

July 5, 2022

Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, and Commissioner Carlson were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Account payables in the amount of \$819,245.08 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Austin Gillard, CEO CCMC, met with the Board to give an update on the Clay County Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that they have a new program available called Chronic Care Management Program for Medicare patients that have two or more chronic issues to deal with. There is help available 24/7 365 days a year. You can call and talk to a nurse that will be available to help you through the issue. Currently they have 437 individuals enrolled in this program. They are also offering a program named Senior Life Solutions for Medicare patients. This is a therapy group that provides support for the elderly. There are 10 people per session that meet three days a week for three hours per session. Mr. Gillard reported that the General Surgery is working well and is being used by local individuals. The Glasco Clinic continues to stay busy with new patients. They will be replacing the roof at CCMC in three stages starting with the Clinic section and the Dietary area. The competition on wages and staffing continues to be tough. CCMC implemented an increase of 8% to 11% in wages depending on the position and the pressures of hiring.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, and Alan Benninga, Sheriff met with the Board. Mr. Mason asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Alan Benninga, Sheriff, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is employee benefits. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to go back into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for an additional 15 minutes beginning at 8:47 a.m. with Joel Mason, County Attorney, Alan Benninga, Sheriff, Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, present. The subject to be discussed is employee benefits. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:02 a.m. with no action being taken during the session.

Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign the contract with HR Partners for FMLA training for Department Heads and Deputies by zoom at a cost of \$500. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department bladed roads, mowed roadsides, trimmed trees, patched asphalt roads, trained CDL drivers and the mechanics worked in the shop on equipment. Mr. Shomper informed the Board that they discovered last week that Coates Street in Oak Hill is actually a county road and needs to be maintained by the County. The Department installed a pipe in City of Wakefield on 3rd Street. After installation it is up to the City employee to keep it filled with rock and maintained while settling. Mr. Shomper asked

permission for an employee that has not been here one year to use 2 hours of accumulated vacation hours. The Board granted permission to use 2 hours of vacation time before their one-year anniversary.

Alec Trembath, EMS Paramedic, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to stay busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Mr. Trembath presented two Event Approvals for the Board to review. The Board signed two Event Approvals for employees of the EMS Department to attend training in Milford, Kansas. The Board approved for two employees to travel to Linn, Missouri for the viewing of the new ambulance mid build.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Kemp presented three Event Approvals for review. The Board signed the Event Approvals for Ms. Kemp to attend training in Lawrence, Topeka, and Mulvane, Kansas. Ms. Kemp discussed the background and history of the placement of safe rooms in buildings. The Board is considering the installation of one in the new building that is being built at the Fair Grounds. Ms. Kemp stated that there is state funding available to help with the cost of safe rooms.

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley reported that Clay County currently has 12 active cases of COVID. Ms. Rickley stated that Clay Counts had funds that had to be spent before the end of the physical year June 30th, 2022. So, Ms. Rickley has granted Lori Martin permission to purchase items for Clay Counts to use in the future.

Commissioner Carlson made the motion to appoint Kim Kendrick and Scott Liby to act as witnesses for the disposal of ballots and documents associated with past elections as per K.S.A. 25-2708. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Gibson, SPT Architects, met with the Board to discuss the multi-purpose building project at the Fairgrounds. The Board discussed the possibility of making a part of the building into a safe room for the public for storms. Mr. Gibson stated that he would prefer that to be kept separate from the building project. The Board stated that they would do more research on the safe room and make a decision at a later date.

Jeff Gaiser, Museum Curator, and Terri Parry, Museum Treasurer, met with the Board to present the 2023 proposed appropriation funding request. Ms. Parry stated that the increase in the request is for the increase in utilities and the cost of daily supplies. The Board stated that they will consider the request when doing the County budget.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk
July 11, 2022
Clay Center, Kansas