

July 27, 2020

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. Payroll in the amount of \$174,781.90 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Randy Thorman called the Board by phone to ask if Mike Carney could pull his Snowbird trailer out of the park. The Board granted permission for Mike Carney to pull Mr. Thorman's trailer out of the park in a timely manner.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board and held the 3rd 2021 Clay County budget workshop. Mr. Gassman presented a draft copy of the budget to the Board. With a few additional changes that the Board requested, Mr. Gassman will return next week with a final budget. Mr. Gassman stated that Clay County is financially in good shape as far as the carry over that is used every year to figure the budget.

The Board signed the letter of Engagement with Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd. on the budget preparation services for the 2021 Clay County Budget in the amount of \$4,950.

The Board signed a letter to FEMA exploring the possibility of mitigation steps which may be taken to lessen the effect of future flooding at the Clay County Park.

Rick James, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss complaints that he and all three Commissioners have received on the former Clay County Park Manager Mike Carney. Mr. James stated that Mr. Carney has stayed multiple nights with friends at the park. Commissioner Mayo made the motion that former Park Manager Mike Carney is prohibited from being physically present in the Clay County Park in Wakefield effective July 27, 2020 thru December 31, 2020, with the exception of using the boat dock to put in or remove boat from lake. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. James will write a letter with this information and will have it delivered to Mr. Carney.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, rocked roads, and mowed roadsides in the South and Southeastern parts of the County, restocked the sign trailer, worked in the shop, began patching blacktop roads with cold mix asphalt, fixed a drainage issue on 16th Rd., finished the dirt work and installation of a pipe project on 30th Rd. and Sunflower Rd., replaced driveway culverts on Frontier between 27th Rd. and 28th Rd. Mr. Shomper presented bids on a Refrigerant Recovery, Recycle, and Recharge portable machine as follows:

Clay Center Auto Parts - \$3,366.00

Avery Auto Parts - \$3,899.99

Summit Truck Group - \$3,628.90

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the machine from Clay Center Auto Parts in the amount of \$3,366.00 to be paid for out of the Special Highway fund.

Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Johnny and Jane Crawshaw joined the meeting. Mr. Crawshaw expressed his concerns for the drainage and how the rock is placed on the

roads in their area. Mr. Shomper asked if he had ever called into the office to state his concerns. Mr. Crawshaw stated that he had not this time. Mr. Shomper requested that he call the office so the he could go out and look at the concern and to correct the issue if there happens to be one. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that the project in front of Mr. Max Weir's residence has been completed. Mike Justin, Mayor of Vining, contacted Mr. Shomper and asked the County to take over and maintain a section of road within the City limits. The Board discussed this requested and decided that the County will not get involved in maintaining roads that belong to a City. Vining will need to hire someone to maintain the roads within the City limits.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the bedroom project is estimated to cost \$15,000 and the classroom project is estimated to cost \$10,000. Both of these projects are being considered to be paid for by the SPARKS funds.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The SPARKS projects for the Sheriff's Department were reviewed.

The Board received a letter from The Kansas Department of Revenue enclosing the final results of Clay County's Official 2019 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study pursuant to the requirements of K.S.A 79-1489. They are pleased to report that the County Appraiser has met the statistical performance standards established for the residential class of property.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Management, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Brett Nelson, USD 379 Superintendent joined the meeting. Ms. Kemp reported that there were two new positive cases of COVID-19 reported this morning. The Board discussed the projects that have been requested and could be paid for by the SPARKS funds. Mr. Nelson reported that school for USD 379 will be starting on August 18th, 2020. With the Governors new Executive Order, every student is to wear a mask. Mr. Nelson stated that the USD 379 Advisory Board is working closely with Dr. Penner, County Medical Director, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director and they all agree to the recommendation that 5th grade and under not wear face masks at school. The Governor says that no one can supersede this Executive Order. Ms. Kemp stated that the Attorney General gave an unofficial opinion on masks but has not put it in writing. Mr. Nelson says that parents want to know what our plan is and they need to know. USD 379 has completed their draft plan and the final approval will be at a Special Meeting on August 3, 2020. Mr. Nelson appreciated the Board being willing to listen to their plan and to work together for local control and what is best for the School District in our County. Schools and Long-Term Care Homes are now required to provide their own PPE unless they are not able to find a source to provide the PPE. Ms. Kemp requested permission to go ahead and purchase the electronics for the classroom project to allow for virtual meetings with better monitors in the amount of \$7,008.34 from Networks Plus. This will be paid for out of the EM Grant fund and reimburse by SPARKS funds when they become available. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the classroom electronics in the amount of \$7,008.34 from Networks Plus. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kemp also requested the purchase of a 10'x16' storage shed from Vintage Gardens in the amount of \$3,095. This will be placed inside of the ESA building to store the COVID-19 PPE stock that the County receives. This will be paid for out of the EM Grant fund and reimbursed by SPARKS funds when they become available. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the 10'x16' storage

shed from Vintage Garden in the amount of \$3,095. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report that the Landfill was broken into over the weekend. So far, they have found that a MIG Welder and 3 weed eaters were taken. The Sheriff's Department was called. Ms. Carroll also informed the Board that the Cat Crawler will need to go to Caterpillar in Salina for repairs. A bad sample has been taken and the left final drive is out. Repairs need to be made before the warranty expires. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to get prices on how much it will cost to rent a unit while this one is in the shop being repaired.

Jake Young met with the Board to discuss the possibility of having a beer garden at the first Annual Ian Roetman Memorial Ball Tournament that is going to be held on October 3rd, 2020 at the Fairgrounds. This will be a one-day family event that they are looking to have every year. Mr. Young stated that he has approval from Clay Center City on the use of the fields and from the Fairboard for the use of the grounds and now he would like to ask the County for approval on having a beer garden for this event. The location of the beer garden will be decided at a later date depending on how many fields that they will need to use. The County will issue a one-day Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License and Mr. Young will need to provide the County with a Certificate of Insurance with Clay County and the Fairboard listed as additional insureds. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the beer garden for the first Annual Ian Roetman Memorial Ball Tournament held at the Clay County Fairgrounds on October 3rd, 2020. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori Huber, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to discuss the use of the SPARKS funds. Ms. Huber requested that the Board consider using a part of the SPARKS funds for grants to help businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Mayo stated that in Phase 2 of the SPARKS funds the State of Kansas will be providing the Department of Commerce grant funds for businesses. The State will be split into three districts with Clay County being in the Eastern District including Topeka but excluding Wichita and Kansas City. These grants will be given out on a first come first serve bases. The Board will consider possibly allocating a portion of the funds for the businesses to apply for a local grant. A decision will be made at a later date.

Jim Beck, Clay County Task Force, informed the Board that the Task Force Board voted on July 24, 2020 to close the Leisure Center and dissolve the organization. The Task Force will be consolidating with Area Agency on Aging and everything will be done at Apollo Towers. The meals will all be served and the mini bus will be dispatched at Apollo Towers.

The Board adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 3, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas

