

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

Pastor Borthwick announced the National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5th and requested permission to pray at 7:00 a.m. on the Courthouse front steps. The commissioners gave their approval and thanked Pastor Borthwick for his continued support.

Western Kansas Child Advocacy (WKCAC), Lucretia Holterman, Development Director, presented a 2023 appropriation request for \$12,000.00, which is \$2,000.00 more than prior year. James Biddle, Sheriff, attended this portion of the meeting. Next, Ms. Holterman presented a waiver representing support from Grant County which allows WKCAC to apply for a Justice Assistance Program Grant. In 2021 Grant County used the services of WKCAC to investigate 37 children abuse cases. Lastly, the Director requested commissioners consider allocating \$10,000.00 of ARPA funding to WKCAC.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, stated she still is not making as much as the previous Treasurer and requested a wage increase. Ms. Trotman asked to have her Treasurer salary raised to \$57,000.00 yearly. Discussion was held on the wage she received from motor vehicle funds. Commissioners tabled the request until next meeting.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve T-Hangar Lease Agreements with Mark Faulkner for Unit T3, and with Ed Neidert for Unit T2. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve three new job descriptions, Senior Center Maintenance/Handyman, Senior Center Janitor and EMS Director/Emergency Management Coordinator along with the pay plan placement of the positions. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session with the County Clerk for 15 minutes to discuss wages under the justification of matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Commissioner McGaughey requested Jeff Baier, EMS Director/Emergency Management Coordinator, meet with commissioners. Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session with the EMS Director/EM Coordinator for 10 minutes to discuss wages under the justification of matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for April 5, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County: payroll total \$139,879.20 dated April 6 and ARPA payroll total \$238,366.85 dated April 5, 2022, accounts payable voucher numbers ending 166795 totaling \$283,755.40. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.


Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the wage increases as presented by the Public Works Supervisor for the Road Department and Transfer Station. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI), Mark Hinde, President/CEO and Board Member Jane Leitheiser, met to request funding. Mr. Hinde relayed SDSI has 32 clients from Grant County and requested a 2023 appropriation request of \$51,927.00, which is \$11,927.00 more than given prior year.

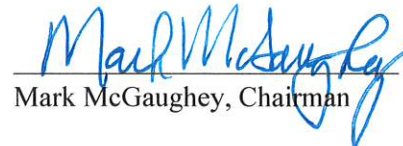
Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), Rebecca Clancy, Executive Director and Stephanie Wills, Early Intervention Program Coordinator, met to request a 2023 appropriation request of \$36,000.00, which is \$6,000.00 more than given prior year. RCDC is seeing a 16% increase in the number of children served by their programs. In 2021 they served 41 children in Grant County.

Discussion was held on the billing contracts between the City of Ulysses and County for wages of the Emergency Management Coordinator and City/County Inspector. Commissioner McGaughey will visit with the City Administrator about dissolving the wages from both contracts.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:20 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman