

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner McGaughey, Commissioner Shapland and the 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 provided prayer.

Martin Long, 124th State Representative, and John Martin, citizen, joined the meeting.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented a list of delinquent real estate eligible for tax sale. It was the consensus of commissioners to proceed with a tax sale and directed the County Treasurer to have the County Attorney send a tax payment demand letter.

Commissioners discussed the Public Works Supervisor leaving County employment. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Mr. McCauley to be paid his longevity pay. Next, the job description for Public Works Supervisor was reviewed and accepted. Thirdly, Commissioner McGaughey relayed he would go to Road and Bridge and talk to employees. Lastly, Mark McGaughey motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a possible interim under the justification of matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland motioned to appoint Lance Babcock as Interim Public Works Supervisor. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Chamber of Commerce flyer was reviewed. It was consensus of commissioners to allow any department to participate in Fall Fest activities if staffing allowed.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve Deputy Clerk's wage increase as recommended by the County Clerk. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the changes, new hire and wage as recommended by the Senior Center Director. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the two new EMT's and wage request as recommended by the EMS Director. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Paula Shapland presented a Resolution affirming the Cemetery District has all powers enumerated as Grant County Cemetery District as adopted on or about July 7, 1947. Kevin Shapland motioned to adopt Resolution 22-06, ratifying, and affirming the establishment and continued existence of the Grant County Cemetery District under the authority of K.S.A. 17-1330 ET SEQ., as amended. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, reviewed a partially self-funded group health benefit program and requested permission to quote Grant County later this year. Commissioners agreed to allow Kaw Valley access to employee numbers to update and present a health proposal.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the September 6, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$140,957.23 dated September 7, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 167878 totaling \$164,717.09. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Catherine Moyer, CEO of Pioneer Communications, met with commissioners to discuss the County's readiness for federal funding dollars that are going to flow to Kansas over the next five years through a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Ms. Moyer presently sits on a committee called HUB and is not seeing any interest from Southwest Kansas, she encouraged working on regional projects for the best chance at the dollars.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented quotes for conference room chairs for replacement consideration. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve eight chairs from Southern Office Supply for the Civic Center Office conference table at a cost not to exceed \$2,256.00, and for this expense to come from the Special Equipment fund. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the Manager presented bids for placing a cement retainer wall around the Civic Center Park. Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the bid from Anguiano Construction to install a 3' tall, 250' long, and 8" wide wall around the park at a cost not to exceed \$13,400.00, and for this expense to come from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Lastly, Bob Dale informed Civic Center Manager the left speaker built in the stage is blown. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the replacement of the speaker and to take the expense from the Special Equipment fund.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:05 a.m., to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman