

October 19, 2020

Judy Stitt, Clay Center BPW President, Kayla Wang, and Dana Rickley, BPW Members, had coffee with the Board of Commissioners and provided an update on the car show and the BPW events. Ms. Rickley thanked the Board for the donation from Clay County. Ms. Wang gave the after report on the car show. Ms. Stitt reported on the membership and the events of the local BPW.

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 \$181,719.76 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$20,206.27 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board signed the Proclamation claiming October 18 -24, 2020 as National Business Women's Week. This event is sponsored by Business and Professional Women/Kansas and encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic, and cultural purposes.

Rick James, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss legal matters within the County. Mr. James approved the agreement for the distribution of SPARKS grant funds for the non-profits and the businesses that have applied.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides, did culvert maintenance, ditch work, installed pipes in several locations, removed trees, worked in the shop repairing tires and cut down the road at 14th Rd. and Limestone Rd. and laid asphalt. Commissioner Carlson stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Schooley concerning this issue with the road. Mr. Shomper stated that he and Mr. Schooley had been in contact with each other through emails and that the road has been repaired. Mr. Shomper reported that they cut and removed trees from under the Morganville River Bridge. There were a lot of trees that had grown under the bridge and if left there they would have caused damage at some time. Mr. Shomper reported that they have a new employee that had taken the pre-employment drug test and the specimen was lost after being delivered to the laboratory. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to allow the new employee to start work but to keep in the shop and not allow to drive a County vehicle until a new test result is received. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The EMS Department continues to stay busy with emergency runs, out of town transfers, and sport standbys. Mr. Cramer stated that he has had to use PRN employees to cover all of the staffing. Medic 3 will be going in for repairs for the replacement of a control module at an estimated cost of \$1,048. The second Z-vent that was ordered from Zoll and will be paid for with SPARKS fund.

Jeff Giesler, Clay County Museum Curator, met with the Board to present an application for the non-profit grant. Commissioner Thurlow explained that the time for receiving the application had closed on October 11, 2020 and that they would not be able to accept the application. If they should open a second round of applications, they would then consider the application at that time.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, and Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss the purchase of PPE supplies with the allocated SPARKS funds. Ms. Kemp stated that she has placed the first order through a

vendor that Mr. Cramer uses for masks, gloves, and gowns in the amount of \$4,490.30. Ms. Kemp stressed that the pandemic has placed the Law Enforcement, EMS and Firefighters at a high risk on their jobs. We need to be able to provide them with Personal Protection Equipment so that they are able to do their jobs and provide the service for Clay County. Commissioner Thurlow asked about the number of ventilators that the hospital has on hand. Mr. Cramer stated that CCMC no longer has an Intensive Care Unit, so the patient will be transferred to a larger hospital where there are more ventilators. Mr. Cramer has told the hospital that he has the two Z-vents if they would need to borrow them. The Board stated that they feel it would be a good investment to have a Z-vent on each ambulance and then if the hospital would need to use one, they could. Mr. Cramer reported that the estimated cost would be a little over \$12,000 each. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase 2 additional Z-vents from Zoll so that each ambulance will have one in stock if needed. This will be paid for out of the SPARKS funds. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that there is an increase in positive cases in Clay County. There are currently 9 active cases and they are following 39 contacts. There is also what is considered a cluster which is 5 or more cases in one location. Ms. Rickley stated that she has provided educational flyers and has offered PPE to the location. Ms. Kemp presented the 2020 EMPG grant application for the Chairman of the Board to sign so that it can be submitted.

The Board reviewed and signed the payment vouchers in the amount of \$66,018 for payments out of the SPARKS funds for the Non-Profit Assistance Program. These checks can be picked up in the Commissioners Room on November 9th, 2020 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. They will also be required to sign an agreement at that time.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to ask permission to purchase an additional used livestock trailer from Phil Savener in the amount of \$1,500. All of the small Cities currently are provided with a recycling trailer and this one would be used as a backup. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the livestock trailer from Phil Savener in the amount of \$1,500 for recycling. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Carroll also stated that she would like to purchase a few additional dumpsters to rent out. Commissioner Thurlow asked if she had the budget to purchase them. She stated that she thought that she did but will review her budget for the remainder of the year and report back. Commissioner Carlson asked what the cost of a dumpster would be. Ms. Carroll stated that a 40-yard dumpster is around \$6,000, but she would prefer to purchase 20 or 30 yard dumpsters. Commissioner Carlson stated that if they would allow this purchase, then she needs to keep two of the dumpsters at the Landfill in the area where the public dumps their items. The Board instructed Ms. Carroll to get actual prices on the dumpster and return with them next week.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
October 26, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas