

October 5, 2020

Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Commissioner Mayo were all present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$186,320.79 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$646,658.34 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, patched areas on asphalt roads, mowed in the eastern, southern and northern parts of the County, installed a driveway pipe, rocked roads, removed a log jam, cleaned out culverts in several locations, and repaired bridges with laying different planks. Caterpillar provided a wheel excavator for testing and provided training on the piece of equipment. Mr. Shomper reported that he has filled the vacant position at the Highway Department. He also asked the Board if he was at his limit for employees. Commissioner Thurlow asked Mr. Shomper what he was thinking. Mr. Shomper stated that he would like to have one more employee in his Department that could be a full-time mower and then be a back up for a truck driver. Currently he is having to pull drivers from their truck driver positions to have them mow. The Board stated that they would consider this after the first of the year but not for the rest of this year.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Board signed an invoice for the E-Misters in the amount of \$12,290. This invoice will be paid for out of the SPARKS fund. Mr. Cramer stated that he has placed an order for supplies that they are hoping will get them through the end of the year.

Jody Thorman, Clay County Park Manager, met with the Board to give an update on the Park. Ms. Thorman reported that things are going well at the park. The Park will close on October 31, 2020 for the year. There is still some electrical work that needs to be done in sections this winter to be ready to open back up in the spring of 2021. Commissioner Mayo stated that he has been working with the representative with FEMA on the losses caused by the flood waters. Also, he has been working on the mitigation project to replace a part of the pedestals with one that have removable electrical parts that can be pulled before the flood water get to them.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give a COVID-19 pandemic update. As of the time that she left her office, there had been no update on the COVID positive count for Clay County. Ms. Kemp reported that the public is still having issues understanding what quarantine means and what needs to be done when told that they need to quarantine. The MOA's from the entities that received SPARKS funds for the reimbursements were discussed. It was decided that the County would not need an additional MOA for the Direct Aid funds. There will be an amendment document with the projects and costs sent out closer to the end of the year. All entities need to move forward with the projects and report to the State on dates that reports are due.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn reported that they are needing to purchase a set of replacement tires for one of the patrol units. Only one bid was received and was opened as follows:

Kansasland Tire and Service – Eagle Enforcer Winter - \$740.32

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to purchase set of four tires from Kansasland Tire and Service in the amount of \$740.32. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Dunn presented a quote to purchase remote starts for the two 2020 Ford Explorer Patrol Units. The quote was reviewed as follows: Film at Eleven - Manhattan - \$798 – two remotes and installation. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the two remotes from Film at Eleven in the amount of \$798. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to report that she has an employee that had surgery and would like to make a request for the donation of 26 hours of sick leave from the Clay County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to donate 26 hours of sick leave from the Clay County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll reported that the Prison in Hutchinson is now charging to \$2.00 per mattress to recycle. The Landfill just took a semi load of 173 mattresses down last week and will be charged \$346. The Board agreed to pay this charge and feel that this is a better way to recycle them then to have them laying in ditches out in the County.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

David A. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
October 12, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas