

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser; and Reid Borchetta, Clerk of District Court. Commissioners welcomed Ms. Gonzales as the new Senior Center Director.

It was the consensus of commissioners to set June 23, 2020 as a workday for department heads to present budgets. The clerk was directed to put a schedule together for individual presentations.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Road Crossing Permits which were reviewed and approved.

Extension Agents Elizabeth Kissick and Monica Walker, and Council Member Jaime Kratzer, presented the Grant County Extension 2021 appropriation request of \$160,130.00, which is the same as given prior year. Ms. Walker explained their efforts to provide virtual opportunities to kids during the Governors COVID-19 Stay at Home Order.

Kelli Mandrano, Advertising Representative for The Ulysses News, encouraged commissioners to participate in the next edition of Experience Grant County Visitors Guide. Janet Stewart made the motion to participate at a cost of \$698.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the May 19 and May 27, 2020 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$135,642.94 dated May 20, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161708 totaling \$275,453.51. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Sheriff's wage increase request for his Detective; approve starting wages for a new dispatcher; and starting wage for a new corrections officer. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the Public Works Supervisor's wage request for a seasonal Noxious Weed Sprayer. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the Appraisal Maintenance Program Contract between Landmark Appraisal and Grant County for a period starting June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 at a cost of \$160,680.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to withdraw membership to the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties due to difficult economic times. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to renew the Local Workforce Development Area I Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. 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 behavior under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:10 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman