

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance.

Tom Fuhrmann, Terry Lawhon, Landmark Appraisal; and Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser, met to discuss the Landmark Appraisal Annual Contract. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Appraisal Maintenance Program Contract between Land Appraisal and Grant County for a period starting June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 at a cost of \$106,680.00. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Cash Lease Agreement with Cecil Wright was reviewed. Commissioner Shapland received a call asking permission to graze cattle on the ground. The agreement prohibits grazing and it was the consensus of commissioners to follow the agreement.

Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser; and Lance Babcock, Sheriff. Discussion was held on the 2020 budget date and employee raises. Commissioners decided Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> for budget work day with department heads. Commissioners directed department heads to put any needed pay plan schedule adjustment in the budget.

The Fire Chief announced the Fire Department will host an open house for the new Fire Station on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a quote to move one siren. Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve Blue Valley Public Safety quote to move a siren from the Ulysses High School out to the Hickok community at a cost not to exceed \$1,850.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to table the bid openings for the Courthouse trees until next regular commissioner meeting. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved. Next, the Road and Transfer Station KWORCC Safety Inspection corrections were reviewed and approved. Thirdly, the Public Works Supervisor discussed contracting fuel for 2020 as recommended by Brown DuPree. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Road Department to contract fuel with Brown DuPree Oil Company and lock down unleaded fuel at \$2.08 and diesel at \$2.35. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Mark McGaughey made the motion to purchase two culverts from K&W Supply at a cost not to exceed of \$2,627.00 to be used for the new road at the Airport, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Pioneer Electric's Right of Way Easement for an underground power line to Grant County Recreation's new building was reviewed and approved.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to appoint Mary Neatherlin to fill the vacated position held by Natalie Gross on the Library Board of Trustees effective July 1, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an employee's duties under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel and to include the County Clerk. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

A new job description for EMS Director adding Paramedic duties was reviewed to rate in the Pay Plan Schedule. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the new job description and set \$35.00 as the maximum final salary in the Pay Plan Schedule. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Discussion was held on allowing parties in the Fire Station. John Crosby, Fire Chief, met with commissioners per commissioners' request. Commissioners shared comments they had received from the public concerning a large graduation party at the Fire Station. Commissioner Stewart relayed employees should not be using county facilities for personal use. The Fire Chief disagreed and stated the fire fighters had always used the Fire Station for personal use. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners to table the subject and discuss it at the next department head meeting.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Agreement for Contract of Services between Todd Honstead and Grant County to mow and bale the grass at the airport. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an employee conversation under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel and to include the County Clerk. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the May 21, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$150,514.75 dated May 22; voucher numbers ending 158941 totaling \$904,633.09. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk

  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman