

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.

Tony Burnett, Development Director with Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC), presented a 2021 appropriation request for \$10,000.00, same as given prior year. Next, Mr. Burnett presented a waiver representing support from Grant County which allows WKCAC to apply for a Justice Assistance Program Grant. In 2020 Grant County used the services of WKCAC to investigate 41 forensic interviews, advocacy for 46 children, and therapy for 6 children.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested permission to use the Fire Station for Grant County's Time Station when Race Across America comes through June 18-23. Janet Stewart moved to approve the use of the building for the Race Across America Event. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a contract for landfill general permitting and engineering at a cost of \$9,500.00, and additional Vertical Expansion services at a cost of \$1,400.00 from Terracon. Contract reflects a \$600.00 increase for general permitting and engineering. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Terracon Contract at a cost of \$10,900.00 to be paid from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, discussion was held on semi-trucks traveling through Ulysses carrying wind turbines. The Public Works Supervisor suggested requiring they travel around on the by-pass road instead of through Ulysses. No action taken.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the Airport Preservation Agreement on Airport Runway 17/35 with Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas for \$630,000.00 at 95/5 cost share. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the Airport Infrastructure Improvement Agreement with the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas for \$420,000.00 at 90/10 cost share. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Scott Kedrowski, Special Initiative Director, and Jose Olivas, Board Member with Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), presented an appropriation request for \$35,000.00, an increase of \$5,000.00 from prior year. In 2020 RCDC served 348 children in Grant County.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, requested permission to hire another Firefighter. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the hire.

James Biddle, Sheriff, met with commissioners. Discussion was held on a citizen's medical bill given to the County Clerk by the Chief of Police requesting the County pay charges.

After discussion of each entity's liability, Mark McGaughey made the motion to pay the medical bill at a reduced Medicare rate. Janet Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Next, the Sheriff requested permission to add an admission booking form to help avoid misbehavior and make the process flow smoother. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the form to be used. Lastly, the Sheriff requested permission to replace the incoming call recording system and phone system at the Law Enforcement Center. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow James to go ahead and seek services to get a new recorder and phone system at a cost of \$12,000.00 for the recording system, to be paid from the 911 fund, and \$25,000.00 for a phone system for the Sheriff and City Police Department, to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

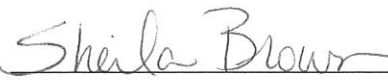
At 11:00 a.m. Mark McGaughey called for recess to attend a Western Kansas Development Organization and Port Authority of the Southwest virtual meeting. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

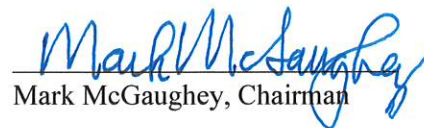
Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the April 6, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$138,276.25 dated April 7, 2021 and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 164139 totaling \$132,323.28. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the meeting between Fair Board, Rodeo Board and County Commissioners. It was the consensus of commissioners' further dialogue was needed and requested the County Clerk contact the Rodeo Board for another meeting.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 12:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman