

September 20, 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. Payroll in the amount of \$192,584.44 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$23,570.49 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Eric Davis met with the Board to ask permission to use the Courthouse Square for the Cruz Night this Friday September 24th, 2021. Permission was granted for this event.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason discussed the Personal & Family Protection Act with the Board concerning open carry and concealed carry of a handgun.

Natalie Muruato, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to review the final draft of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for single family and multi-family residential structure. Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, joined the meeting. This plan is intended to promote the revitalization and development of Clay County by stimulating new construction and the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of housing in the area in order to provide the public safe, affordable housing for the welfare of the residents of the County by offering certain incentives, which include tax rebates. This plan is for Residential Property: New Construction or rehabilitation, alterations, and additions to any existing residential or multi-family structure, including the alteration of a single-family into a multi-family dwelling, shall be eligible. There will be a five-year rebate period starting with 90% refund of the qualifying entities and then declining each year by 10% with a minimum investment of \$20,000 per project. The NRP must be applied for and approved before any construction is started. Ms. Muruato will provide this information to all of the Cities, School District #379, and Medical Center to see if they would want to sign an agreement to participate in the NRP Rebate. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to adopt the finalized NRP Rebate program effective immediately for a 5-year rebate on taxes for those projects that approved before construction begins. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Plan and an application can be obtained through the Appraiser's Office or the Economic Development Office. Ms. Muruato presented a copy of the Clay County Small Business Development Fund Application and asked for the Board to review it and make changes if needed. After reviewing and making a few changes, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to make this grant application effective for 3 months and will review again after the 1st of the year. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that the Department has been busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Medic 3 is back in service and will be used as first out within the city. The Department has started the training on the Lucas mechanical compression device and hope to have them in service soon.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, contacted the Board by phone to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley stated that we currently have 47 positive COVID cases in Clay County. Of those positive cases 85% have not been vaccinated and they are following 72 individuals as contacts. The School District and

the Nursing Homes are working hard to keep the facilities safe for the students and residents. Ms. Rickley reported that she has not received any applications for the two vacant Nurse positions that are currently open. Ms. Rickley informed the Board that they need to replace two Otosopes for eyes and ears. The current ones were purchased in 1997 and are in need of being replaced. The estimated cost is \$1,500 per unit. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to approve the purchase of 2 Otosopes at an estimated cost of \$1,500 per unit. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rickley discussed her concerns of staffing her department and the work load per employee with the Board.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga informed the Board that they will be housing female prisoners from Cloud County for approximately 4 months while they are making repairs to the Cloud County jail. Clay County will charge Cloud County \$30 per prisoner per day to house them.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, Jason Heis, APAC Branch Manager and Andrew Davis, APAC-Estimator, met with the Board to give a presentation on the yearly asphalt project. Mr. Heis explained to the Board that they would like to sign a mutli-year contract with Clay County for APAC to come in and lay a hot mix overlay on an estimated 20 miles of blacktop roads per year. They would haul it and lay it for the same price that the County is currently laying cold mix for. Mr. Heis stated that hot mix is cheaper than cold mix and is a better product that will last for more years. Also, the County will not have the expense of the chip seal on top of the asphalt. APAC has one plant in Salina and one in Dickinson County that makes it close enough to get more bang for the buck. They also have three portable plants that they transfer from location to location for State Highway projects. Mr. Davis provided the Board with documentation on standard specifications, monthly computed asphalt material index, and a proposal for Clay County for overlaying a 1" layer of asphalt on 20 miles of roadway in the amount of \$1,259,717.50 for the year of 2022 and for each consecutive year from 2022 add 3% to the total base bid price for escalation on labor, equipment and other materials. Mr. Heis stated that they would like to sign a 6-year contract with Clay County. After much discussion, the Board of Commissioner's decided that 6 years was too long for them to commit this large amount of funds to at this time. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign a three-year contract with APAC for the overlaying of asphalt on 20 miles of roadway in Clay County per year. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Davis will draft a contract for the three-year period for the Board to sign at next week's meeting. Mr. Shomper reported that last week the Department finished installing the tank car on Meridian Rd., mowed roadsides, hauled limestone rip rap to stockpile, ditch work, bladed roads, and worked at the shop servicing trucks for hauling asphalt for the Airport Road project.

The Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
September 27, 2021
Clay Center, Kansas