

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

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Survey for Revision to the Functional Classification System in Grant County. The revision proposes to change three road classifications to major collector on County Road P from Kearny County line south to Road 5; on County Road W from Kearny County line south to Road 5; and on County Road 9 from K-25 east to Road K and Road K from Road 9 south to Road 11, the survey was reviewed and approved. Next, the Public Works Supervisor reported the grant for road striping was not awarded to Grant County.

James Biddle, Sheriff, requested a pay increase for himself as discussed during his salary negotiation when elected to office. Janet Stewart motioned to raise the Sheriff's salary to \$80,000.00 as requested, with the increase being effective immediately. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the Sheriff reported a problematic prisoner that was being held for Oklahoma has waived extradition and was transported to Oklahoma, leaving Grant County with \$50,000.00 in damages to County property.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, presented revised bids for cleaning the Health Department. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve Southwest Janitorial to clean at the Health Department four (4) days a week at a cost of \$308.00 per week. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the request to allow the Health Department to use a room presently used by the Senior Center was discussed. Commissioner McGaughey stated he was not in favor of the Health Department using the room. Ms. James presented a blueprint showing the room was originally designed for the Health Department and stated she would like the room back as devoted originally or a comparable room. The open space in the building behind the Health Department was reviewed. Two available buildings were suggested to move the Health Department. Commissioners tabled the discussion until the Senior Center could be present. Later in the meeting the Health Department Administrator; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Ray Velasquez, Board on Aging Member; Teri Christian and Norma Bowen joined the meeting. Teri Christian gave a recall of what she remembered of the building purchase and voiced the importance of both facilities. Ms. Christian stated there was an empty physician's clinic that could possibly be a better fit for the Health Department. Commissioner Stewart requested updated information on foot traffic in the senior facility. The Senior Center Director thought around 75 people a day. The Senior Center Director relayed she had talked to other Health Departments around the area and thought this Health Department could change their duties and suggested the department should be open on Fridays, so they were not overcrowded. Commissioner Stewart explained the problem was the WIC Program has no designated room and is using a cove in the hallway. She conveyed the Senior Center was important to keep seniors at home and involved and the Health Department was important to those in need. Commissioner McGaughey asked if the open space in the building behind the Health Department could be

utilized. The Senior Citizen Director relayed the food truck entered at that end when delivering and was not sure if it would work. Commissioners thanked everyone for attending and conveyed their desire for both departments to work well together. No action was taken.

Mark McGaughey motioned to adopt Grant County COVID-19 ARPA Premium Pay Policy, and approve Eligibility Memos for James Biddle, Randy McCauley, Don Button, and the Health Department staff as reviewed by commissioners. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, presented a quote for a 2023 Osage Type 3 Super Warrior Conversion Demo Ambulance from Osage Ambulance, and a decline to bid from Conrad Fire Equipment. Kevin Shapland made motion to approve the purchase of an ambulance from Osage Ambulance at a cost of \$224,132.05, and to use ARPA monies to fund the purchase. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the EM Coordinator relayed he had hired for the position of Emergency Management Office Manager and requested approval for the hire wage. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the EMS wage increases as recommended by the EMS Director, and to approve the new hire wage for the part time Emergency Management Office Manager. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed names submitted for the Library Board. Mark McGaughey motioned to appoint Steve Swann to a four-year term on the Library Board of Trustees replacing the completed term of Sandy Duran. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the KDOT Grant Offer AV2023-37 for plan/design of a new Jet A self-serve fuel facility, and KDOT Grant Offer AV2023-38 for improvement/development of new Jet A self-serve fuel facility. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

After discussion, Janet Stewart motioned to pay Kansas County Commissioners Association dues of \$358.00. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for March 1, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County: payroll total \$146,633.92 dated March 9, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 166533 totaling \$139,073.18. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.


The County Clerk requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss a wage issue under the justification of matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the County Clerk left the meeting. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Discussion was held on the Austin Peters Group proposal for a market survey of Grant County job positions. After discussion, it was consensus of commissioner to ask Austin Peters Group to create job descriptions for two combined positions at a cost of \$120.00 per description. The positions needed are bus driver/maintenance and EMS Director/EM Coordinator.

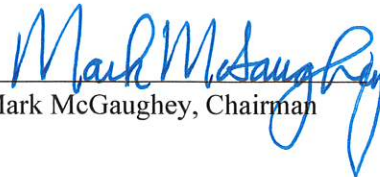
Janet Stewart motioned to increase Sheila Brown, County Clerk's salary by \$2,000.00 a year. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Janet Stewart motioned to approve the Road Department wage increase as recommended by commissioners. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Mark McGaughey, Chairman