

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 Gustavo Perez provided prayer.

Slater Heglin, Sophomore at Fort Hays State University was presented with the Kansas County Clerk's and Elected Officials Association \$500.00 Scholarship. Shannon Heglin attended this portion of the meeting.

Jen Hittle, Tigers in Action, announced they will close the doors June 2021. This school year Ms. Hittle will be transitioning programs to other organizations. Tigers in Action requests \$3,000 for the 2021 appropriation. Ms. Hittle stated if any money was left when the doors closed it would be split three ways, School Supplies Program, Families at Christmas Program, and the Fairytale Fair Program.

Holly Mathes, Library Director, and Shirley Wilson, Library Board Trustee, met to discuss the sewer line at the Library. After numerous sewer backups they have been advised the sewer line needs to be replaced. The Library Director relayed the Library did not have the funds to replace the line and are requesting help from the county. After touring the northwest front of the Library building it was decided to consult with Reuben Flores, City of Ulysses Water Superintendent and Cody Schwindt, TEDS Plumbing. Ms. Mathes and Ms. Wilson left the meeting. Later in the day Mr. Flores stopped in to go through the project details and offer help to the county. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from TEDS Plumbing to proceed with a sewer line project at the Library at a cost not to exceed \$6,850.00, for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund, to coordinate with the City of Ulysses for labor when repairing the cement that is removed during the project, and the county will provide the labor and asphalt to repair the street that will be removed to get to the sewer main. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Leonard Wilson, Grant County Conservation District Board Member, presented the 2021 appropriation request of \$18,600.00, which is \$372.00 more than previous year.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Director, shared activities the chamber is working on and requested financial support in 2021 of \$15,000.00.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, presented a bid for three new computers and informed commissioners the Board on Aging will pay the remainder not budgeted. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept a quote from The Computer Alchemist to purchase two desktop computers and one laptop at a cost not to exceed \$5,717.00, for \$3,842.00 of this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund leaving the remaining \$1,875.00 to be paid from the Board on Aging's account. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, senior transportation will be starting up again on Monday. Ms.

Gonzales asked permission to hire a bus driver. It was the consensus of commissioners to consult with the current driver and confirm he would not be interested in continuing before advertising for help.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, requested permission to get someone to look at the EMS building for repairs and look at the garage doors for replacement. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the EMS Director to seek bids for overhead garage doors. Next, the EMS Director requested permission to use Ambulance Equipment funds to purchase a power gurney at a cost of \$43,717.58. After discussion the request was tabled till a later date. Thirdly, the ambulance has received \$5,000 in donations and asked to purchase three ballistic vests for protection. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the purchase using donation funds. Lastly, Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the EMS Director and County Clerk for 10 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. It was the consensus of commissioners effective immediately to place an EMS Paramedic on administrative leave with pay for the duration of an internal investigation. It was also the consensus of commissioners effective immediately to remove an EMS AEMT from the schedule for the duration of an internal investigation.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, and Board Members, Omar Perez and Samantha Sanchez, presented the Economic Development 2021 administration appropriation request of \$90,000.00, and requested no funding for the Economic Incentive Fund. Mr. Passini explained the Economic Incentive Fund activities and stated the main mission is to grow the fund and use it as an incentive for business. The Economic Development Director relayed COVID-19 was showing a small impact on businesses in Grant County.

Wacey Munsell and Ryan Rice, Rodeo Board Members, gave an update on the Rodeo Arena progress and requested permission to purchase LED lighting. Mark McGaughey made the motion to purchase 43 LED lights from Anixter at a cost not to exceed \$9,917.95, and for this expense to be paid from the County building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented quotes and requested permission to purchase a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Detective. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the purchase of a Dodge Durango for the Sheriff's Department from Davis Moore at a cost not to exceed \$31,619.68, for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund, and for the 2010 Ford Expedition presently driven by the Sheriff's Detective to be disposed of on Purple Wave Online Auction Service. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Sheriff gave an update on the department staffing shortage. Lastly, discussion was held on the resignation letter from the County Attorney effective July 31, 2020 and how the process will work to keep Grant County covered during transition of County Attorneys.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Road Crossing Permits, which were reviewed and approved. Next, Mr. McCauley explained a Road Department semi-truck had been stopped in Stanton County earlier. The belly dump on the truck was hauling ½” rock and a seal broke causing rock to fall out and bounce onto three vehicles breaking windshields before the truck was stopped by the Stanton County Sheriff. The claims on windshields will be turned over to insurance. Lastly, an update was given on the Road Department working on plumbing issues at the Health Department and Senior Center.

After reviewing a letter from the Seward County Commissioners explaining a shortfall of funds for Cimarron Basin Community Corrections (CBCC) due to COVID-19, Janet Stewart made the motion to give CBCC \$3,680.00, and for this expense to be paid from Other Appropriations line item. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to allow wage increases for three fire fighters. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the June 2, June 5, and June 8, 2020 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$137,057.78 dated June 3, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161818 totaling \$171,810.43. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve a quote from The Computer Alchemist to purchase a Lenovo laptop computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Health Department COVID-19 Grant funding. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn for the day at 12:40 p.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioners will meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 to review department budgets with department heads.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Kevin Shapland, Chairman