

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; O. La-Vonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. Discussion was held on use of county facilities or equipment. It was the consensus of commissioners there will be no personal use of buildings or equipment and prior permission is required if employees want to hold an event in any county facility, except the Civic Center which was built for events.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road permits, which were reviewed and approved.

Jace and Chris Nuckles, Nuckles Tree Service, met with commissioners to review and answer questions concerning the Courthouse yard. Discussion was held on damage to the lawn. Mr. Nuckles assured commissioners no equipment would be on the lawn. Later in the day, Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the best bid from Nuckles Tree Service to remove two trees, grind four stumps, and trim deadwood out of nine trees at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Grant County Conservation District Board Member, Leonard Wilson and Miranda Bowen, District Manager, presented the 2020 appropriation request of \$18,600.00, which is the same as prior year.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the June 18 and June 26, 2019 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$140,426.37 dated June 19; voucher numbers ending 159197 totaling \$390,306.21. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the remaining sum owed to 5G Construction from the prior meeting. Janet Stewart made the motion to exclude the Tele-Belt rental cost and pay the remaining \$5,265.46 to 5G Construction. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve Skylite Construction's quote to repair the Airport terminal roof at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve a corporate level donation of \$500 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mexican Independence Festival. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an employee wage increase under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Janet Stewart made the motion to return to executive session with the County Clerk for 15 minutes. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was the consensus of commissioners to require department heads to submit pay plan wage increases to them prior to approval. The clerk was directed to notify department heads of the change.

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Director, Marieta Hauser, thanked commissioners for funding the chamber and tourism and requested financial support in 2020.


Commissioners convened at noon for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with Centura/BWMGCH Executive Team: Dr. Patrick Barker, Charlotte Peterson and Kristy Meier, RN; St. Catherine Hospital Executive Team: Amanda Vaughn, Nancy Killon, and Tom Howard; Centura/BWMGCH Board Members, Darrin Figgins, Lynn Teeter and Keith Wood. Ms. Meier relayed the Physicians Clinic gave over 300 free sports physicals to students; and the Telemedicine Machines are ready for use by USD 214 school nurses. Next, Ms. Vaughn added insurance is recognizing Telehealth in Kansas; and the emergency room will undergo renovation later this year. Lastly, Mr. Howard shared human resources mission is to offer a combination of new nurses and experienced nurses on every shift; the turnover rate for nurses in BWMGCH is under the company average; and nurses float to any facility as needed that is operated by Centura in Kansas.

Commissioner reconvened in the Commissioners Room at 1:15 p.m. Discussion was held on the upcoming budget work day.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman