

August 12, 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 \$180,921.38 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Register of Deeds to attend training in Wichita, Kansas.

Eric Davis, Cruise Night, met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse Square for Cruise Night on September 27, 2019. The Board granted permission to use the Courthouse Square. Mr. Davis also presented a request for funding to help with the expenses of the event. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$300 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund for Cruise Night. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Last week the Board made a motion to donate \$1,000 out the Travel & Tourism Fund to the Longford Rodeo Club and did not realize that they had already paid \$300 back in April when another request was made. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to amend the motion made on August 5, 2019 to donate \$700 out of the Travel & Tourism Fund for a total of \$1,000 to Longford Rodeo Club. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board received an additional request for funding for the Wakefield Birthday Bash. A \$300 donation was approved on April 8, 2019 so Commissioner Thurlow made a motion to donate an addition \$200 for a total of \$500 out of Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the renewal for WatchGuard Basic Security Suite for 1 year in the amount of \$361.90 for the EMS Department.

Ronnie Tremblay, Highway Department, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Rose Anne Reed joined the meeting to discuss a road that has been closed for over 2 years because of a bridge that needs to be replaced. Ms. Reed is concerned about this closure for it effects a piece of ground that she owns. Ms. Reed asked Mr. Tremblay when he thought that they would get this bridge replaced. She stated that they had told them two years ago that it would be fixed. Mr. Tremblay stated that they are replacing it with a low water bridge and it takes at least two weeks of good weather for the concrete. The Board and Mr. Tremblay stated that they will get to it as soon as possible as long as they can get a period of good weather. Riley Richling, PrairieLand Partners, LLC, joined the meeting. Mr. Tremblay presented bids for a new tractor and mower as follows:

PrairieLand Partners – John Deere 6130M Cab Tractor – \$88,759.32
John Deere 6135E Cab Tractor - \$68,513.69
PowerGard Protection Plan - \$4,663.00
John Deere M15 Flex Wing Rotary Mower - \$17,554.50
LandPride RCM5615 Mower - \$17,650.00

Bruna Implement – Case IH Maxxum 135 Front Wheel Assist - \$80,495.00
Premier Protection Period - \$8,753.00
LandPride RCM5615 Batwing 15 ft. - \$15,795.00

After reviewing all of the bids, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase the John Deere 6135E Cab Tractor in the amount of \$68,513.69 plus the PowerGard Protect Plan in the amount of \$4,663.00 for a total of \$73,176.69 from PrairieLand LLC. This is to be paid out of the Noxious Weed Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the LandPride RCM5615 Mower in the amount of \$15,795.00 from Brunna Implement. This is to be paid out of the Noxious Weed Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Last week the Department bladed roads and hauled rock on several roads throughout the County. Bids for two new pickups will be opened at 8:30 a.m. on August 19, 2019.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, and Diedra Stout, Assistant EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Commissioner Mayo asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exemption of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 9:17 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, Diedra Stout, Assistant EMS Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is personnel. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:22 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the EMS Department to attend a meeting in Belleville, Kansas. Two new batteries in the amount of \$267.78 were purchased from Avery Auto Parts for Medic Unit 3. The Board granted permission to spend up to \$200 for novelty items to handout to kids at community events.

Mike Carney, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the flood damage at the park. Mr. Carney presented a map to the Board showing the area SW of the old shop that he has opened back up to 17 campers. This will provide some income for the park. The area from Birch Street and East remains closed to all public. This area is closed because of safety issues with the trees and metal object in the ground. The Insurance Adjuster was at the Park on Tuesday and the shop is a total loss.

At 10:00 a.m. the 2020 Budget Hearings for Clay County, Clay County Rural Highway, Mulberry Rural Fire District, and Riverside Drainage budgets were held. Those attending were Rocky Cramer, EMS Director and Diedra Stout, Assistant EMS Director.

Chairman Mayo presented the 2020 Riverside Drainage Budget. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt the 2020 Riverside Drainage Budget with the mill levy rate of 5.479 and a budget in the amount of \$33,500 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mayo presented the 2020 Mulberry Rural Fire District Budget. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the 2020 Mulberry Rural Fire District Budget with the mill levy rate of 0.381 and a budget in the amount of \$1,900 as published. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mayo presented the 2020 Clay County Budget. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to adopt the 2020 Clay County Budget with a mill levy rate of 61.226 and a budget in the amount of \$14,404,679 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mayo presented the 2020 Clay County Rural Highway Budget. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the 2020 Clay County Rural Highway Budget with a mill levy rate of 20.824 and a budget in the amount of 1,733,849 as published. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn presented the Board with a Repair/Maintenance Contract with Integrity Steel Works for the Clay County Jail Cell Locks and Doors in the amount of \$2,189.98. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to sign the contract with Integrity Steel Works for Repair/Maintenance coverage on the Jail Cell Locks and Doors in the amount of \$2,189.98 to be paid out of the Work Release Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board received bids from Dana Rickley, County Health Administrator, on the automatic door openers that she was awarded a grant for in the amount of \$6,250 to have installed at the County Health Department. The bids were as follows:

DS Glass Shop LLC - \$4,030

Overhead Door - \$6,291

After reviewing both bids which does not include the cost of the electrical work, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the automatic door opener from DS Glass Shop LLC in the amount of \$4,030. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LuAnn Callan met with the Board to discuss her current contract of the work that she does for the Clay County Travel & Tourism. Ms. Callan reported that she currently works 40 hours per year at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for maintaining the website and keeps the social media updated. The Board asked if she would be interested in working any additional hours. Ms. Callan stated that she could work a few additional hours and would like to add additional pages to the Travel & Tourism webpage. Both parties agreed that Ms. Callan would work up to 60 hours annually at the rate of \$25.00 per hour and this will be paid out of the Travel & Tourism Fund.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, met with the Board to discuss several events that are happening within the County and the District.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 19, 2019
Clay Center, Kansas

