

August 24, 2020

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$181,503.51 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that it was a busy weekend for the Department. The Z-Vent is back and is in service. Dr. Kelly and Mr. Cramer will have the meeting with Riley County concerning EMS coverage in the northern part of Riley County. Mr. Cramer asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 8:55 a.m. with Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Mr. Cramer, EMS Director, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is personnel. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Lori Huber, Economic Development Director, met with the Board by conference call to inform them that the Office is working from home because of a plumbing issue that is being repaired. There are still issues with the guidance from the State on applications for the CDBG Grant. The County Attorney has approved the CDBG contract that will be signed by all parties.

At 10:00 a.m. the 2021 Budget Hearings for Clay County, Clay County Rural Highway, Mulberry Rural Fire, and Riverside Drainage budgets were held. There was no one from the public in attendance for the meeting.

Chairman Thurlow presented the 2021 Riverside Drainage Budget. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the 2021 Riverside Drainage Budget with the mill levy rate of 5.484 and a budget in the amount of \$40,000 as published. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thurlow presented the 2021 Mulberry Rural Fire District Budget. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the 2021 Mulberry Rural Fire District Budget with the mill levy rate of .341 and a budget in the amount of \$2,000 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thurlow presented the 2021 Clay County Budget. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to adopt the 2021 Clay County Budget with a mill levy rate of 60.222 and a budget in the amount of \$15,110,742 as published. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thurlow presented the 2021 Clay County Rural Highway Budget. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the 2021 Clay County Rural Highway Budget with a mill levy rate of 20.301 and a budget in the amount of \$1,783,704 as published. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give and update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley asked permission to purchase 6 Adobe Pro Licenses at the cost of \$299 per license for a total of \$1,794 from Networks Plus. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase 6 Adobe Pro Licenses for a total cost of \$1,794 from Networks Plus.

Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This will be paid for out of the County Health budget and reimbursed with SPARKS funds if available. Ms. Rickley reported that there are concerns on the high levels of lead that are in some homes. Lead is being found in the paint and in the plumbing and is causing medical issues for children. Over the weekend there are 5 new cases of COVID-19 in Clay County. The new cases range from 21 to 82 years of age. Ms. Rickley reported that she will be attending a meeting with USD 379 to discuss sporting events to make a decision on how to handle the events. Ms. Kemp reported that the positive cases have increased in most surrounding Counties. There are several colleges that have outbreaks within their sports team. The contract tracers are trying to do their jobs, but individuals are avoiding the calls or they are not being truthful about who they have been in contact with.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported that the radio and equipment have been installed in the new patrol unit. There are a few more items that have to be done before it is put on the road. Sheriff Dunn presented a bid from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$1,299.99 for the installation of an 800 Radio antenna, cable from the roof to the basement, and interface a provided 800 radio to the console system. The Sheriff's Department already have the mobile Radio so this would be for installing it in the Dispatch area. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to have Homman Electronics install a mobile Radio in the Dispatch area at a cost of \$1,299.99.

Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunn would also like to have a radio installed in the transport unit. The Department has the radio and the cost to install would be up to \$200. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to spend up to \$200 for the installation of a radio in the transport unit. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Department will be switching the transport unit to the patrol unit that is just being replaced with a new unit since it has less miles on it. In order to do this switch, they will need to transfer the prisoner cage to the replacement unit. Double L will do this for \$150. The Board granted permission to transfer the prisoner cage to a different patrol unit at a cost of \$150.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report that the rental crawler is being looked at and the compactor is also broken down. Foley Equipment is looking at the equipment and will make the repairs. On the Landfill's crawler that is in the shop for repairs, during the undercarriage inspection they discovered that the sprockets should be changed now while the machine is torn apart. The estimate to replace the sprockets is \$790.10 in parts and \$2,200 in labor. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to change the sprockets while the machine is torn apart. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll asked about the City of Clay Center providing Fall Cleanup for the residence of Clay Center City. Last year the Landfill had a cap of \$4,000 that they charged the City and the total was \$7,702 so the Landfill wrote off \$3,702. After discussion, Commissioner Carlson made the motion to raise the cap limit to \$5,000 and to write off the amount of above this. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll has visited with Ken Shivers about the picking up mattresses. Mr. Shivers doesn't want his employees picking the mattresses up at the residence. He would like individuals to take the mattress to the Fair Grounds to the recycling trailer and then they will

take a loader down to load them and haul them to the Landfill. The Board stated that they do not want the Landfill picking the mattress up at the Fair Grounds.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
August 31, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas