

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 Commissioner McGaughey provided prayer.

Marty Long motioned to approve minutes for the June 6, 2023, meeting, along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$151,979.18 dated June 14, 2023, and voucher numbers ending 169933 totaling \$617,905.24. John Martin seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Shawn Harding, HMN Architects, presented drawings for a new jail facility and drawings for a remodel/addition to the existing jail with conceptual budgets for both. Mr. Harding stated the drawings are robust and include everything the county might need in a new jail. After discussion, it was decided to reduce to 30-32 beds for a new facility and the remodel/addition stay with adding 8-10 more beds. Commissioners reviewed, adjusted, and approved the RFQ to solicit for a Construction Manager.

Robert Harrington, Kansas State Director for Center of Infrastructure and Economic Development, met with commissioners to discuss his organizations support for communities with renewable energy and relayed every community can benefit and grow in an era of energy diversification. Mr. Harrington offered his services if the county is approached by a renewable energy business wanting to locate in Grant County.

Ginger Anthony, Museum Curator, presented the Museum 2024 appropriation request of \$132,450.00, same as prior year.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, discussed the sewer system in the Civic Center Complex. The sewer backed up and bubbled up in all the drains and has several times in the past. The Civic Center Manager relayed they will be taking out the commercial dishwasher and thinks that might help not having the large sink for everyone to dump down. TEDS Plumbing is recommending running a camera to see what is going on in the line. The Civic Center Manager asked permission to pursue checking out sewer lines. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow TEDS to camera the sewer lines. Next, discussion was held on the John Deere 1565 mower door and window damage sustained during use by a Rodeo Board Member. The repair of damage will cost \$2,547.88. It was the consensus of commissioners to have the mower repaired and billed to the Rodeo Board. Later in the day Chad McCormick held a conference call with Commissioner Long and Commissioner Martin concerning the Civic Center mower damage. After discussion on funding, Marty Long motioned to pay repairs on a John Deere 1565 Mower as presented by Mari Honstead, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,547.88, and for this expense to come from the Special Equipment fund. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Thirdly, discussion was held on the Civic Center staff mowing around the rodeo arena and the tractor pull area. Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor, joined this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Martin asked the Public Works Supervisor if they could spray for weeds around the arena and tractor pull area.

The Supervisor said the Noxious Weed did spray around the area every year and would again this year. The Civic Center Manager stated she was not adequately staffed to take care of the arena and tractor pull area. It was her understanding from reading minutes the Rodeo Board would take care of their own area and did not know how many ways to tell commissioners she was maxed out on duties and could not do it with the staff as it stands. If commissioners want to hire another full-time person, she will have her staff mow around the rodeo arena. Commissioner Martin motioned to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the Civic Center Manager under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Discussion continued about hiring another full-time person for the Civic Center. Commissioners will review the Civic Center budget for room to hire another full-time person. Fourthly, quotes were presented for a Port-A-Cool unit for the barn during Fair. Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the purchase of a portable cooler from CarQuest at a cost not to exceed \$4,292.99, and for this expense to come from the Special Equipment fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Fifthly, presented a bid and requested purchasing a new Bad Boy Mower and trading in their John Deere 1565 mower and John Deere 5200 tractor. It was the consensus of commissioners to keep the John Deere 1565 mower and move it to the Fire Department. Marty Long motioned to purchase a 2023 Bad Boy Mower from Great Plains Autoplex, with tractor trade in, at a cost not to exceed \$5,779.20, and for this expense to come from the Special Equipment fund. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Sixthly, presented a quote for a snow blade accessory. Marty Long motioned to purchase a snow blade from White Star Machinery, at a cost not to exceed \$3,900.00, and for this expense to come from the Special Equipment fund. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ada Moreno, former Senior Center employee, met with commissioners and requested an exit interview. Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session with the former employee for 10 minutes to conduct an exit interview under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The County Clerk was asked to stay for the executive session. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the County job application. After discussion, the Clerk was directed to add "Are you related to anyone presently working for Grant County?" to the county job application.

Commissioners adjourned at noon.

At 1:00 p.m. commissioners reconvened for a work session to review department budget requests, five-year plans, and long-range plans with Administrative Heads. Administrative Heads and Board Members visiting with commissioners are as follows:
Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney

- County Attorney budget submitted \$266,636.45, increase of 2.12% from prior year.
- James Biddle, Sheriff
- Sheriff budget submitted \$1,405,200.00, increase of 10.31% from prior year.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, and Fair Board Members, Jessica Lattimore, and Steve Rice

- Fair Maintenance budget submitted \$55,600.00, same as prior year.
- Park Maintenance budget submitted \$342,125.00, increase of 7.47% from prior year.

Sheila Brown, County Clerk, and Steve Rice, Airport Manager,

- Airport fund budget submitted \$221,671.00, increase of 15.80% from prior year.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer

- County Treasurer budget submitted \$141,999.00, increase of 5.52% from prior year.

Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds

- Register of Deeds budget submitted \$123,135.00, increase of 5.23% from prior year.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator

- Health Department budget submitted \$714,290.53, increase of 4.54% from prior year.

Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director

- Senior Center budget submitted \$335,586.00, increase of 4.39% from prior year.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator

- Ambulance Department budget submitted \$888,684.50, increase of 0.63% from prior year.

John Crosby, Fire Chief

- Fire Department budget submitted \$278,655.00, increase of 7.39% from prior year.

Commissioner McGaughey left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser

- County Appraiser budget submitted \$286,140.00, increase of 4.73% from prior year.

Sheila Brown, County Clerk

- County Clerk budget submitted \$129,188.00, increase of 2.20% from prior year.
- Election budget submitted \$99,970.00, increase of 28.90% from prior year.
- Commissioner budget submitted \$75,700.00, increase of 2.71% from prior year.
- Data Processing budget submitted \$113,000.00, increase of 10.78% from prior year.
- Employee Benefit budget submitted \$2,225,000.00, increase of 13.92% from prior year.

John Martin motioned to authorize Marty Long, Sheila Brown, Kara Wilkie, and Anita Lane to maintain commercial card accounts with Commerce Bank, to incur debt (in the form of a line of credit established by Commerce Bank) associated with the accounts, and to execute all documents to effectuate this purpose which they, may deem necessary and proper, including, with limitations, any application and/or agreement to maintain the accounts. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

John Martin motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendations for three seasonal employees at the Road Department. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, John Martin motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendations for two seasonal employees at the Health Department. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Thirdly, John Martin motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendations for two firefighters, and the wage increase recommendation for one

firefighter at the Fire Department. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Fourthly, John Martin motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for a Dietary Aide at the Senior Center. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Fifthly, Marty Long motioned to approve the hire and wage recommendation for one seasonal employee at the Civic Center. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss a former employee pay out of benefits under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Marty Long made the motion to pay Julie Peters 15 days of vacation. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

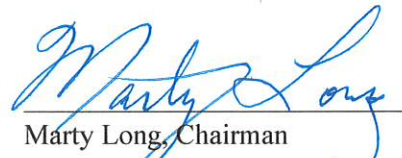
John Martin motioned to allow Chambless Roofing to repair the Fire Station roof at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00, and for this expense to come from County Building fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed and approved a Road Crossing Permit.

John Martin motioned to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioners will meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Marty Long, Chairman