25. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the 3-year Watchguard Security/Firewall for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$1,806.25. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunn stated that they are needing to purchase tires for one of the Deputies patrol units. The bid is for four replacement Eagle Ultra Grip tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$688.80. Sheriff Dunn stated that he will need to purchase 3 more sets of tires before the end of the year. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase 2 sets of four Eagle Ultra Grip Tires from Kansasland in the amount of \$688.80 per set of four tires. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to have the Commercial Hauler Permits signed and approved. There are three permits within the County that authorized the collection and disposal of solid waste at the Clay County Landfill. This is an annual permit issued to the City of Morganville, City of Clay Center, and C & M Refuse. Ms. Carroll stated that she has an employee that was sick for 3 days and would like to make a request for the donation of sick leave from the Clay County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to allow a donation of 24 hours to be donated out of the Clay County Sick Leave Pool to an employee of the Landfill. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board granted permission to have new doors put on a semi-trailer at an estimated cost of \$1,300 at TSI, Inc. The City of Clay Center will begin picking up recycling again on the regular trash routes.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to provide an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ms. Rickley announced that the County Health Fair will be held August 3rd - 7th, 2020 during office hours by appointment. Clay County has been awarded \$32,000 to provide education on Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug use. This education will be provided along with Pawnee Mental Health and Law Enforcement. Ms. Rickley also reported that she was awarded the Kcamp Risk Avoidance Grant in the amount of \$1,526.11 to pay for the new pass thru window that has been installed in the office at County Health. The Long Term Care Homes have been following the policies and procedures that they had in place for the re-opening of the Care Homes and

all of them have excellent management running these homes. Ms. Kemp stated that they are watching the positive events that are currently happening for they are from the time frame of Memorial Day gatherings. High School Graduation is still planned for Saturday morning. The Personal Protection Equipment is currently in good stock for Clay County. Legislation made changes with the contact training. New guidance for tracing contacts will be out by August 1st. The phases for the Spark funding were reviewed.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 22, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas