

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.

Melanie Tims, citizen, expressed concerns with City of Ulysses proposal to annex her property into the city limits. Commissioners assured Ms. Tims a public hearing would be held before the annexation becomes final. Ms. Tims requested notification if the County is approached by the City of Ulysses concerning annexation.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, met with commissioners. Commissioner McGaughey presented the EMS a check for \$4,390.00 from Grant County Community Foundation for interest earned in 2020 on the EMS Endowment Account. Next, Commissioner Stewart discussed the ambulance billing system. The EMS Director explained the billing fell behind in December but has been caught up and is now running current.

Discussion was held on redirecting SPARK funding returned from Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH). Kevin Shapland made the motion to reallocate SPARK direct aid funding of \$3,492.62 from BWMGCH to Grant County Emergency Management \$288.89 and Grant County Health Department \$3,203.73 to cover COVID-19 administrative costs. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed wage sheets on two new hires for the Fire Department. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the supervisor recommendation for new hire wages. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to enter into a Land Lease Agreement with David Kelly Sullivan at a cost of \$540.00 per year to host a radio tower, the rectangular tract of land is located at the SE/4 of Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 37 West, 2.70 acres. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart explained a revision she made in the hangar lease agreement. After review, Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the revised Airport Hangar Lease Agreement. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Chris Burdette, Noxious Weed Director, met with commissioners. The Public Works Supervisor presented road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved. Next, Mr. McCauley requested permission to hire a vacating position. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Public Works Supervisor to hire a new office manager. Thirdly, the Road Department has been approached by Stephen Kinsey to place a soft drink and food vending machine at the Road Department. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the vending machine. Fourthly, the Public Works Supervisor reported all equipment sent to Purple Wave Online Auction has been sold. Lastly, the Noxious Weed Director

presented the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report and 2021 Noxious Weed Management Plan, which was reviewed and approved.

Koleen Nosekabel, Chief Clerk 26th Judicial District, and Reid Borchetta, District Court Clerk, met with commissioners. Ms. Nosekabel introduced herself and thanked commissioners for calling the credit card incident to her attention. She extended her apologies for the situation and explained the matter was taken very seriously and after investigation appropriate action will be taken. Next, Commissioner Shapland asked the Chief Clerk to explain how mileage was figured for travels made by Court Clerks. Ms. Nosekabel explained the mileage is figured starting from the court domain of the Court Clerk. Lastly, Ms. Borchetta apologized for the error in judgement and relayed she thought appropriate action had been taken but realizes now there was more that should have been done. Commissioners reviewed a letter from Mary Nieto, Deputy Clerk apologizing for the misunderstanding.

Kevin Shapland made the motion appoint Andrew Brown to finish the term on the Fair Board vacated by Titus Smith. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

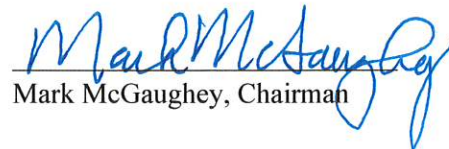
Commissioner Shapland voiced concerns about the Rodeo Board and relayed they had told the Fair Board they would be charging for entrance to the Annual Rodeo this year. After discussion it was the consensus of commissioners to recommend the Rodeo Board come before them before making changes to the long standing rodeo set up.

After reviewing one voucher, Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the March 2, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$136,574.06 dated March 10, 2021 and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 163924 totaling \$155,858.04. 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, April 6, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman