

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 Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Kevin Shapland nominated Mark McGaughey to be Chairman of the Commission for 2022. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to set meeting dates and times for 2022 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to designate Grant County Bank, First National Bank, and Bank of Ulysses as the official depositories. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to designate the Ulysses News as the official newspaper. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to give the County Treasurer authority to invest County funds to the best interest of Grant County. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve agenda items 6 through 17 of the organizational agenda. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. Appoint the Clerk as Chief Purchasing Agent, Federal & State Withholding Tax Agent, Social Security Agent, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Agent and Insurance Agent for Grant County, as well as Public Information Officer, Freedom of Information Officer, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator;
7. Appoint Randy McCauley Public Works Supervisor;
8. Appoint Christopher Burdette as Noxious Weed Director;
9. Appoint Marilea Honstead as Civic Center Building and Grounds Manager;
10. Appoint Denise James as Health Department Administrator;
11. Appoint Dr. Douglas Johnson as County Health Officer;
12. Appoint Don Button as Emergency Management Coordinator, First in Command until March 4th;
13. Appoint Paul Fort as Emergency Medical Services Director until January 24th;
14. Appoint Jeff Baier as Emergency Medical Services Director effective January 24th and Emergency Management Coordinator, Second in Command effective January 24th and First in Command effective March 4th;
15. Appoint Dr. Douglas Johnson as Medical Director for EMS;
16. Appoint John Crosby as Fire Chief;
17. Appoint Ludivina Gonzales as Senior Center Director.

Janet Stewart made the motion to set mileage at 58.5 cents per mile when using personal vehicles for county business for entire year of 2022. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve agenda items 19, a-q of the organizational agenda. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- a. James Biddle for Sheriff's Department, and Juvenile Justice;
- b. Paul Fort for Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment Funds until January 24th ;
- c. Don Button for Emergency Management Fund until March 4th;
- d. Jeff Baier for Ambulance, Ambulance Equipment Funds effective January 24th and Emergency Management Fund effective March 4th;
- e. John Crosby for Fire and Fire Equipment Funds;
- f. Randy McCauley for Road & Bridge, Special Highway Improvement, Road Machinery, Noxious Weed, Noxious Weed Equipment Funds;
- g. Cindy Wellbrock for Appraiser Fund;
- h. Dana McDaniel for Register of Deeds and R.O.D. Technology Funds;
- i. Terri Trotman for Treasurer, Treasurer Technology, Motor Vehicle Funds;
- j. Kelly Premer Chavez for Attorney, Prosecutor Training and Diversion Funds;
- k. Denise James for Health Department Fund;
- l. Marilea Honstead for Park Maintenance Fund;
- m. Chairman of the Fair Board for Fair Fund;
- n. Chairman of the Rodeo Board for Rodeo Fund;
- o. Ludivina Gonzales for Senior Center Fund;
- p. Chairman of the Airport Board for Airport Fund;
- q. Sheila Brown for all Other Funds

Board Appointments:

- a. Board on Aging - Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Larry Davis and Dewey Middleton to the Board on Aging replacing expiring term members Pam Gindlesberger and Ronnie Young. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Economic Development Board - Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Shawn Rider to the Economic Development Board replacing the expiring term of Laura Varela. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners to request permission to advertise for janitorial services. After discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners to request the Senior Center maintenance staff clean at the Health Department. Commissioner McGaughey relayed he would speak with the Senior Center Director. Next, the Administrator relayed the school nurse asked if commissioners were going to put a mask mandate in effect since COVID positive numbers were increasing. Commissioner Stewart conveyed the County will not put a mask mandate in place at this time. Ms. James explained due to the high COVID numbers the contact tracer is working more hours than expected. The Health Department has rapid and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and will join Genesis Health doing free testing. The Health Department has enrolled in a Community Partner Program Grant through the State of Kansas to get help with contact tracing investigations, free rapid and PCR tests. Lastly, the Administrator requested permission to purchase keyless entry for the back door of Health Department. Commissioner Shapland asked for the Administrator to work with a vendor to see what it would take to put keyless entry on the door and return at a later meeting.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented a plat map of Block 6A and 6B being a part of Block 6 in the Harrison Addition, also known as 1125 W. Oklahoma and conveyed the lot split is in preparation for a new business. The plat was reviewed and approved. Next, Mr. Banes relayed

the Solid Waste Committee met and learned they will need three new members this year due to members retiring.

The new contract with Loyd Group, LLC was reviewed. Mark McGaughey made the motion to enter in contract with Loyd Group, LLC for consultation services regarding utilization and reporting of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Health Department Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program bad debt write-offs were reviewed. Mark McGaughey made the motion to write-off VFC Program non-collectable debt of \$232.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss wage increases under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The County Clerk was asked to stay. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the County Clerk's request for a Deputy Clerk wage increase. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


The Real Estate Lease Agreement for a room at the Fire Station with the Kansas Forest Service/Kansas State University was reviewed. It was the consensus of commissioners to ask the County Attorney to draft a contract that would be less burdensome on the County.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested permission to use the Fire Station Conference Room for Legislative Coffees in February, March, April and May. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the use if the Fire Chief doesn't have any events scheduled. Next, the Chamber Director requested permission to use the Fire Station for Race Across America. It was the consensus of commissioners, if the Fire Chief was receptive, to allow the use of the facility for Race Across America Event.

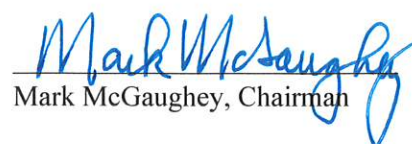
Discussion was held on the Courthouse and Civic Center yearly bid for aeration and spray applications. Koehn's Country Gardens will aerate and spray at the Courthouse for the same price as last year. The clerk relayed the courthouse yard is in great shape and asked to continue the yard contract for the Courthouse and allow the Civic Center to bid their facility separately. Commissioner Shapland requested the clerk ask about the Civic Center cost and if there is no change the Civic Center could stay with Koehn's for another year.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the January 4, 2022, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$136,801.95 dated January 12, and voucher numbers ending 166083 totaling \$509,494.43. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:15 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman