

August 30, 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.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to go into Executive Session under Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 8:11 a.m. with Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:26 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Mr. Mason discussed the different options of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan with the Board. Several decisions will need to be made before a plan can be offered to taxpayers.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that the price of steel continues to increase in price. The quotes that were received from Husker Steel in July for three different bridges in the amount of \$376,491 have increased in price to \$460,804 and have until tomorrow to lock these prices down. After discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to accept the quotes on all three bridges and lock in the prices. This is to be paid for out of the 2022 Road and Bridge Budget. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper presented the Engineer plans from Cook, Flatt, and Strobel for the concrete box that needs to be placed on 24th Rd. Mr. Shomper has questioned a few items in the drawing that have added to the price of the project. The Board instructed Mr. Shomper to contact Husker Steel to see if they would be interested in bidding on this project. Last week the Department hauled road gravel and placed it at several locations, bladed roads, hauled rock and mowed roadsides. They will start hauling salt and sand to have stock ready for the winter months. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Shomper what the status is of him moving to the County for his job. The Board has given him an extension twice and they would like to see him moved here before winter weather is here. Mr. Shomper stated that his plans are to be here by winter, but for sure by the end of the year. Commissioner Carlson also stated that the Board would like Mr. Shomper to get his CDL license so that he would be able to drive all of the different types of equipment and vehicles at the Highway Department. Mr. Shomper agreed to getting his CDL license for his employment with the County.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer stated that Ms. Stout, Assistant Director, has been updating the mass casualty policy and will be sending out new mutual aid and contingency agreements to adjoining counties. The Department continues to be really busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. They are 104 runs ahead of the same time last year. Staffing has been difficult with all of the event standby's that have requested an ambulance on scene of the event. Medic 3 is back in service but will need to have a sensor replaced at some time. McGee Roofing has been to the EMS building and have repaired the roof. Mr. Cramer and two employees attended training on Advance Cardiac Restitution Program. This is training on a new way of performing CPR on a patient. Dr. Kelly is excited about this new procedure and the statistics on the increase of lives that are being saved. Dr. Kelly has instructed the EMS Department to move forward to

make this change. Mr. Cramer stated that they will need to order additional mechanical compression devices. They currently only have one Auto Pulse on the first unit out. One of the changes with this new CPR is that they will be on scene and perform CPR for 30 minutes before moving the individual and will use the mechanical compression device to assist with this. Mr. Cramer stated that there are two different devices available, there is the Auto Pulse or the Lucas. The Board asked which one he prefers to have. Mr. Cramer explained the difference in each one and decided that he would purchase the Lucas. The Board asked if they were to pay for two of the units to be put in the first two units out and then put the Auto Pulse in the third unit out, if this would work for the Department. Mr. Cramer stated that would be wonderful to have the three devices in the first three units out. A quote was received from Stryker on two devices in the amount of \$29,588.30. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase two Lucas devices from Stryker in the amount of \$29,588.30 to be paid for out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Kemp stated that she did not have the updated count as of this morning but that Clay County had 20 new positive cases so far in the month of August. Kansas is starting to do a County COVID-19 Ranking on all Counties that involve the Vaccination rate, COVID-19 cases, and the COVID-19 tests. As of August 27, 2021, Clay County was ranked 14th in the State.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give a weekly report. Sheriff Benninga presented a quote from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$2,517.20 to update the video system and include its cameras into the current jail system and placing a monitor and computer in the Dispatch area. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approve the quote from Homman Electronics in the amount of \$2,517.20 to update the video system and placing a computer and monitor in the Dispatch area. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board approved the purchase and monthly fee of a county cell phone for the Jail Administrator to use.

Richard Striggow met with the Board to ask the Board for a donation to place two trees at the Sherbert Ball Fields. Mr. Striggow has collected \$713 in donations so far. They are planning to purchase two Blazing Autumn trees approximately 20' to 24' tall at the cost of \$1,000 each. One will be placed near the bleachers and one over by the dugout. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$1,300 to be paid for out of the line item Parks & Rec under the General Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to present quotes on the purchase of 3.5-ton floor jack for the Landfill. The quotes are as follows:

Clay Center Auto Parts - \$279.00

Avery Auto Parts - \$174.99

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase the 3.5-Ton floor jack from Avery Auto Parts in the amount of \$174.99. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll also stated that they need to make repairs for the mower that is attached to the skid loader. The cost of the parts from Prairieland Partners is \$480. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to approved the purchase of parts to repair the mower that is used with the skid loader from Prairieland Partners in the amount of \$480. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll would like the

public to know that they currently have a lot of exterior paint that has been mixed and is placed in 5-gallon buckets to be used outdoors. This paint is free for people to pick up and use.

The Board reviewed quotes for the purchase of a 12" DeWalt compound miter saw model DWS780 as follows:

Clay County Lumber - \$569.99

Wall's True Value – \$629.00

Tractor Supply - \$669.99

Home Depot - \$499.00

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to purchase a 12" DeWalt Miter Saw from Clay County Lumber in the amount of \$569.99. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board received correspondence from Big Lakes Developmental Center thanking Cathy Hafner for 15 years of service on the Board of Directors for Big Lakes. We truly appreciate the support and dedication that Cathy and her family have shown to Big Lakes for almost 50 years. The Board of Directors would like to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they appoint Ladd Braden and Bob Heilman to the Big Lakes Board of Directors for a three-year term effective September 1st. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to appoint Ladd Braden and Bob Heilman to the Big Lakes Board of Directors for a term of 3 years beginning September 1st, 2021. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board contacted Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, by phone to discuss the issuing of Building Permits for in the County. The Board asked if he feels that individuals are applying for Building Permits before starting to build. Mr. Mesalles stated that in most cases they have applied for permit, but there are always a few that do not.

The Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
September 7, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas