

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner McGaughey and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Shapland joined the meeting via Zoom video conferencing. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Bob Dale, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney met with commissioners. After a brief discussion on the County Attorney's workload, Ms. Premer-Chavez suggested an executive session. Mark McGaughey made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Attorney for an update on Grant County court cases and under the justification of consultation with the governing body's attorney which is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented a list of delinquent real estate and minerals eligible for a tax sale. Janet Stewart made the motion to take no action on a tax sale this year. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Commissioner Shapland relayed his thoughts on the property tax information sheet that accompanies the tax statements every year. The information sheet compared mill levies first on the sheet and that was confusing to the taxpayer. He wished it compared dollars generated last year and this year for all taxing entities first. The County Treasurer relayed she would review the statement format. Thirdly, the County Treasurer mentioned the costs to publish the delinquent real estate and minerals this year was considerably higher than last year, and this increase would affect the County Treasurer's budget possibly going over. Lastly, Ms. Trotman requested permission to seek bids for a new printer. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the County Treasurer to seek bids.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, discussed three directional signs for the Civic Center Complex, the signs have been hit and are deteriorating. After discussion on whether to replace the signs or were they needed anymore, the commissioners suggested talking with Marieta Hauser to purchase one metal directional sign and tear out the other two signs. Next, Commissioner McGaughey said some of the light poles at the Civic Center needed repainted. Ms. Honstead replied they had been painted several times but would get them cleaned up. Thirdly, the Civic Center Manager brought the ductwork in Walker Auditorium back to the table from the May 5, 2020 meeting. Ms. Honstead explained if they replaced the ductwork now it would still cut down on the sound of the units running and later as the heating/air conditioning units need replaced it would be ready for the new unit. She said Paul Rosales would honor the earlier quote. The Civic Center Manager stated she was unable to find another person to bid the work. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the sole bid from Air Comfort Consultants for \$14,850.00 to insulate around the heating/air conditioning units as quoted, and for this expense to

be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Fourthly, the Civic Center Manager presented recommendations from the Rodeo Board and Fair Board for usage of the Rodeo Arena. Guideline 1. Personal and/or individual use will not be allowed. Guideline 2. Annual fee of \$100.00 and \$100.00 deposit for groups not requiring membership dues/youth groups (excluding 4-H Horse Project which is exempt). Guideline 3. Annual fee of \$500.00 and a \$500.00 deposit for groups charging membership dues. Guideline 4. Saturday/Sunday event charging admission - \$500.00 with a \$500.00 deposit (i.e. Bull Bash, Bull Fights, Barrel Racing Competitions, etc.). Guideline 5. All rental revenue goes to the Park Maintenance Fund which is consistent with all other rental facilities at the Civic Center Complex. Guideline 6. Any group wanting to use the facility will contact the Civic Center Office and schedule the date and time. This will include the 4-H Horse Project. Guideline 7. The Civic Center staff will notify the Rodeo Board of the scheduled dates and times. They will make sure the arena is in good condition before it is used. Guideline 8. The Rodeo Grounds will be checked by the Civic Center staff and Rodeo Board following each use for damage, trash, etc. Guideline 9. Everyone involved with using the arena will be required to have a signed liability waiver on file at the Civic Center Office. After discussion on guidelines it was suggested the Rodeo Arena have barrels for trash disposal. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the recommendations from the Fair Board and Rodeo Board for the use of the Rodeo Arena. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, updated commissioners on SPARK funding: Economic Development has completed the Business Grant Program; Genesis Health new hire for COVID-19 testing is up and going and the program is working very well; the expenditure reports were submitted to the State for September and October.

Commissioner Shapland relayed the Road Department had contacted him for permission to have a float in the light parade. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Road Department to participate in the Annual Grant County Chamber Light Parade.

Commissioners reviewed the job description given to them by the Senior Center Director for a Certified Nurse's Assistant. The job description was tabled until the next meeting.

The clerk reported an airport hangar renter was delinquent on his rent since July and had not returned the keys nor paid the rent. It was the consensus of commissioners to require Colby Caple to pay the hangar rent until the keys are returned. The clerk was directed to contact Mr. Caple immediately.

Discussion was held on tearing down the abandoned private hangar that is collapsing at the Airport. The clerk was directed to contact Metcalf Trucking and Smyth Oil Field for quotes on the removal.

The November 4, 2020 request from the Health Department Administrator for her and the Director of Nursing vacation to be carried over or paid out was revisited. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow Toni Irvin and Lynette Metcalf to carry over 40 hours of vacation to 2021. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The clerk was directed to

communicate with the Administrator to get a part-time person hired as was suggested earlier in the year.

Commissioners acknowledged a letter from Tamra Rundell with concerns about the Health Department staff.

Commissioners discussed giving the employees Ulysses Bucks for the holiday. Janet Stewart made the motion to give full time employees \$100.00 in Ulysses Bucks; give all active part time employees \$50.00 in Ulysses Bucks; and commissioners will opt out of the gift. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the November 4 and November 10, 2020 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$143,261.35 dated November 4, and voucher numbers ending 162999 totaling \$218,536.17. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to distribute \$30,000.00 of SPARK funding. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. State Recovery Task Force approved direct aid allocations are as follows: Grant County \$20,000.00; and Hay Rice and Associates \$10,000.00.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn for the day at 10:40 a.m., to meet again Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman