

July 15, 2019

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$183,910.22 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$91,630.64 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07B proclaiming that a State of Local Disaster Emergency continues to exist and extends the Resolution and Proclamation for an additional 15 days due to continued severe weather predictions. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Abatement 2018A43 in the amount \$128.86 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08 to continue the Rural Opportunity Zone Program (ROZ) in Clay County. Clay County Commissioners hereby obligate Clay County to participate in the student loan repayment program. This renewal will be for a period of 5 years, which shall be irrevocable. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved payment to Phil Pfizenmaier for a claim filed through the Riverside Drainage District for damages to a 2019 wheat crop caused by a Retention Dam. The claim is for 19 acres of wheat that was lost by flood water.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Dill, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd, held the second budget workshop with the Board of Commissioners to work on the process of preparing the County 2020 budget. Mr. Gassman will return next week with the changes that the Board requested.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department placed rip rap at several locations, replaced a small wooden bridge with a tank car on 5<sup>th</sup> Rd, placed several new pipes and worked on ditching projects. Bids were opened for the replacement of the bridge located on Prairie Rd between 25<sup>th</sup> Rd & 26<sup>th</sup> Rd. The bids were as follows:

Reece Construction - \$73,900.00 – Double Barrel

Ebert Construction - \$135,136.30 – Single Barrel

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the bid from Reece Construction in the amount of \$73,900 for a replacement bridge. This will be paid for out of Special Highway. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Courtney Siemers, AEMT, and Diedra Stout, Assistant Director, were also present. Mr. Cramer reported that Medic 3 is having issues with the DEF system and has been taken to Briggs in Manhattan for repairs that are still under warranty. The EMS Department would like to thank Prairie Land Partners for the use of the Gator at the Clay County Fair. Mike Holte was called for repairs on the north air conditioning unit. Kyle Shimmens, Osage Ambulances and Tim Leitnaker, American Response Vehicles, joined the meeting for the opening of the new ambulance bids. The bids were received as follows:

Osage Ambulances - \$217,800

American Response Vehicles - \$223,188

Both bids will be tabled so that Mr. Cramer can review them and make a recommendation of purchase to the Board next week.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Sheriff's Department to attend training in Salina, Kansas.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 30 minutes beginning at 10:55 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Kayla Wang, County Clerk, and Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director present. The subject to be discussed was personnel. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Chairman of the Board signed a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Leachate Collection and Control System Improvements constructed by Ebert Construction Co., Inc. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll on how different situations at the Landfill need to be handled throughout the day.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 22, 2019  
Clay Center, Kansas