

July 17, 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 \$387,312.38 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board to hold the budget workshop for the 2024 Budgets for Clay County and the Rural Highway. Mr. Gassman will return next week with a budget draft for the Board to review and to make changes that need to be done.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department removed bridge and hauled scalping to 9<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Limestone Rd., finished rocking 16<sup>th</sup> Rd. & Buffalo Rd., transported equipment to another project, finished the job on Prairie Circle, bladed roads, and mowed roadsides. Mr. Shomper stated that he had signed the job order for the laying of asphalt by the new building at the Fairgrounds.

Alec Trembath, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department is currently at 481 emergency runs or out of town transfers. Mr. Trembath reviewed the pros and cons to change the hours to work 48 hours on and 96 hours off for staffing the EMS. This would go into effect at the beginning of a pay period on August 27, 2023 if approved. The Board granted permission to implement the different work schedule for the staff to see how the employees like it. Mr. Trembath reported that Medic 8 will be going in for the remount of the box on to a new chassis soon. This will be an expense of approximately \$95,000 which will be paid out of the Capital Outlay Fund.

Charlotte Rundell met with the Board for the City of Morganville to request a donation for the Party in the Ville this year. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$500 to the Morganville Party in the Ville to be paid for out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give an update on the Department. Ms. Carroll reported that KDHE stated that they have received the 2022 Fall Landfill monitoring reports from Associated Environmental Inc. and will review both reports and will let Ms. Carroll know the results. Currently the Landfill has received one bill in the amount of \$6,038 for the reporting on the current Landfill and another bill in the amount of \$473 for the old Landfill site. Both bills received were from Associated Environmental, Inc. It was decided that we will pay both bills once the report is released from KDHE.

The Board reviewed and approved a bill from BHS Construction, Inc in the amount of \$43,962.73 for the new building at the Fairgrounds.

The Board reviewed the following quotes for replacement cabinets and countertop for the conference room at the County Health Department. The quotes were as follows:

Regier's Custom Woodworking - \$2,092

Home Depot - \$1,117

Clay County Lumber & Supply - \$980

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the cabinets and countertop from Clay County Lumber & Supply in the amount of \$980. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll presented the proposal to replace the camera system that was taken in the theft at the County Landfill in the amount of \$1,910.90 from Homman Electronics and also presented was a proposal for a commercial monitored alarm system in the amount of \$1,962.00 from Homman Electronics. The Board reviewed the proposals and Commissioner Mayo made the motion to replace the camera system and add the commercial monitored alarm system. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to contact a fence company to get the fence repaired.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that the Department is trying to prepare for the music festival that will be held in Wakefield on Saturday afternoon and evening. Last week there were several members of an SRT Team from the Ellsworth Prison that came here and provided classroom training and an exercise at the Law Enforcement Center. This was great training for all of the individuals involved.

Devin Burr, Tiger Shark Swim Team, met with the Board to thank them for the donation that they provided last year. This year the fundraising for the Team came up short and they were not able to purchase all of the equipment that was needed. Mr. Burr asked if the Board would be willing to make a donation to the Team again this year. If they were to make a donation, they would purchase a cart that they could store the starting blocks on. These blocks are heavy to move around and a cart would help with where they are stored. The cart cost \$551.92 from Home Depot and they also need to replace a canopy that was destroyed in a windstorm and it cost \$100.00. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate \$500 to the Tiger Shark Swim Team out of the Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Shelby Crimmins, County Clerk Deputy, met with the Board to discuss an error that was discovered on the Elected Officials Annual Resolution. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to correct the Resolution back to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give an update on the Department. Mr. Mesalles reported that they have sent out the Agriculture Use questionnaires to landowners and ask them to fill them out and to return them to the Appraiser's Office. Mr. Mesalles provided information on the 68 building permits that they have issued so far in 2023. The permits are for a variety of different structures throughout the County.

The Board of Commissioner received a complaint from a citizen concerning the County policies. The Board referred this issue to the County Attorney for assistance.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 24, 2023  
Clay Center, Kansas

