

September 8, 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 \$180,247.65 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,346,451.68 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Pawnee Mental Health Services submitted a proclamation for the Board to review. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to proclaim September 2020 as Recovery Month in Clay County and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recognize the importance of recovery, and to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use and mental disorders and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase 100 cartons of high quality, 96 brightness, Double A paper from Central Office at \$35.75 per carton. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. This is the same price that we purchased the paper for last year and we will also receive 100 packs of sticky notes free.

The Board of Commissioners approved and signed an invoice in the amount of \$4,500 payable to the Kansas Department of Commerce. This is for the ROZ program in which we have 3 current participants.

The Commissioners reviewed changes that were made to the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Agreement and will come back next Monday with a decision.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give his weekly report. Last week his department had been busy replacing signs, mowing, and ditch work. They also went back and patched up a few areas that were missed earlier. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that a dump truck had been damaged while on a job site, but can be repaired in the shop. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to raise the price of the Pressure Washer that was previously approved by \$275 and Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board gave Mr. Shomper permission to hire LeAnn Bott-Spomer to clean the Highway Department. Mr. Shomper presented the Board with the bid that he submitted to the City of Vining for the cost to repair and maintain Parallel St. from Bridge St to Mulberry St in Vining.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the board. Mr. Cramer informed the Board that they have been busy with runs and that the standbys for sporting events has started. He also stated that he has an employee that has started the paramedic class.

Rhonda Carney, Payroll Clerk, met with the Board to discuss the Executive Order from a Presidential Memorandum allowing employers to defer withholding and payment of the employee portion of social security tax of the employee wages if below a certain amount. After much discussion Commissioner Mayo made the motion to opt out of the Executive Order and Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dana Rickley, Health Administrator, met with the Board to give the update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Clay County currently has 1 active case as of today. That puts us to a total of 41 cases, 38 of those cases

have recovered and 2 are deceased. Ms. Rickley also reported that Clay County's positivity rate is 1.04. She also reminded the Board that flu shots are now available by appointment.

Jim Bogart, Undersheriff, met with the Board to give the departments weekly update. They discussed the new patrol vehicle and what is left to be finished. The Board would like to thank Kyle Wilder of Wilder Auto body for donating his time to put the decals on the patrol vehicles.

Christine Swaim, Treasurer, met with the Board to present the bids for the title research of 48 properties that will be on next Real Estate Tax Sale. The bids were as follows:

Republican Valley Title LLC - \$150 per property

Clay County Abstract and Title - \$180 per property

After a discussion Commissioner Carlson made the motion to accept the bid from Republican Valley Title LLC in the amount of \$150 per property and Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board also discussed SPARK funds and the administration portion. It was agreed to set up a new fund called Administration COVID-19 and deposit \$90,400 into this fund for the administration portion.

The Board adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Shelby Crimmins, Deputy Clerk

September 14, 2020

Clay Center, Kansas