

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 moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart 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; James Biddle, Sheriff; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; and Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator.

After the department head meeting commissioners reconvened back to the Commissioner Room.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented the State Noxious Weed Eradication Report was reviewed and approved.

Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney, met with commissioners. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to consult with the County Attorney on a delinquent T-hangar renter under the justification of privileged attorney-client relationship. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. It was the consensus of commissioners to accept the negotiated settlement from Colby Caple of \$70.00 for one-month hangar rent.

10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for the Grant County Solid Waste Management Plan. Richard Banes, Vivian Button and Don Button, presented the updates for the 5-year plan. Daris Wiebe, citizen, attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Wiebe relayed his thoughts on having a Transfer Station versus having a Landfill. He explained the County should not haul trash to Seward County Landfill and suggested keeping the money here and house the trash in Grant County. Commissioners thanked Mr. Wiebe and relayed they would take his thoughts under consideration. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-01, a Resolution providing for the adoption of the Grant County Solid Waste Management Plan. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 20-09 was revisited, after discussion it was the consensus of commissioners to continue the face covering protocol for Grant County. Commissioners will review the Resolution at the first meeting of every month until the decision is made to rescind.

The request letter for funding from the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging was considered. It was the consensus of commissioners not to fund the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging request this year.

Reid Borchetta, District Court Clerk, presented a bid for new computers for the Courtroom, Judge, and District Court Clerk. The Court Clerk explained all the computers were outdated and not compatible and needed to be replaced. She conveyed the expense could come from the District Court fund. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the purchase of eight desktop computers, monitors and mounting equipment at a cost not to exceed \$13,922.92, and for this expense to be paid from the District Court fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the January 19, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$131,336.57 dated January 27, 2021, and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 163586 totaling \$668,684.03. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

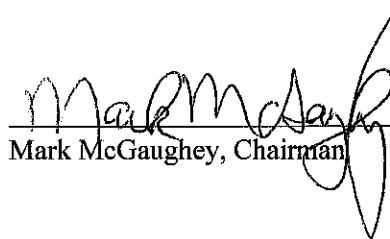
Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Board (BWMGCH) of Trustees, Mike Brewer and Keith Wood; Centura and St. Catherine Hospital executives; Amanda Vaughn, Chief Financial Officer and Jeffrey Carrier, Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Vaughn explained it is the fifth year Centura has been running BWMGCH and it was successful the last three years. The COVID-19 is a challenge and BWMGCH has been down 18% in total admissions losing \$350,000 in revenue; down 20% in surgical with a \$400,000 impact; down 21% in emergency room visits with a \$78,000 revenue loss; and a 30% decrease in Physician Clinic patients. She stated the hospital has a \$1,000,000.00 loss of top line revenue which equates to \$700,000.00 bottom line net contribution to BWMGCH; the bottom line for BWMGCH is a loss of \$475,000.00. The hospital requested immediate funding of \$250,000.00 to supplement the loss in revenue. Commissioner Shapland conveyed since no requests were made in 2020, it was not budgeted to fund the hospital in 2021. After discussion no action was taken.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 2:20 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman