

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Denise James, Health Department Administrator; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; Don Button, retiring Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager. Mr. Button relayed this was his last meeting and thanked everyone for working with him during his time as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, requested additional space for record storage. Commissioners gave the County Treasurer permission to use the old Emergency Management Office in the basement of the Courthouse for storage.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Mark McGaughey motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Public Works Supervisor under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded motion, it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken. Next, Chris Burdette, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting. Mr. Burdette relayed there is a shortage on noxious weed chemicals, and he will not be able to sell any chemicals to landowners for private use until the chemical companies catch back up with demand. Thirdly, the Noxious Weed Director stated the policy on landowners charging chemicals to the County could no longer be tolerated. The Noxious Weed State Cost Share Program allowing 25% of certain noxious weed chemicals to be paid by the program will continue. Landowners will only be allowed to bill Grant County for 25% and not the entire bill. The present procedure allows landowners to bill the entire invoice to Grant County, landowner is billed for 75%, and the State Cost Share Program reimburses the County 25%. Some landowners are not paying immediately when invoiced. After discussion it was consensus of commissioners to only allow the cost share portion of the invoice billed to Grant County. Mr. Burdette will contact Skyland Grain, LLC with the change.

Judy Keusler and Kristy Frazee, with Ginger's Hope Endowment, will be sponsoring a free diabetes clinic. The clinic will be March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> put on by Wichita Diabetes and Endocrinology Associates. Ms. Keusler requested permission to use the Fire Station Meeting Room and relayed the Fire Chief had given his permission. It was consensus of commissioners to allow this event at the Fire Station.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve disposal of Fire Department items that are obsolete and no longer useable per the itemized list totaling \$13,161.85. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the 2021 County Inventory as submitted by County Department Heads. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

After reviewing the contract for 2022 GIS Map Maintenance, Kevin Shapland motioned to renew their agreement with Kimble Mapping at a cost of \$8,900.00, and allow this expense paid from the Courthouse General fund. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Janet Stewart motioned to approve wage increases for three fire fighters as recommended by the Fire Chief. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Janet Stewart motioned to approve a Civic Center new hire wage per recommendation of the Civic Center Manager. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to adopt Resolution 22-02, a Resolution appointing Jeff Baier as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Emergency Medical Services Director for Grant County, Kansas. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, presented bids for cleaning the Health Department. After reviewing bids no action taken and tabled until next meeting. The Health Department Administrator was directed to recontact all bidders and ask they bid cleaning four days a week since the Health Department is open Monday-Thursday. Next, a bid for one laptop for the family planning nurse was reviewed. The Administrator relayed a family planning grant could pay for half the cost of a laptop. Kevin Shapland motioned to allocate \$900.00 from the Special Equipment fund for half, and the Family Planning Grant will cover half of cost on the laptop, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Thirdly, a bid for entrance door openers that meet ADA accessibility were presented along with a bid for keyless entry for the back door of the Health Department. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the Health Departments request to use JR's Glass and Dave's Electric to upgrade their facilities entrance doors and back door, at a cost not to exceed \$7,235.00, with this expense being funded from the Health Department COVID-19 Grant. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Fourthly, the Health Department Administrator explained the computer system firewall, antivirus, and nightly backups were disabled in June 2021. She presented a bid from Nex-Tech to bring the system back up to full HIPAA compliance and fully managed at a cost of \$609.00 monthly. Kevin Shapland motioned to enter in contract with Nex-Tech for 36 months for total computer security, and allow this expense paid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Fifthly, the upcoming Governor's Public Health Conference will be attended via zoom this year due the expense. Sixthly, Ms. James requested permission for the Health Department to host Chamber Coffee and asked commissioners to attend. It was consensus of commissioners to allow the event and Commissioner Stewart agreed to attend. Seventhly, due to the huge load of COVID, kindergarten physicals were cancelled last year, the Health Department will pick that service back up this year. Lastly, the request for additional space at the Health Department from prior meeting was brought back to the table. It was the consensus of commissioners to meet with the Senior Center Director and discuss separating the room in half to allow both departments space. Commissioner McGaughey agree to meet with the Senior Center Director.

Commissioners discussed the email from prior meeting concerning President Biden's 30x30 land preservation goal. No action was taken on a resolution until more information could be gathered.

Commissioner reviewed numbers and held discussion on premium pay for employees through ARPA funding. Janet Stewart motioned to adopt premium pay of \$3.00 per hour for those employees who were employed with Grant County April through December and were active employees on December 31, 2021, as part of the American Rescue Plan. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for February 15, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County: payroll total \$138,923.03 dated February 23, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 166429 totaling \$507,678.92. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Airport Master Plan as completed by Coffman Associates was reviewed. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the finalization of the Airport Improvement Plan. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Mark McGaughey, Chairman