

August 2, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$454,735.31 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Commissioner Mayo stated that Shawn Ohlde had contacted him about a bill that he had received from the City for 20 tons of gravel and the pipe/band for an entrance of his business located at 1827 Meadowlark Road. This is a business that recently opened and needed the entrance to be wider for semi's to be able to use. Mr. Ohlde asked if the County would be willing to cover this cost for the newly opened business. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to pay the City of Clay Center a total amount of \$914.90 out of the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that they are doing approximately 20 COVID test a day since it is back in our community. They continue to have 1-2 COVID patients most of the time, along with the census of 13-18 regular patients a day in the Medical Center. According to the regulations put out by CDC and OSHA, all Health Care Facilities must continue to wear masks and to remain 6' from each other if possible. There is a very large violation fine if these regulations are not followed. Mr. Gillard stated that all of the different remodeling projects that have been going on for some time should be completed in the next two weeks. Some of the projects were delayed because of products not being available.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason informed the Board the he has been working with and providing information to KCAMP on a case that happened two years ago.

Randy Gassman, Pottberg, Gassman, & Hoffman, Chtd., met with the Board to hold the third budget workshop. Several changes were made to the budget requests for the 2022 budget. Mr. Gassman will return next week with another draft for the Board to view and to make changes if needed. The Board is working towards possibly finalizing the 2022 budget at next weeks meeting.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has been busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. As of this morning they were at 556 runs so far this year. This is 115 runs ahead of the same time in 2020. Of those 556 runs, 24% are out of town transfers. The new shower in the men's bathroom has been installed. They did have issues with matching up the drain, so they had to cut part of the concrete floor out and replaced the pipe with plastic while they had it open. Mr. Cramer stated that he has not heard from McGee Roofing on a time frame to fix the roof.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Kemp reported that as of today, Clay County has 20 active cases of COVID. Ms. Kemp would like to remind people that Clay County Health Department is available to give the COVID vaccine and will make arrangements as to when it is convenient for you to receive the vaccine. Ms. Kemp informed the Board

that the Clay County Emergency Operation Plan was due to the State this past week. Ms. Kemp stated that she had several sections that she was unable to complete and will need further information from each Department. She will be planning a work session with all of the Department Heads hopefully in October to complete this section. The School Crisis Team will be at ESA on Thursday for a meeting and training.

Abatement 2020A81 in the amount of \$114.94 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga stated that an employee of the Sheriff's Office is needing to use 28 sick leave hours out of the County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to allow an employee of the Sheriff's Department to receive 28 hours out of the County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed the Contract Agreement between Clay County Sheriff's Department and GKW Group, LLC for the stone work project on the Law Enforcement Center. The contract price was agreed upon with the first proposal in the amount of \$42,260.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas