

July 20, 2020

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 \$9,497.36 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Thurlow reported to the Board that he had received an email from Kenneth Wenger with the Corp of Engineers stating that KDHE has scheduled to spot treat the blue green algae at Milford Reservoir during the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>. They are asking permission to close down the boat docks and associated parking for a day during the application. With the amount of product being applied it will require a considerable amount of equipment to spot treat approximately 250-275 acres of Milford with liquid hydrogen peroxide to help control the current bloom of the blue green algae. The Board granted permission to close down the boat docks for one day to apply this treatment.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board and held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 Clay County budget workshop. Mr. Gassman collected several budget requests and stated that he will return next week to present the first budget draft and will make changes at that time.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss the distribution of the SPARKS funds. Commissioner Mayo stated that he is requesting a new bank account with just the SPARKS funds in it so that it is easier to follow. He feels that there should be separate checks ran with the distribution of these funds. Ms. Swaim stated that she could run them as Miscellaneous Disbursements so that they are not connected to the regular Account Payables that the County Clerk's Office pays. Commissioner Thurlow stated that the Commissioners will be responsible for approving these bills for payment after the State approves the Clay County Plan after August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board decided that the Treasurer's Office would pay these bills weekly as a Miscellaneous Disbursement and that Ms. Swaim needs to order different colored checks just for this account so that they will be easier to tell that they are paid with the SPARKS fund.

Kayla Wang, County Clerk, stated that she had visited with Kim Kramer, Mayor of Longford about the Satellite Voting that is held at the Longford Community Center. Ms. Wang reported that there have been 62 ballots mailed to registered voters in the Longford area. Mr. Kramer made the decision to cancel it for the Primary Election since there have been so many Advance Mail Ballots requested.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, mowed roadsides in the Clay Center area, moved chips to Clifton, did ditch work on 17<sup>th</sup> Rd., replaced a culvert on Burr Oak between 10<sup>th</sup> Rd. and 11<sup>th</sup> Rd., and worked on a ditching and road project on 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunflower Rd. where the landowner is installing a new fence. APAC has finished the blacktopping project on 9<sup>th</sup> Rd. There ended up not being as much cold mix asphalt to purchase from APAC as originally stated. Clay County ended up getting an estimated 90 ton and KDOT purchased 4 ton. Husker Steel plans to start the replacement of the two bridges after Labor Day. Orval Juenemann Dozer Service will start the pipe replacement on 9<sup>th</sup> Rd. sometime in September or October.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The run volume is down compared to the same time in 2019 but Department remains busy with out of town transfers. The staffing at the EMS Department was reviewed.

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

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Kemp presented the proposed 2021 Emergency Management budget to the Board for review. Ms. Kemp stated that we have two more positive COVID cases in Clay County. This makes a total of 14 cases. Brett Nelson, USD 379 Superintendent joined the meeting. Commissioner Thurlow asked Mr. Nelson about the request that the school district had made with the SPARK program. Mr. Nelson stated that they are needing to purchase additional computers to prepare for online school in case they are not able to hold regular school. Currently they have one computer for every two or three students. This will not work for this upcoming school year for every student to be able to log 6 hours a day for online learning. The expenses that has been requested will cover the starting of school which is less than 30 days away. Mr. Nelson has concerns with the Governor's Executive Orders that she is presenting later today concerning the delay in starting of the school year until September 9<sup>th</sup> instead of August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed the cleaning and disinfecting of the schools and the buses that will need to be done to make is safe for the kids to attend school. The Commissioners and the local School Board will work together to decide what is best for our school district.

Max Weir met with the Board to discuss the road project that he has been waiting for a period of time to get fixed in front of his residence. Mr. Weir is concerned about time it is taking to get this project done. Commissioner Thurlow informed Mr. Weir that we have now been able to purchase the asphalt and should be able to do this job in the near future. The Board will discuss this project with the Highway Administrator.

The Board of Commissioners received the completed Grant Agreement between Clay County and the Kansas Department of Commerce for the implementation of the CDBG-CV grants for the businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the amended 2020 PayScale as presented with the changes that were approved on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Stellner, District Court Clerk, met with the Board to present prices on plexi glass for the Jury Box. Ms. Stellner reported that she has found floor standing sneeze shields that will work to set between the jurors on each side of them for a total amount of \$887.85. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the floor standing sneeze shields in the amount of \$887.85. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christine Swaim, County Treasurer, present a quote to the Board from DS Glass Shop LLC in the amount of \$3,215.64 to make the sneeze guards in each work space permanent for the safety of the employees.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the permanent sneeze guards to be installed in the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$3,215.64. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 27, 2020  
Clay Center, Kansas