

July 22, 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. Account payables in the amount of \$770.18 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the County Clerk's Office to attend training in Topeka, Kansas.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Dill, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., held the third 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 a draft copy including the changes that were requested by the Board for final approval.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department replaced several pipes throughout the county, worked on tree jobs, and replaced the small bridge on 25<sup>th</sup> Rd that had collapsed with a tank car. Mr. Tremblay reported that they had receive some 2018 FEMA funding in the amount of \$52,470. This is to be put back in the Road & Bridge Fund where the expenses were paid out of. Knox Welding has informed Mr. Tremblay that they currently have 8 tank cars in stock for purchase in the amount of \$8,500 each. The Board granted permission to purchase all 8 tank cars and to pay for them out of the Road & Bridge fund using the FEMA money that was just received. The Board granted permission to fill a position that will become vacant in October. The Board instructed Mr. Tremblay to draw up specs and to take bids on a new tractor and mower for the County Mowing Department.

Diedra Stout, Assistant EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Stout reported that after reviewing the ambulance bids that were opened last week, Mr. Cramer, EMS Director, would like to make a recommendation to purchase the new ambulance from Osage Ambulance in the amount of \$217,800. This would make all of the ambulances alike and everything would be set up the same and easier to for the EMS Staff to use. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go with the recommendation from Mr. Cramer to purchase the new ambulance from Osage Ambulance in the amount of \$217,800. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to present an Event Approval. The Board signed the Event Approval for an employee of the Appraiser's Office to attend training in Topeka, Kansas. The Board visited with Mr. Mesalles about how different types of property are valued within the County. Mr. Mesalles also informed the Board that Counties are starting to use drones to help in viewing properties for valuing.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to inform them that the big roll off truck is in need of repairs and new tires on the front. KDHE has contacted Ms. Carroll and the compost that is being brought in from the northern part of the County will need to go into the Solid Waste and not in the compost pile. After the discussion last week, the Board made the decision that an Employee Disciplinary

Action form will be written up on Rhonda Carroll concerning employee interaction, working environment, and poor supervisory skills.

Mike Argo, Fairboard President, Chad Knitter, Janis Jackson, Karen Yarrow, and Tyrone Kamphaus, Fairboard members, met with the Board to give an update on the fair. They all feel that the Clay County Fair was successful for the 4-H Members and that it was a good Fair. It also was the toughest Fair that they have had to deal with having no carnival. Financially it was bad, having a loss between \$5,500-\$6,000. They are trying to find a carnival for next year, but some carnivals will not come to Kansas because of the stiff inspection laws. Mr. Argo stated that they were also there to ask about having a beer garden at the remaining races held in Clay Center. Mr. Knitter stated that they had around 130 people attend the last race and they feel that they can double the attendance if they are able to have a beer garden. They will confine it to the stands and the north end of the grandstands. The Board asked what the cost of insurance would be if they were to allow it and to find out from other Counties how much it has increased their attendance and income. The Board would like to consider the beer garden at other events other than the County Fair, for they feel that is a family friendly event. The Board would like to know how taxpayers feel about this issue, both those that support the beer garden and those that are against it. The Fairboard will report back next week on the information that they find out from other Counties.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to report that him and Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, would like to close the campgrounds indefinitely because of safety issues with the debris and the conditions of the trees. The Wayne's World Playground also has lots of damage so that will be closed too. The Board agreed to close until more information is collected and cleanup can be done. All entries and exits to the park will be closed to the public. Mr. Carney 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 10 minutes beginning at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed was personnel. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Jeff Gaiser, Clay County Museum Director, met with the Board to present the proposed 2020 budget request for the Museum. Mr. Gaiser presented an income and expense report for 2019 and a projected report for 2020. The request for 2020 was increased by \$10,000 for a total appropriation of \$90,000. Mr. Gaiser stated that the increase was to help cover the cost of utilities for the Museum. After much discussion, the Board decided to leave the 2020 appropriation at \$80,000 the same that is currently being distributed. Mr. Gaiser informed the Board that a lot of the inventory has been done and that they also have items displayed on the second floor of the Museum.

The Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
July 29, 2019  
Clay Center, Kansas

