

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and County Clerk present. Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer.

James Biddle, Sheriff, requested permission to start a new dispatcher at a higher starting wage due to education. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow a \$17.50 starting wage. Next, the Sheriff requested commissioners review the LEC Agreement with City of Ulysses. He relayed the rate per prisoner was too low and co-share percentages need adjusted since the water bill is running over \$400.00. Commissioner Long requested the clerk send the agreement to commissioners and sheriff for review. Lastly, Commissioner Long announced a special meeting on Monday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. with Hutton Construction and HMN Architects concerning building contractors for the jail project and requested the sheriff attend.

Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director, relayed Eldercare has agreed to pay \$7,000.00 toward the repair of their walk-in freezer, which will be fixed this week. Next, commissioners discussed the purchase of a building to relocate the Health Department. The commissioners asked if the Senior Center would want to use the vacating space and requested a plan if they do.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, reported he had met with Centura and the surrounding counties to discuss out of town transfers. Two EMS employees have agreed to be ready for transfers if called upon. Commissioners encouraged the EMS Director to stay in contact with Kristy Meier, Centura Co-Administrator, and thanked him for finding a way to get the critical patients transferred. Next, the EMS Director reported the EMT classes were finishing up and testing will start soon. After discussion on retaining EMT's, Marty Long made the motion to reimburse new EMT trainees at the successful completion of the two-part test with an understanding they will work for Grant County EMS as specified in a pre-class agreement. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Martin Long motioned to approve minutes for the April 4, 2023, meeting, along with claims against various funds of the County, and to include a real estate closing on May 1st with Frazee Abstract at a cost not to exceed \$155,000.00; payroll total \$148,526.33 dated April 5, 2023, and voucher numbers ending 169511 totaling \$350,230.00. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

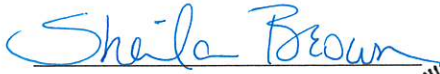
Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board, Bravane Phelps, Wacey Munsell, and Larry Borthwick, presented revised bylaws. Commissioners requested two typos be corrected. Mr. Phelps agreed and will correct and return. Next, the group proposed a plan for alcohol sales at the Fair Rodeo this July. If the Rodeo Board collects enough revenue, they will purchase new bleachers. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow alcohol at the Fair Rodeo this year. Lastly, a discussion was held on starting a High School Rodeo in the future.

Mark Hinde, President/CEO Southwest Developmental Services Inc. (SDSI), and County Representative, Jane Leitheiser, met to request funding. SDSI has approximately 1,069 clients in services, with Grant County having 35 of those clients. SDSI requested a 2024 appropriation of \$44,115.00, which is \$5,885.00 lower than given in the prior year.

Rebecca Clancy, Executive Director Russell Child Developmental Center (RCDC), Stephanie Wills, Early Intervention Program Director, and Board Member, Christy Wooley, met to request funding. In 2022 RCDC early intervention services helped 43 children in Grant County. RCDC requested a 2024 appropriation of \$36,000.00, which is \$1,000.00 more than given in the prior year.


Commissioners set department budget presentations for June 22, 2023.

Mark McGaughey motioned to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Commissioners will meet in special session on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for a work session with HMN Architects.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Marty Long, Chairman