August 12, 2020

The Board of Commissioners served as the Board of Canvassers for the August 4th, 2020 Primary Election beginning at 7:30 a.m. Rhonda Carney and Bailey Roberts served as the Provisional Board for the Election. The Board viewed the zero tape, worked and reviewed 44 Provisional Ballots. Of those 33 Ballots were counted. Kayla Wang, County Clerk reviewed all totals, the Election Audit process and documents, write ins and tally sheets with the Board while the Provisional Board ran totals of the 33 ballots that were processed. The Official Final Results were presented to the Board. The Board adjourned the Canvass at 8:55 a.m.

Commissioner Thurlow called the Special Meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. Josh Smith, Clay Center Dispatch, was present for the meeting. Commissioner Mayo asked that this be stated for the record that the distribution of the SPARKS funds is not being directed by the Emergency Managers and that the funds do not have to be given to anyone. The decision on the distribution of these funds will be made by the Clay County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mayo stated the he does not feel that the salaries should be reimbursed since they were budgeted and they are not an out of pocket expense, he is not in support of the audio/visual upgrade project that the City of Clay Center requested and he would like to not purchase the laptops for the Sheriff's Department but put those funds towards the purchase of a County owned drone. Commissioner Mayo feels strongly about providing assistance to businesses within the County that are struggling and in need. Commissioner Carlson stated that he wants to leave the laptops in the Sheriff's request. Commissioner Thurlow also said that he wants the laptops for the Deputies to use. In making several changes to the requests, they Board was over the amount of funds received by $107,873.51. After much discussion, the Board decided to remove all salary reimbursement for all entities as follows:

Clay Center City - $11,053.56 – reimbursements
$9,169.16 – projects
Wakefield City - $5,000.00 – projects
Clay County – Health Dept. - $1,990.25 – reimbursements
Health Dept. - $90,500.00 – projects

With the removal of the salary reimbursements they had $9,839.46 to put towards an additional project. Commissioner Carlson stated that he recommends putting the remaining amount of funds towards the purchase of a County owned drone. This recommendation was agreed upon by all three Board members. The Board will sign off on the final spreadsheet and requests next Monday in the regular Commission meeting.

The Board adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 17, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas