

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Kelli Medrano was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Kelly Gindlesberger provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Cindy Wellbrock, Appraiser; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; John Crosby, Fire Chief; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, requested closing the Transfer Station while the scale is being repaired. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the closing during the repair. A road crossing permit was presented, which was reviewed and approved.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve a T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Ed Neidert for Unit T6. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the September 17, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$142,801.67 dated September 25; voucher numbers ending 159889 totaling \$315,501.81. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Judy Keusler, Irene Velasquez, Jessica Akers, Dixie Flowers, Caleb Woods, and Bill Stewart, Grant County Community Foundation Members, presented a Proclamation for the 8th Annual Grant County Gives Week. Commissioner Shapland proclaimed November 3rd through November 9th as Grant County Gives Week.

Dave Younger, USD 214 Superintendent; and Judy Keusler, Jessica Akers, Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez, and Kelli Medrano, Grant County Prevention Coalition Members, presented a Home Rule Resolution for commissioners' consideration. Mark McGaughey made the motion to adopt HR 2019-01, a Resolution prohibiting the sale or furnishing of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products or liquid nicotine to any person under the age of 21. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Later in the morning the School Superintendent returned to the meeting to share a survey relating to the widespread use of liquid nicotine by high school age students.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer and Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented the delinquent severed mineral and real estate taxes that qualify for a tax sale. After discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to send a letter to delinquent real estate and severed mineral property owners and in November revisit the delinquent list to see if a tax sale will be needed. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss disciplinary action of an employee 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, Kevin Shapland made the motion to return to executive session for an additional 5 minutes without the County Clerk. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Matt Schonlau, citizen, met with commissioners to request the County require permits for building in the 3-mile area around the City of Ulysses. He suggested the permits be for all buildings unless zoned agriculture. The commissioners will take the request under advisement.


Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reconvened at 11:55 a.m. for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with Centura/BWMGCH Board of Trustee Members, Mike Brewer, Keith Wood, Darrin Figgins, and Lynn Teeter; St. Catherine Executive Team, Scott Taylor, Amanda Vaughn and Tadd Richert; and Centura/BWMGCH Executive Team, Jill Robinson RN, Kristy Meier RN, Shawna Roark, and Charlotte Peterson. Mr. Taylor lead a discussion on the Centura 2025 Strategic Plan. Next, Ms. Meier updated the group on the long-awaited Telemedicine Program with the school system, relaying they have 200 students enrolled. Lastly, Ms. Vaughn shared BWMGCH has added a new radiology technician that is now mammography certified; and joined with Jayme Applebee, APRN-CNM to complement the Maternal-Fetal Program.

Commissioner adjourned for the day at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 2019.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman