

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and 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; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Denise James, Health Department Administrator; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Grant County Health Department and Susan Lukwago, Licensed Dietitian, to act as Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Service Coordinator. The MOU for the WIC dietitian was reviewed and approved.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, met with commissioners. Mark McGaughey motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the EMS Director to discuss possible applicants for employment under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Discussion was held on adding another full-time employee to the Ambulance Department. Janet Stewart motioned to allow the EMS Director to staff his department on an emergency basis and add an insurance package if necessary for a full-time person. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Karen Rodriguez, Emergency Management Secretary, requested permission to use the Fire Station Conference Room for her son's birthday party. It was the consensus of commissioners not to allow the event at the Fire Station per County policy.

Janet Stewart motioned to approve starting August 1, 2022, the revised City/County Zoning Official Agreement and the City/County Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Agreement. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve a T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Paul Mitchell for Unit 8-7 starting August 1, 2022. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the donation request from the Mexican Independence Festival Committee. It was the consensus of commissioners not to fund the event this year.

Kayla Janko, Director of Cimarron Basin Community Corrections requested a room for the newly hired parole officer and introduced Astacia Thomson. After discussion it was decided to allow Cimarron Basin Community Corrections use of a basement open office.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the Public Works Supervisor recommendation for an Operator II new hire wage and the Sheriff recommendation for a Jailer wage increase and a Jailer new hire wage. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

The bids for Grant County Library air conditioning and furnace units were reviewed. After discussion the clerk was directed to ask each bidder to resubmit bids.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners. Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session with the Civic Center Manager for 15 minutes under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

A recommendation was reviewed for a new Fair Board Member. Kevin Shapland motioned to appoint Orlando Maldonado to replace Mike Meyer on the Fair Board. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the July 18, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$151,188.02 dated July 27, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 167521 totaling \$446,800.01. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:30 a.m., to meet again in special session as board of county canvassers on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman