

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Shapland, Commissioner McGaughey and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart was absent due to illness. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jose Olivas provided prayer.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, reported a water leak at the Civic Center Complex near the north end of the shop. The Road Department will dig up the concrete and help repair the water line. Ms. Honstead relayed four sections of the concrete will need to be removed. The Civic Center Manager presented verbal quotes from Armando Anguiano \$3,200.00; and Civic Center doing it themselves with a Civic Center employee using their private business employees while they were on the county time clock \$2,580.00. Discussion was held on Hernandez Rental being a conflict of interest. Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the verbal quote from Armando Anguiano at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00 to replace the concrete north of the shop, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mark McGaughey made the motion to allow the purchase of necessary supplies to repair the water line at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Grant County Employee Wellness Program Agreement was discussed. It was the consensus of commissioners to put the agreement on hold until the next meeting to research other options.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Civic Center Manager's request for a second temporary employee starting wage. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, requested the county revise and continue the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) so it can be used as a tool for economic development. It was the consensus of commissioners to continue the NRP Program. A revised plan and resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Rick Klein, Shop Foreman, presented quotes to replace the engine in a 1988 Case Tractor. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the bid from Abilene Machine to repair the 1988 Case Tractor at a cost not to exceed \$10,103.08, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the March 3, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$139,920.42 dated March 11, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161224 totaling \$261,185.71. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Paul Fort, EMS Director, updated commissioners on efforts to distribute Coronavirus (COVID-19) information to business and citizens. A questionnaire will be used by dispatchers to screen calls helping Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire Fighters before arriving on 911 calls. Mr. Button said the Legislative Coffee was cancelled. Commissioner Shapland announced commissioners would have a special meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 to assess any county needs due to the threat of the virus. The Civic Center events were discussed, it was the consensus of commissioners to cancel all events until Monday. The Health Department Administrator relayed the Senior Center luncheons were being monitored every day and information was given out to all seniors. Mark McGaughey made the motion to temporarily suspend all nonessential business travel for county employees. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McGaughey instructed the clerk to send a memo to department heads of the motion and encourage them to use safety precautions and social distancing during essential travel.

The Title VI Civil Rights Plan for Emergency Management was reviewed and approved.

Commissioners held a conference call with Jason Conn, Technician with ATCi Technical Consultants; and Jason Balluch, Technician with Kimble Mapping. Also attending this portion of the meeting, Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Conn and Mr. Balluch explained what services their company provides to Grant County. After discussion it was decided the advance license Emergency Management was purchasing through ERSI could be reduced to a standard license. Commissioner McGaughey instructed the Emergency Management Coordinator to call ESRI and change the license.

The clerk reported the Bit and Spur Club presented the County with a \$3,000.00 check to help with the rodeo arena. Commissioner Shapland requested a check be written to the Ulysses Stampede Board for deposit into their checking account.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

The commissioners adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to meet in special session on March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman