

December 19, 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 \$315,889.32 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Abatement 2022A07 and 2022A08 in the amount of \$390.22 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board approved the down payment in the amount of \$28,136.11 for the elevator renovation that will be completed in 2023. This will be paid for out of the Courthouse Maintenance Fund.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason reviewed a grant application and reviewed the changes that need to be made before Grow Clay County uses it as an incentive grant application. Mr. Shomper introduced Adam Hlad, Operations Manager for Bruckner's Truck & Equipment. Mr. Hlad presented the Lease Program for trucks and heavy equipment that they have to offer. The quote that he has been working on is for 2 Semi Trucks and 4 Dump Trucks, but he has not been able to complete it by today because they are still trying to get figures for the Lease. If the Board would agree to Lease it would be 3rd or 4th quarter of 2023 that they would be able to have the trucks. The Board asked Mr. Hlad to get the quote together and to return with the figures at a later date. Mr. Shomper reported to the Board that he had received the quote from Bruna Implement and will bring all of the quotes in next week. Last week the Department worked in the shop, went around and picked up used oil, hauled rock, and did road maintenance.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Shomper reported that he had received notice from Alsop Sand Co. Inc. that they will be increasing both their trucking by 15% and the cost of all sand, gravel and rock that they produce by 12%. This will go into effect January 1, 2023.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Cramer, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Mr. Cramer reported that Medic 3 is in the shop for routine maintenance this week. Mr. Cramer asked to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Carlson made the motion to go into Executive Session under the Personnel Exception of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 10:12 a.m. with Commissioner Mayo, Commissioner Thurlow, Commissioner Carlson, and Kayla Wang, County Clerk, and Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, present. The subject to be discussed is employee performance. Commissioner Thurlow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m. with no action being taken during the session. Mr. Cramer discussed two positions on the 2023 Wage Scale that was missed after budget approval. After much discussion, Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to make the correction on the wage scale for the Full Time Paramedic Captain base pay to be set at \$19.24 and the AEMT Captain base pay to be set at \$17.11 as per the request made at budget preparation time. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.,

Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Ms. Rickley made a request that the one year of service be given to the three Home Health Aides who left Clay County when Medicalodge LLC. purchased the service from Clay County in December 2015 and then returned to Clay County in February 2017. Commissioner Mayo stated that they were not employees of Clay County for that time and it is policy that when you leave your employment with Clay County you start all over if you come back. After much discussion,

the Board denied the request to add the year of service to the three Home Health Aids. Ms. Rickley then requested that the Health Directors positions base salary be the same as the EMS Director's positions base salary. The Board asked Ms. Rickley why she felt that they should be the same. Ms. Rickley stated that she feels that their job descriptions are not that different. The Board stated that they disagreed with that, you do not do the same jobs. The Board denied this request for they do not see that the jobs are the same.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga reported that he has had several employees sick within the Department and so far, they have been able to fill the schedule but will possibly have overtime hours.

Natalie Muruato, Director Grow Clay County, met with the Board to discuss the ROZ program. Chairman Mayo asked Ms. Muruato if she thought that it was a good program for the County to have. Ms. Muruato stated that she would like the County to keep the program. It is about the only incentive that we currently have to use. The Board stated that they weren't sure how much benefit this was for the County. They feel that if people were looking to move here that this would not be a decision maker.

Ryan Lynch, Prairie Stone Landscaping, met with the Board to discuss the flowerbeds and landscaping at the Courthouse, County Health Department, and the ESA Building. The Board stated that the flower beds and the area around the Courthouse needs some attention and plants need to be replaced. Mr. Lynch stated that the beds need to be totally redone and mulch removed. Mr. Lynch will draft a quote and pictures and will return at a later date for review.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to review the Kimble Mapping contract. Mr. Mesalles presented the contract for map maintenance to the Board stating that this is a two-year contract for 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$12,000 each year for a total of \$24,000. Kimble Mapping works well with the County Appraisers Office and he would like to renew the contract. Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator joined the meeting. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to sign the contract with Kimble Mapping for the years 2023 and 2024 in the amount of \$24,000. Commissioner Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shomper was interested in the contract for he is documenting every type of road, bridge, culverts, and road signs on his mapping program and wanted to make sure that the two worked together if needed.

Kayla Wang, presented a quote for the purchase of a new Fellowes 3229901 paper shredder from Central Office Service & Supply in the amount of \$485. The Board approved the purchase of the paper shredder in the amount of \$485 to be paid for out of the County Clerk's Fund. Also, Ms. Wang presented a quote for new office chairs from Central Office Service & Supply. We would like to purchase 4 Lorell SOHO Collection for \$129 each or a total of \$516 and to pay for them out of the County Clerk's Fund. The Board granted permission to purchase the 4 new office chairs from Central Office Service & Supply.

The Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Jerry F. Mayo, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
December 27, 2022  
Clay Center, Kansas.