

July 29, 2019

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, 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 \$179,359.58 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Jimmy Thatcher, Mayor of Clay Center, visited with the Board about the damage that has been caused by the flood waters at the Clay County Park, the Broughton bridge and the roads.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman & Hoffman, Ltd., met with the Board to finalized the 2020 County and Rural Highway Budgets. The 2020 County levy will be 61.226 which is down from 61.352 in 2019 and Rural Highway levy will stay the same at 20.824. After reviewing, the Board set the Budget Hearing for August 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department replaced 6 pipes in different locations, placed a tank car on 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. and placed rip rap on ends, did ditch work on 19<sup>th</sup> Rd, and cleaned out a ditch on 20<sup>th</sup> Rd. Mr. Tremblay is attending a meeting with Blue Stem Electric and the City of Clay Center concerning the moving of the electrical lines with the replacement of the bridge on 17<sup>th</sup> Rd by the County shop. An estimate was received from Husker Steel for the replacement of the bridge located on 26<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Valleyview Rd. and Countyline Rd. The estimate was for \$219,875 which does not include the cost of the concrete for this project.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the estimate from Husker Steel in the amount of \$219,875 for the bridge replacement on 26<sup>th</sup> Rd between Valleyview Rd. and Countyline Rd. This does not include the cost of the concrete for this project. This will be paid for out of the Road & Bridge Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Diedra Stout, Assistant EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department remains busy with emergency runs and transfers out of town. They had a total of 16 runs this past week. Medic Unit 3 will be going to Glavan Ford because the check engine light is on.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported that they will be calling a repairman for the tankless water heater at the Law Enforcement Center is not working correctly. This one is a commercial heater that has two separate tanks and one is not working. The Board granted permission to repair the heater if possible and if not, have it replaced.

Chad Knitter, Tyrone Kamphaus, Brian Girrens, and Karen Yarrow, Fairboard Members, met with the Board to report what they found out concerning a beer garden at the races. Mr. Girrens explained that if a 3<sup>rd</sup> party runs the garden then they will be required to carry liability insurance and will need to list the Fairboard and Clay County as additional insureds. The Fairboard could also take out a liquor liability event insurance that would cost \$400 per year to have extra coverage. Mr. Knitter reported that he had contacted the following Counties: Washington County stated that the attendance has been down there also and they had no beer garden this year, Cloud County stated that their races are not ran by the Fairboard and they do have a beer garden and have zero issues with it, and Saline County does have a beer garden and they have had a few issues but nothing too major. Mr. Knitter reported that they have

two races remaining this year. The beer garden if allowed would only be at the races not at the County Fair. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to experiment with a beer garden at the last two races this year excluding the Fair. And then get together to review after the first of the year. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. Commissioner Carlson voted no on the motion.

Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, met with the Board to give an update on the Department. Ms. Rickley reported that the Health Department was successful on receiving a grant in the amount of \$15,050 from Kansas Department of Aging & Disabilities for a Planning Grant on Primary Prevention. This will require Clay County Coalition to hire a temporary grant coordinator. This position will be a contract employee for a 12-month period. County Health was awarded a grant from Sunflower Health Plan in the amount of \$6,250 to put towards an automatic door opening system at the Health Department. Ms. Rickley also stated that they have received a grant for \$10,000 from Maternal Child Health Opportunities to bring an awareness to Lead Poisoning. With all of the older homes in the communities there is a lot of lead paint and lead in the water pipes that are being used. This can cause a lot of side effect and sickness on individuals, especially children.

The Board signed the proposal from File Safe in the amount of \$599 for a Lockdown Station so that all doors in the Courthouse can be locked at one time in an emergency.

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  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Clay Center, Kansas