

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 provided prayer.

Compass Behavioral Health Center, Lisa Southern, Executive Director, and Brooke Cooper, Region III Director, presented their 2024 appropriation request of \$85,000.00, which is the same as the prior year. Grant County has the third highest need for client services of the 13 counties serviced in Southwest Kansas.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, presented a list of repairs and equipment needed before moving the Health Department to 202 W. Kansas. Ms. James would like an electrical review and repairs, a plumbing review and repairs, to work with a contractor concerning structural changes and treatment of mold, one new HVAC unit, a generator, replace one leaking window, replace back door and repair flooring, paint entire inside, a digital sign, move handicap doors and the security system to new building. Next, the equipment needs are: two more examination tables, pediatric scale and exam table, weight scale, blood draw chair, defibrillator machine, two blood pressure monitors, two laptops with a printer, and an AED. It was the consensus of commissioners to look for a general contractor to monitor repairs. The Health Department Administrator was instructed to find out what Health Department grants can be used to repair and purchase equipment for the building. Lastly, the x ray machine left in the building was discussed. Commissioner Long and Commissioner McGaughey stated they would like it sold.

Marty Long motioned to recess into executive session with the Health Department Administrator for 10 minutes for discussion on an employee issue under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Margaret Obholz, Impact Ulysses, and Denise James, Health Department Administrator, presented information and relayed Impact Ulysses is partnering with the Health Department using \$50,000.00 from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Pathways Grant to do another community needs assessment survey. Ms. James stated the survey was needed to apply for other grants for the community.

The bid opening for concrete repair and replacing the roof at 202 W. Kansas was held. Shannon Collins with Chamberless Roofing, and Jesus Barrios with KS Barrios Construction attended this portion of the meeting. After reviewing bids, John Martin motioned to table concrete bids until commissioners can seek the services of an engineer to write specifications for the project. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Next, roof bids were reviewed. Marty Long motioned to accept the bid from Chamberless Roofing at cost not to exceed \$47,277.00, and to use ARPA funds for this expenditure. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve minutes for the May 2, 2023, meeting, along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$147,547.49 dated May 3, 2023, and voucher numbers ending 169707 totaling \$369,439.94. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Grant County Library, Holly Mathes, Director, and Board of Trustees, Mary Neatherlin, Steve Swann, Tammie Hensley, Evan Mitchell, and Debra Fort, presented their 2024 appropriation request of \$434,062.00 for Library Operating fund and \$143,677.00 for Library Employee Benefit fund, which is \$40,745.00 more than given prior year.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, shared general instructions for a tax foreclosure from Klenda & Austerman LLC.

Terry Lawhon and Tom Furhmann, Landmark Appraisal, and Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser, presented Landmark's Appraisal Annual Maintenance Program Agreement. Mr. Lawhon explained the contract was increasing 8% due to costs going up on fuel, training, and insurance. Marty Long motioned to approve the agreement between Grant County and Landmark Appraisal for a period starting June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024, at a cost of \$115,214.00. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Tim Nemechek and Bravane Phelps, Pioneer Communications, presented quotes and discussed phone system equipment needs for the new Health Department building and present system at the Health Department/Senior Center. Mr. Nemechek relayed their vendor, Avaya did not want to change licensing of the equipment from Health to the Senior Center. The Health Department Administrator said she wanted all new equipment at the new building and would prefer the present system be relicensed to the Senior Center. Mr. Nemechek relayed they would work with the vendor and try to achieve the system change.

Commissioners held a conference call with Sean Harding, HMN Architect to request an update on bids for construction management service for the jail project. Mr. Harding relayed the bidding documents were still being worked on and an AutoCAD drawing was almost complete. Mr. Harding will travel out to Ulysses during June to work with the Sheriff.

Department wage recommendation forms were reviewed by commissioners. Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for two seasonal employees at the Civic Center. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Next, Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for Operator II at the Road Department. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Thirdly, Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for a part time Register of Deeds Clerk. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Fourthly, John Martin motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for a Dispatcher and Jailer at the Sheriff's Department. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner McGaughey asked to have the department budget presentations changed to another day due to a conflict with his schedule. It was the consensus of commissioners to set aside the afternoon of June 20, 2023, regular meeting for department budget presentations.

Marty Long motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes for discussion under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Marty Long motioned to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

*Sheila Brown*

Sheila Brown, County Clerk



*Marty Long*

Marty Long, Chairman