

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, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the January 5, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$142,749.20 dated January 13, and voucher numbers ending 163471 totaling \$640,164.44. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland nominated Mark McGaughey to be Chairman of the Commission for 2021. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to set meeting dates and times for 2021 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 9:00 a.m. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to designate Grant County Bank, First National Bank, and Bank of Ulysses as the official depositories. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to designate the Ulysses News as the official newspaper. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve agenda items 5-16 of the organizational agenda. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Give County Treasurer the Authority to invest County Funds to the best interest of Grant County;
6. Appoint the Clerk as Chief Purchasing Agent, Federal & State Withholding Tax Agent, Social Security Agent, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Agent and Insurance Agent for Grant County, as well as Public Information Officer, Freedom of Information Officer, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator;
7. Appoint Randy McCauley Public Works Supervisor;
8. Appoint Christopher Burdette as Noxious Weed Director;
9. Appoint Marilea Honstead as Civic Center Building and Grounds Manager;
10. Appoint Toni Irvin as Health Department Administrator;
11. Appoint Dr. Douglas Johnson as County Health Officer;
12. Appoint Don Button as Emergency Management Coordinator;
13. Appoint Paul Fort as Emergency Medical Services Director;
14. Appoint Dr. Patrick Barker as Medical Director for EMS;
15. Appoint John Crosby as Fire Chief;
16. Appoint Ludivina Gonzales as Senior Center Director.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to set mileage at 56 cents per mile when using personal vehicles for county business for entire year of 2021. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve agenda items 18, a-o of the organizational agenda. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- a. James Biddle for Sheriff's Department, and Juvenile Justice;
- b. Paul Fort for Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment Funds;
- c. John Crosby for Fire and Fire Equipment Funds;
- d. Randy McCauley for Road & Bridge, Special Highway Improvement, Road Machinery, Noxious Weed, Noxious Weed Equipment Funds;
- e. Cindy Wellbrock for Appraiser Fund;
- f. Dana McDaniel for Register of Deeds and R.O.D. Technology Funds;
- g. Terri Trotman for Treasurer, Treasurer Technology, Motor Vehicle Funds;
- h. Kelly Premer Chavez for Attorney, Prosecutor Training and Diversion Funds;
- i. Don Button for Emergency Management Fund;
- j. Toni Irvin for Health Department Fund;
- k. Marilea Honstead for Park Maintenance Fund;
- l. Chairman of the Fair Board for Fair Fund;
- m. Ludivina Gonzales for Senior Center Fund;
- n. Chairman of the Airport Board for Airport Fund;
- o. Sheila Brown for all Other Funds

Board Appointments

- a. Board on Aging – Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Esther Walker and reappoint Sherry Olson to the Board on Aging. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Economic Development Board – Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Samantha Sanchez and Omar Perez to the Economic Development Board. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shapland reported he was unable to contact Colby Caple concerning his nonpayment of hangar rent. The Clerk was directed to request the County Attorney send a demand letter for payment.

Discussion was held on the request from the Senior Center Director to enter into a new agreement with ElderCare. The new agreement would require the County to hire and supervise a manager, kitchen staff and volunteers for the Friendship Meals services. Later in the meeting, Kevin Shapland made the motion to enter into a new ElderCare, Inc. Nutrition Services Agreement, starting March 1, 2021 for one year; and to readdress the agreement in 2022. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike Winner, Magistrate Judge, requested permission to seek quotes for new computers for the District Court and Judges. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Judge Winner to seek bids.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a quote and requested permission to purchase replacement lighting for the remaining half of the County Shop that has not been replaced. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase 96 LED lights from MEBulbs at a cost not to exceed \$1,608.96, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, bids were presented for road grader blades. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase 200 motor grader blades from Foley Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$18,146.00, and for this expense to be taken from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, a bid for bulk deicing road salt was presented. Mark McGaughey made the motion to purchase bulk deicing salt from Central Salt at a price of \$67.15 per ton not to exceed 75 tons purchased, and for this expense to be taken from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, was conference called to inquire on the availability of COVID-19 vaccine. Ms. Irvin relayed the Health Department was at the States mercy and hoped more vaccines would be coming soon. Discussion was held on the list of names waiting for vaccine and if they should be shared with other health care providers. Commissioners requested to be updated as vaccine becomes available.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, met with commissioners. Alan Olson, City Administrator; Kenneth Warner, City Council Member; and Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Passini on behalf of Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and Grant County Economic Development purposed a 0.4% sales tax be levied countywide to fund operating expenses, growth of the Economic Incentive fund, and Quality of Life Special Projects fund. In the proposal the sales tax would be divided up between entities: 30% to Chamber of Commerce and Tourism; 43% to Economic Development; 15% to Economic Incentive fund; and 12% to Quality of Life Special Projects. Commissioners will take the information under consideration.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested permission to use the Fire Station Conference Room for Legislative Coffees in February, March and April. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the use if the Fire Chief doesn't have any events scheduled.

James Biddle, Sheriff, met with commissioners. Commissioners asked if the Sheriff was on board with moving forward with a feasibility study on a new/renovated jail. The Sheriff welcomed the study and will help in any way possible. Kevin Shapland made the motion to retain Goldberg Group Architects to conduct a feasibility study for a new jail at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the General fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to negotiate wages with the Sheriff under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Mark McGaughey made the motion to set the salary of the Sheriff at \$73,266.00 a year, to be reviewed in August, and to approve the wage for the Undersheriff. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

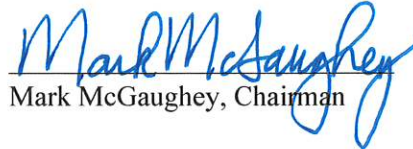
Commissioners reviewed a transfer request from the Federal Aviation Administration on project funding left over at the Ulysses Airport from federal fiscal year 2018. The request asked Grant County to allow the funds to be transferred to Augusta, Kansas Airport. Kevin Shapland made the motion to release and transfer FAA funds of \$2,696.00 to Augusta Airport Project. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners recessed at 11:30 a.m. to reconvene at the Ulysses Airport at 12 noon with Coffman Associates, and the Airport Board for the second meeting to review Phase I Draft of the Airport 20-Year Master Plan. The plan will determine current and future facility needs. Those in Attendance: Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Shapland; Airport Board Members - Mark Faulkner, Ed Neidert, Wyatt Stanley, Darrin Figgins; Airport Manager Steve Rice; Coffman Associates - Mike Dmyterko, President, and Chandra Burks, Airport Planner; via Zoom Federal Aviation Administration - Jason Knipp, FAA Airport Planner; and via Zoom Interested Parties - Ryan DaMetz, Lochner Engineering. Mr. Dmyterko shared general aviation forecasts for the next 20 years and explained potential improvements or changes to runways, taxiway, developing additional aircraft hangar storage, and removing two buildings in the Runway Protection Zone. The group had several options to consider and will meet again, no date was set.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 2:45 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman