

November 23, 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. Account payables in the amount \$4,191.21 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatements 2020A01 thru 2020A06 in the amount of \$152.20 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Clint Decker and Jeff Riffel met with the Board to present a Proclamation requesting a Clay County Day of Prayer for COVID-19 Relief. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to declare Saturday December 5th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on the Courthouse Square as the Clay County Day of Prayer for Covid-19 Relief. The Proclamation encourage all citizens, residents, and visitors to join in observing this day that we might jointly pray to God for His mercy upon us. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, reported to the Board by phone that the Medical Center is converting all of the patient rooms to negative air flow rooms and should be completed by this Wednesday. This will help with the care of COVID patients. Mr. Gillard reported that the weekend was lighter with the testing and caring for COVID then it has been in the last couple of weeks.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper presented the Board with the contract to sign for the HHR Program that has been awarded to Clay County. This is to paint the centerline on 175 miles of asphalt roads that are maintained by the County. The project is estimated to cost \$550,029 and will be done by Century Fence Co. out of Pewaukee, WI, at no cost to the County. Mr. Shomper reported that the cost to purchase a Microsoft Surface Pro Notebook from Network's Plus is \$2,871. This purchase was approved in the meeting of September 21st, 2020. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides, hauled rock in areas that were in need, re-opened 9th Rd. between Cherokee Rd. and Elk Rd., finished a ditching job on 16th Rd. between Cherokee Rd. and Deer Trail Rd., replaced a rusted-out culvert on Meadowlark Rd. between 29th Rd. and 30th Rd., and placed a tank car on 26th Rd. between Deer Trail Rd. and Elk Rd. They hauled the Peterbuilt to Kenworth's in Salina for repairs. The two tankers in the amount of \$8,500 each that were purchased last week will need to be paid for out of the Special Bridge Fund instead of the Road and Bridge Fund. The Department worked at the Clay County Park last week cutting down 107 trees and piling them in the FEMA approved burn pile to be burnt at a later date. Mr. Shomper reported that they are waiting to receive a permit from the Corp of Engineers to work on a ditch project on Meadowlark Rd. between 10th Rd. and 11th Rd. A quote was reviewed on the purchase of two tank cars from Gateway Pipe Co. in Missouri to be used as a replacement bridges in the amount of \$23,100. Commissioner Mayo made the motion to purchase the two tank cars from Gateway Pipe Co. in the amount of \$23,100 to be paid for out of the Special Bridge Fund. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that they are keeping busy with approximately 37% of their runs being out of town transfers. They are back to full staff and everyone is healthy again. Medic 3 is back in the shop for additional repairs.

Lori Martin, Jr. Class Prom Sponsor and Lane Musselman, Jr. Class President, met with the Board to discuss the need to raise funds for the Junior Class to be able to host the Jr/Sr. Prom this year. Ms. Martin stated that this has been a difficult year to do any fund raising with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Musselman explained to the Board the issues that they have had with trying to raise funds for Prom. The theme for the Prom is going to be Under the Stars and it will be held at Life's Finer Moments. Ms. Martin said that she didn't know if there would be any extra funds in the Alcohol Fund that the Board would be willing to help out with since it has been very difficult with fund raising. After discussion, Commissioner Mayo made the motion to donate \$2,000 out of the Alcohol Fund to help with the expenses of Prom. 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 Clay County had an increase of 9 additional positive cases in Clay County. The contact tracers are going to be prioritizing their process and will be paying more attention to the gatherings and nursing homes. This comes from guidance that they have received from KDHE. Ms. Kemp reported that the Governor had passed a mask mandate that will go into effect on Wednesday. After having compared the Governor's mandate to the County's mandate there is not a lot of difference. Commissioner Mayo stated that he would prefer to opt out of the Governor's mandate and continue with the local Resolution so that it can be reviewed and changed if needed. Ms. Kemp also reported that the Departments that have FEMA projects will need to file extensions. This would include the Clay County Park and the Road and Bridge Departments. Ms. Kemp reported that she had attended a webinar for the sub-recipient monitoring of the SPARKS Funds and provided the Board with documents concerning this webinar. The next grant report on the SPARKS Funds will be due on December 10th. The Board approved the hiring of three temporary contract individuals at \$10.00 with no benefits to help make phone calls for the contact tracing. Ms. Rickley stated that she has one individual that is volunteering to do the data entry to CDC for Clay County.

Chuck Dunn, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Dunn stated that the Deputy's laptops have arrived and they are working on purchasing the hardware to mount them in the patrol units.

Commissioner Mayo made the motion to opt out of the Governor's Executive Order 20-68 concerning the mask mandate but will continue to keep the Clay County Resolution 2020-13 mask mandate in effect for Clay County. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Carroll, Landfill Director, met with the Board to give a report on the Landfill and to hold the public hearing on the Solid Waste 5 Year Plan. Gailen Tyrell, Kellan Kopfer, Ken Shivers, Members of the Solid Waste Committee, and Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton were also in attendance. Ms. Carroll reported to the Board that the County Landfill had been broken into over the weekend. Law Enforcement had been called to take the report. The Board granted permission to change locks on all of the entry doors. Gas City has completed the project of hauling contaminated dirt into the Landfill and will be invoiced for the cost of accepting the dirt. At 11:00 a.m. the Public Hearing for the 5-year Solid Waste Plan began. Mr. Brooks gave an update on the plan and did an overview with no major changes being made. Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires a review of the plan every 5-years and a hearing to be held for the public to comment. The Solid Waste Committee members in attendance were in agreement

that they recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the plan. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve the Solid Waste 5-year Plan as presented. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Hearing closed at 11:35 a.m.

Danny Mesalles, Appraiser, met with the Board to present the renewal contract with Kimble Mapping at a cost of \$24,000 for two years of Ownership Map Maintenance and GIS Mapping. There is no change in the cost from the previous contract. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to approve and sign the contract with Kimble Mapping for Map Maintenance and GIS Mapping services for Clay County at a cost of \$24,000 for a two-year contract. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

An email was received from Dalanna Nichols, Court Administrator, stating that the Supreme Court was mandating that every District Court have an outside drop box exclusively for the use of District Court. The Judicial Branch intends to pay for the box and the installation. The Board approved the placement of a drop box for the District Court Office in the same location as the current drop off boxes.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

David M. Thurlow, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
November 30, 2020
Clay Center, Kansas