

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.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney.

Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser; Tom Fuhrmann and Terry Lawhon, Landmark Appraisal, met with commissioners. The County Appraiser introduced a Resolution to reappoint her as County Appraiser. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-02, a Resolution appointing Cynthia Wellbrock as County Appraiser for a four-year term starting July 1, 2021. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Lawhon shared the phases of an annual appraisal process and presented Landmark's Appraisal Maintenance Program Agreement. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Appraisal Maintenance Program Agreement between Landmark Appraisal and Grant County for a period starting June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, at a cost of \$106,680.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Karrie Meredith, Grant County Conservation District Secretary and Board Member Leonard Wilson, presented the 2022 appropriation request of \$18,600.00, which is \$3,600.00 more than received previous year.

Compass Behavioral Health Center Executive Director, Lisa Southern, and Executive Director Region III, Fernando Rodriguez-Infante, presented the 2022 appropriation request of \$85,000.00, which is the same as current year. Mrs. Southern explained services have increased since last year, Compass Behavioral Health is seeing people struggling with depression, anxiety, trauma, or substance abuse all due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Extension Agents Monica Walker and Elizabeth Kissick; Council Members, Joell Martin, Nathan Engelman; and Cheyenne Jantz, Ogallala Common Intern, met with commissioners. Mrs. Walker presented the 2022 appropriation request of \$160,130.00,

which is \$20,130.00 more than received previous year. She conveyed they would be needing a part time helper due to their workload.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the new hire wage of an EMT. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the supervisor recommended wage increase for a Road Foreman. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Commissioners reviewed the Sheriff's recommended wage increases for Sheriff Deputies, Dispatchers, and Jailers. After discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve fifty percent of the suggested wage increase for Sheriff Department employees, unless it exceeded the pay plan policy then highest possible per pay plan policy. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed a note sent by Travis Meyer concerning his radio equipment on a county radio tower. Mr. Meyer is no longer farming and does not need the tower space anymore. It was the consensus of commissioners that Mr. Meyer had 60 days to retrieve his equipment from the tower or pay tower lease for the time.


Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the May 18, 2021, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$135,110.93 dated May 19, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 164416 totaling \$329,167.56. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint James Biddle to the Advisory Board of the Southwest Regional Detention Center. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman