

June 22, 2020

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

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded all dirt and rock roads, hauled rock to areas in need, mowed roadsides in the Northern and Eastern part of the County and down in the Wakefield area, met with APAC to get estimated start time for blacktopping to begin possibly this week, they placed rip rap beside culverts in several locations, installed two 40' pipes for private driveways, replaced a culvert at 2nd Rd. & Kiowa Rd., worked in shop servicing vehicles and equipment, several employees worked on power washing and cleaning the distributors and several pieces of equipment. Ryan Wilson, Clay Center Dispatch, went live for facebook at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Carlson stated that he has driven the roads that were just chip sealed and that the Department did an excellent job. The redesign of the shooting range was discussed and permission was granted to purchase grass seed and to plant it this fall.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board, to give the weekly report. The Department has continued to stay busy with emergency runs and transfers out of town. The Stryker cot in the new ambulance is not working correctly. A representative will be here today to fix it or will trade out with a new cot.

Jody Thorman, Interim Park Manager, and Rusty Thorman met with the Board to give an update on the Park. The Park is full of campers and everything is going well. Ms. Thorman reported that most of the picnic tables have been repaired and are being used by the campers. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes beginning at 9:25 a.m. with Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Jody Thorman, Interim Park Manager, Rusty Thorman and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is personnel. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to hire Jody Thorman as the Clay County Park Manager at an annual salary of \$32,000 with no benefits and Russell (Rusty) Thorman as a Park employee at an annual salary of \$18,000 with the health insurance benefit. There will no longer be a camper pad provided for the Manager of the Park.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, presented the 2021 proposed budgets for the County Clerk's Office and the Election Fund. Both budgets were reviewed and left for consideration.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Health Department and an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley stated that she has received a quote from Networks Plus and disputed the cost of the purchase of the Watchguard Security/Firewall and got it lowered to \$998.20 for three years. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the Watchguard Security/Firewall in the amount of \$998.20 for three years from Networks Plus. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rickley reported that she will need to fill a Registered Nurse position and a CNA position that will be vacant soon. The Board granted permission to run employment ads to fill the vacant positions in the local newspaper. Ms. Rickley stated

that they will also need to place a person in the Disease Investigator position with the tracking of the COVID-19 pandemic. The vacant RN position is the current one that does this project. Ms. Rickley stated that Clay County will begin the Final Phase with COVID starting today. You will still need to practice the social distancing and wear a mask if you choose.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported on the prisoner count at the Law Enforcement Center.

Whitney Baer, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to present the proposed 2021 Noxious Weed budget. The proposal was reviewed and left for study. Ms. Baer informed the Board that she has sent out several Noxious Weed letters to landowners. There seems to be more than normal thistles this year in pastures. Commissioner Carlson asked the status on the spraying of roadsides. Ms. Baer stated that they have been out and spraying but that there had been a lot of days that the wind has blown to much. Ms. Baer reported that they had turned to short in the Dodge spray truck and had damaged the step that is on the side of the bed. The Board granted permission to have the damage fixed on the Dodge truck.

Shannon Stark, Travel & Tourism, met with the Board to discuss the placing of ads for Clay County in the Kansas Magazine, Kansas Byways Guide, and the Kansas Travel Guide. After reviewing the cost of the different sizes of ads and the number of copies printed, Commissioner Mayo made the motion for Clay County to purchase the ¼ page in the quarterly printed Kansas Magazine at a cost of \$595, the ½ page in the Kansas Byways Guide that is printed every 2 years at a cost of \$995, and the County will pay for ½ of the cost of the full page ad. The total cost will be \$6,622 so the County will pay \$3,311 and the City and Businesses will pay for the other half. This will all be paid for out of the Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
June 29, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas