

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.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Denise James, Health Department Administrator; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, presented an ambulance purchase confirmation for commissioners' approval. The price reflected an increase of \$185.00 for graphics and a door modification. Kevin Shapland motioned to amend his prior motion to reflect a \$185.00 increase bringing the total cost of the new ambulance to \$224,317.05. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a road crossing permit, which was reviewed and approved. Next, a sole bid for oil prices to seal county roads in 2022 was presented, CMS-1 \$2.98 per gallon; CRS-1HP \$2.89 per gallon; CRS-1H \$2.54 per gallon; and CMS-1PC \$3.74 per gallon. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve purchasing chip sealing oil from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions at the price quote presented, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Lastly, Janet Stewart motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Public Works Supervisor to discuss proposed employee wage increases under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the wage increases as presented by the Public Works Supervisor. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kayla Janko, Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Application for state funding, which was reviewed and approved.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for March 15, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County: payroll total \$143,959.09 dated March 23, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 166688 totaling \$362,222.75. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, requested clarification on a job description Austin Peters Group prepared for the maintenance/bus driver position. She would like the position to be handyman/maintenance and the bus driver remain a part time position. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the change. Discussion was held on raising the bus driver starting wage. Commissioners agreed on \$14.32 starting wage for a part time bus driver. The Senior Center

Director requested permission to have Austin Peters Group develop a janitor job description. It was consensus to allow a new job description.

Compass Behavioral Health Center Executive Director, Lisa Southern, and Fernando Rodriquez-Infante, Region III Director, presented Compass Behavioral 2023 appropriation request of \$85,000.00, which is the same as the prior year.

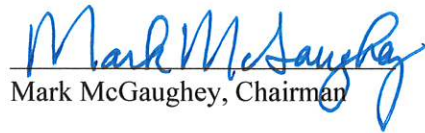
Darin Smith, Kearny County resident, met with commissioners to discuss purchasing a few acres of land Grant County owns in Kearny County. Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Loren Wright, County Surveyor, joined the meeting. The land requested is located on the north end of the County gravel pit. Mr. Smith relayed an offer of \$31,000.00. It was consensus of commissioners, pending legal counsel, to sell as is 25.63 acres in Section 10-25S-36W for \$31,000.00. The Clerk was directed to get in touch with the County Attorney to draft a contract on the property.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:49 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Mark McGaughey, Chairman