

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Nancy Kletecka 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; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor; and Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, stated she would be purchasing a new printer for her office and will use Motor Vehicle funds for the purchase. Commissioners thanked her for keeping them updated.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, requested an executive session. Mark McGaughey motioned to recess into executive session with the Director for 5 minutes to discuss an employee issue under the justification of personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken. Next, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation statement was presented. Mark McGaughey motioned to accept the statement as presented. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Lastly, the EMS Director relayed Osage Ambulances bid the new ambulance using an old price for the chassis. They now are asking for the second time to raise the bid price \$2,950.00 from the original quote. Kevin Shapland motioned to rescind the prior adjusted motion made on April 5, 2022, for an ambulance costing \$224,317.05 from Osage Ambulances and approve a new purchase price of \$227,082.05. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve a Road Department new hire and wage as requested; and to approve an employee wage increase as recommended by the Public Works Supervisor. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Janet Stewart motioned to approve the Deputy Clerk's wage increase as recommended by the County Clerk. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented a bid for replacing glass doors on the east side foyer entrance to the auditorium. The Civic Center Manager relayed she would use donation dollars for new trim around the bottom of the foyer. Kevin Shapland motioned to accept a bid from C. Malone Enterprises and Goossen Electric to replace glass doors and install a handicap access on the east side foyer of the Civic Center Complex at a cost not to exceed \$13,200.00, and for this expense to be taken from the County Building fund; \$11,700.00 to C. Malone Enterprises and \$1,500.00 to Goossen Electric. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the October 18, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$146,707.65 dated October 19, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 168233 totaling \$377,208.01. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the final update on the Kansas State University-Kansas Forest Service Real Estate Lease Agreement. Kevin Shapland seconded motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the letter from Coffey County Commissioners concerning KPERS Pension Fund investments. It was consensus of commissioners to decline action on the request to demand KPERS sell some of the public equities because of the company's environmental and social priorities.


The County Clerk requested permission for Anita Lane to carryover one week vacation per the Personnel Policy. Kevin Shapland motioned to allow Anita Lane to carryover one week to calendar year 2023 as requested. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Aaron Trejo, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, and Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims Management Inc. met with commissioners to review insurance rates. BCBS will have a rate reduction again for 2023 of 3.28%. Grant County has saved \$198,707.29 this year using FCMI as the insurance third-party administrator. Kevin Shapland motioned to renew FCMI and BCBS of Kansas health insurance plans for 2023. A BCBS dental and vision plan was presented, no action taken.

Nate Cenicerros, Globe Life Family Heritage, met with commissioners to offer his program for Grant County employees. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow him to visit with employees for a non-payroll deduction plan.

Monica Walker, Grant County Extension Agent, explained due to the structure of the position Kansas State University does not offer health insurance for the Extension secretarial position and requested the County carry health insurance on their employee. Commissioner McGaughey directed the County Clerk to inquire with Blue Cross and Blue Shield to see if the request would be possible.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:24 a.m., to meet again in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman