

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance.

The meeting was moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner McGaughey provided prayer. The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser; and Richard Banes, City/County Building Inspector.

After the department head meeting the meeting reconvened in the Commissioner's Room.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a Road Crossing Permit which was reviewed and approved.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the Senior Center Director for 30 minutes to discuss an employee's termination under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept the new hire wage for a Road Department seasonal employee. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the August 18, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$144,534.94 dated August 26, 2020; voucher numbers ending 162430 totaling \$402,669.23. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ray and Irene Velasquez, citizens, requested reserving the Civic Center for a granddaughters wedding reception on November 27, 2021. Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, attended this portion of the meeting. The event was turned down by the Civic Center Manager saying the Thanksgiving holiday was Thursday through Sunday per order of the commissioners. They offered to pay an additional fee or special use fee of \$500.00 plus reimbursing the County for employee wages on that day and/or extra costs to have the

facility open on Saturday. Ms. Velasquez expressed they were taxpayers and pleaded to have the event on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Ms. Honstead stated the facility was always closed the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday. Commissioners told Mr. & Mrs. Velasquez they would take the request under consideration and get back with them. Ray and Irene Velasquez left the meeting. The pros and cons of the event were discussed, and the Civic Center Manager stated she was not in favor of allowing the event and assured commissioners they could not set up as stated. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner McGaughey and Commissioner Shapland agreed they didn't want to start a precedent of opening on the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday. It was the consensus of all commissioners not to allow the event. The clerk was directed to send Ray and Irene Velasquez a letter denying the use on November 27, 2021. The Civic Center Manager thanked the commissioners for standing behind her on this matter.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:25 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman