

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

John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; and Barbara Groomer, Paramedic joined the meeting.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented bids for grader tires. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the tire bid from Frank's Tire Center for Advance Tires at a cost of \$850.00 each, a total cost of \$10,200.00, and for this expense to be taken from the Road Department fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to dispose of broken equipment consisting of a water pump, one 10-ton jack, and two 2-ton jacks. Mark McGaughey made the motion to write off assets consisting of a Honda Water Pump, 10-ton utility jack, and two 2-ton utility jacks. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Mr. McCauley relayed the Transfer Station received notice Resource Management Company is increasing their prices to pick up used tires and requested permission to increase fees for tire disposal. Kevin Shapland made motion to increase tire disposal fees at the Transfer Station due to price increases when disposing of waste tires. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on damage from December 15, 2021, blackout conditions from dirt and high winds. The Fire Chief and EMS Director gave an update on damages to a Fire Truck and Ambulance due to a semi-truck blowing through the scene of a multicar wreck. The EMS Director thanked the Road Department for all the extra hands during the storm and thanked the community for getting meals to them during the hours out on numerous wrecks. Lastly, Mr. Fort requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the EMS Director for 10 minutes to discuss employees injured during the severe weather conditions under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Mark McGaughey relayed Denise James will be the new Health Department Administrator and made the motion to approve the new hire wage and benefits. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Senior Center Director recommendation for new hire wage of a Senior Center Certified Nurse Aide. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Mark McGaughey made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-09, a Resolution finding on December 15, 2021, certain conditions caused wide-spread or severe damage, injury and loss of life and property damage in a disaster proportion in Grant County, Kansas. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to appoint James Biddle to the Compass Behavioral Board to replace Don Button starting January 1, 2022. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

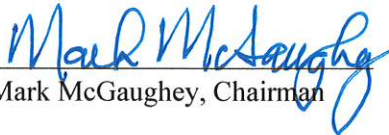
Discussion was held on emails received from the Federal Aviation Administration, Coffman Associates and Lochner Engineering concerning the Grant County Recreation constructing objects that could impact access to airspace at the Airport. The clerk was directed to set up a conference call with the FAA, Coffman, Lochner and the Grant County Recreation to resolve the issues.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the December 7, 2021, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$142,145.94 dated December 15, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 165866 totaling \$135,414.80. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:45 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Mark McGaughey, Chairman