

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 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; Lance Babcock, Sheriff and James Biddle, Undersheriff/Sheriff-Elect; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; and Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

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

James Biddle, Undersheriff/Sheriff-Elect, requested his accumulated vacation leave be paid out to him since he would be going to an elected official's position and no longer an "employee" of the county. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the vacation payout of Mr. Biddle's time. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Biddle requested permission to hire an employee when he moves Craig Hampton to Undersheriff. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow a new hire.

Discussion was held on hiring new county employees. It was the consensus of commissioners that each department needed to request all new hires, whether they are replacing leaving employees or creating new positions.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, relayed an employee quit at the Road Department and requested permission to hire. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow a new hire. Next, Mr. McCauley updated commissioners on the efforts to collect a bad debt at the Transfer Station and requested permission to write it off. Janet Stewart made the motion to write-off the Transfer Station bad debt of \$142.30 on Oscar Hurtado d/b/a HMH. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to put equipment on Purple Wave Online Auction and relayed he thought some of the equipment would sell higher if he fixed it. It was the consensus of commissioners to sale the equipment as is. Mark McGaughey made the motion to dispose of the following equipment on Purple Wave Online Auction: 1979 Chevrolet C70 Truck, 2008 Freightliner, 1999 Hypac Vibratory Packer Roller, and a Wildcat Compost Tiller. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the delinquent hangar rent owed by Colby Caple as previously discussed at the November 17, 2020 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Shapland will call Mr. Caple and report back at the next meeting.

Bids were reviewed for two printers for the Appraiser's Office. Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept the lowest bid to purchase two Lexmark M5255 printers for the Appraiser's Office from Southern Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$5,650.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The County Clerk presented bids for copy paper for all departments in General fund. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase 100 cases of copy paper from Southern Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$3,281.00, and for this expense to be paid from the General fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

On December 31, 2020 the federally mandated Family First Coronavirus Response Act for emergency sick leave and expanded family medical leave expired. It was the consensus of commissioners not to voluntarily continue the act. Employees could use the County Sick Leave Program if all benefit time is exhausted.


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.

Commissioners discussed the next step for a new jail. The clerk was instructed to request the Sheriff come to the next meeting and to contact Goldberg Architects to inquire when the County could start a feasibility study.


Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, met to relay the Health Department received 30 doses of the first round of COVID-19 Vaccine. They had administered all 30 doses using the state guidelines. She had not received any guidance on when more vaccine would be shipped.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the December 15, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$320,102.30 dated December 16 and December 30, 2020, and voucher numbers ending 163340 totaling \$696,877.03. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:00 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman