

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented bids for crushed rock for county roads. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve purchasing ½" crushed rock from Huber Sand in Syracuse, to be hauled by Grant County, for \$17.50 a ton, not to exceed 4,000 ton or \$70,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the water well monitoring contract at the Transfer Station was reviewed. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the 2021 contract with Terracon at a cost of \$3,800.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Thirdly, the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal funds distribution letter was discussed. The funding allows the trade of federal allocation to state transportation dollars. Kevin Shapland made the motion to move the federal allotment of \$71,120.66 to state transportation dollars at a 90% rate, available funds exchange \$64,008.59 to be deposited to the Special Highway fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Janet Stewart made the motion to allow the Road Department to dispose of various GPS and survey equipment parts that are obsolete and have no value. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to consult with the County Attorney about a pending judgement order under the attorney-client privilege. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken. Commissioners requested the County Attorney make changes to the airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement adding a clause for returning keys; adding a clause for a one time deposit; better defining the lease terms for payment; and add a separate rental agreement for less than 6 month renters.

Commissioner Shapland relayed problems with a Fair Board Member and stated he did not reside in Grant County. K.S.A. 2-133 states that annually members will be chosen representing areas of said county. Kevin Shapland made the motion to excuse Titus Smith from his appointment on the Fair Board, and relayed the commissioners appreciated everything he has done while serving, but the statute is clear the members must reside in the county. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed wage sheets on two new hires for the Senior Center, one new hire for the Road Department, and one wage adjustment for a fill-in employee at the Sheriff's Office. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the supervisor recommendations for new hires and wages adjustments for employees. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss credit card misuse under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Commissioners directed the County Clerk to notify the employee's supervisor and relay the misbehavior incident.

Discussion was held on redirecting Health Department SPARK funding. Kevin Shapland made the motion to reallocate SPARK direct aid funding of \$18,174.00 from the Health Department Medical Supplies to Health Department Employee Overtime Category to facilitate public need for COVID-19 contact tracing. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to enter into a Cash Farm Lease Contract with Bruce Howard for the SW/4 of Section 25, Township 28 South, Range 37 West, 147.2 total acres; terms of lease - the first year will be allowing Mr. Howard to get 100% of the CRP contract so he may reseed, second year forward split the CRP cost share yearly payment in a two-third owner and one-third tenant method and to cost share any maintenance costs on the property at the same rate. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Kone Elevators informing of a 4.05% rate increase starting March 1, 2020. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the increase.

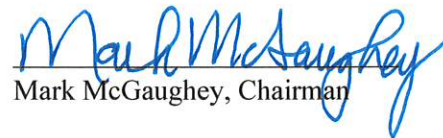
Discussion was held on the letter and performance audit report from the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit. It was the consensus of commissioners to reach out to Kansas Association of Counties to see if they could help in updating the Purchasing Policy Manual.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the February 2, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$130,957.52 dated February 10, 2021 and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 163702 totaling \$190,760.62. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:10 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman