

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. Commissioner Shapland 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; 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; and Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds.

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 10 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Janet Stewart made the motion to return to executive session for an additional 5 minutes. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, requested signature changes to the Grant County checking account. Janet Stewart made the motion to add Sonya McCauley as a signature on the County checking account and remove retiring employee Paula Shapland effective today. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims Management Inc., explained the services provided by FCMI and requested to be considered as a third-party administrator and benefit manager for Grant County. It was the consensus of commissioners to proceed with an insurance proposal.

At 10:05 a.m., a public hearing for the 2021 Grant County budget was held. No one from the general public attended. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt the 2021 budget, as prepared, in the amount of \$14,512,346.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Uriel Campos, Genesis Family Health Special Projects Coordinator, presented a Proclamation for commissioners' consideration. Commissioner Shapland proclaimed August 9 through August 15, 2020 as National Health Center Week to encourage all citizens to celebrate the important partnership between Americas Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve election judge wages and a new hire wage for the County Clerk's Office. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the wage increase for a Road Department employee. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with Susan Lukwago for the service of Dietitian to the Grant County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kelly Premer Chavez, newly appointed County Attorney, met with commissioners to introduce herself and talk about what commissioners needed/expected from her as the County Attorney. Lance Babcock, Sheriff, joined this portion of the meeting. Discussion was held on the starting salary of the County Attorney. The County Attorney relayed 44 hours a month would be allowed for County needs and would like it paid by a salary, if additional County work was needed it would be billed through her firm. After 10 minutes Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to consult with the County Attorney under the justification of privileged attorney-client relationship. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Kayla Janko, Interim Director, and Tiffany Bowens, Administrative Assistant, with Cimarron Basin Community Corrections (CBCC) met with commissioners. The 2021 CBCC Budget was presented, which was reviewed and approved by consensus of commissioners.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director; Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director; and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with commissioners. Mr. Passini and Ms. Hauser acting in the capacity of Co-Administrators for the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) funding, relayed progress on the coordination efforts to get plans from entities and businesses before the due date August 15, 2020. The co-administrators requested scheduling two meetings, the first to review and make changes or approve submitted direct aid funding, and the second for a required SPARK Public Hearing. It was the consensus of commissioners to meet on August 10th at 10:30 a.m. to review submissions and hold the public hearing on August 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, requested permission to hire another seasonal employee to finish the mowing season and replace one that is quitting. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow another seasonal hire.

Commissioner McGaughey questioned the expense from American Legion Emblem for soldier grave markers. After discussion, Janet Stewart made the motion to approve

minutes for the July 20, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$152,157.34 dated July 29, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161945 totaling \$469,602.29. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel and asked the County Clerk to stay for the discussion. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 12:25 p.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 2020 as the board of canvassers.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman