

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 Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to remove Lora Foresman as a signature on the County bank accounts effective immediately, since she is no longer employed by Grant County, and to add new Deputy Clerk, Anita Lane to the accounts. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kayla Janko, Director, with Cimarron Basin Community Corrections, presented the Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the comprehensive plan. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented a list of delinquent real estate and minerals eligible for a tax sale. Discussion was held on whether to include minerals in the tax sale this year. The County Attorney was contacted, she conveyed holding a tax sale with real estate only was allowable. Janet Stewart made the motion to proceed with a tax sale for real estate only, provided that such sale would be economically feasible. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Anderson, Recreation Director, relayed the recreation was written up by KCAMP insurance due to a tripping hazard on broken cement around the swimming pool. She presented bids: B&E Construction \$3,300.00; Barrios Construction Service \$12,685.50 and alternate \$7,548.00; S&R Construction \$5,614.88. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the low bid from B&E Construction for repair of cement around the outside of the swimming pool and repair of a drain in front pool office, at a cost not to exceed \$3,300.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the renewal of a three-year contract with Hay, Rice & Associates to perform the annual audit and financial services for Grant County, Grant County Extension, Grant County Fair Board, Grant County Firefighters Relief Association, and the statement of compliance for the Grant County Historical Society. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bryson Stejksal gave an update on his Eagle Scout project to place a table style monument honoring first responders at the Fire Station. Jan Stejksal joined this portion of the meeting. Bryson relayed support funds from Dragon Line and Pioneer Communications, along with \$500.00 promised by Grant County Commissioners would pay for the project. Commissioners directed the County Clerk to pay Boy Scout Troop 186 the promised funding.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to renew the current Freedom Claims Management (FCMI) and Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Kansas health insurance plans for 2021. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. FCMI rate is \$35.00 per plan per month and the BCBS new monthly rates will be employee only \$484.11; employee/child \$980.96; employee/spouse \$1,040.84; and family \$1,537.68, which is a decrease of 8.3% from prior year.

Commissioners discussed giving employees Ulysses Bucks for the holiday. Mark McGaughey made the motion to give full time employees \$100.00 in Ulysses Bucks; give all active part time employees \$50.00 in Ulysses Bucks; and commissioners will opt out of the gift. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits for approval, which were reviewed and approved. Next, discussion was held on a citizen request for their road to be marked. The Public Works Supervisor relayed there is grant dollars available to stripe roads in the county. It was the consensus of commissioners to apply for the grant.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Clerk for 10 minutes to discuss an employee request under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to pay Jovita Partida \$100.00 a week extra to be the Women and Children (WIC) Coordinator. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Lucy Guerra to the Board on Aging to fill a vacated position made by the resignation of Sherry Olson. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

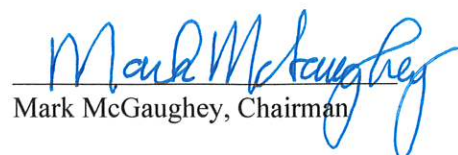
Commissioners discussed continuing affiliation with National Association of Counties (NACo) in 2022. Mark McGaughey made the motion to continue membership with NACo at a cost of \$450.00 per year. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the November 3 and November 8, 2021, meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$136,111.72 dated November 3, 2021, and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 165634 totaling \$190,731.04. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:40 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman