

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 McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; Paul Fort, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; and Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney.

Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds, met with commissioners to submit a five-year plan for office equipment and the 2022 budget request of \$111,668.00, a 2.54% increase from prior year.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved. Next, Randy presented one estimate to update the Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure Plan and inspect the fuel and oil tanks. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the estimate from Midwest Training and Consulting Services at a cost of \$2,340.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor presented a cost estimate for metal to reskin two sheds at the Road Department. The Road Department will do all labor. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the cost estimate from Silver Star Rolling Steel, Inc. for metal to reskin two buildings at a cost not to exceed \$2,876.46, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve new hire wages for a Senior Center Part Time CNA, Ambulance Part Time EMT and Civic Center Seasonal Worker as submitted by department heads. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The remaining wage request was reviewed with no action taken.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-03, a Resolution authorizing participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 21-04, the fourth amended Bylaws and Interlocal Agreement for membership in KCAMP. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A request from the Ulysses Stampede Board was reviewed by commissioners. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow Ulysses Stampede Board Members to dedicate the

rodeo arena Donnie Phelps Memorial Arena. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Daris Wiebe, citizen, asked questions on the Airport's Long Range Improvement Plan and explained he was disappointed on how it was handled. Mr. Wiebe wondered why the Fire Station was moved if now it was not an issue on the Airport plan. Commissioners relayed the building would be torn down after the FAA's radio equipment/booster tower is moved to a new location.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, Jeff Pffingston, Samantha Sanchez, and Kasey Krueger, Board Members, met with commissioners. Kasey Krueger, President, presented the 2022 appropriation request of \$90,000.00, which was \$10,000.00 more than given prior year. Mr. Krueger explained they are using economic incentive monies to loan new business or supplement existing business. At the end of each year Economic Development transfers any surplus from operating to economic incentive and are not adequately replenishing the fund to build reserves. If a new business would consider Grant County, Economic Development needs to have reserve dollars ready to offer for motivation to choose this community.

Discussion was held on possible uses of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds. No decisions were made, tabled for a later meeting.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested 2022 appropriation of \$12,500.00, which is 2,500.00 more than given prior year.

Commissioners reviewed the KONE Elevator Care Upgrade Proposal. After discussion it was the consensus of commissioners to table the proposal.

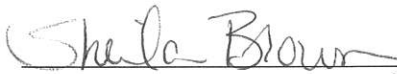
Commissioners adjourned to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with Centura/BWMGCH Board of Trustee Members, Mike Brewer, Keith Wood, Darrin Figgins, and Lynn Teeter. St. Catherine Executive Team, Jeff Carrier, CEO; Amanda Vaughan, CFO; Barbara Willis, VP of Nursing & CNO; and Robert Rosin, MD; and Centura/BWMGCH Kristy Meier, Co-Administrator. Mr. Carrier gave an update on the facility, relaying doctor recruitment of five new doctors who will be shared between St. Catherine and BWMGCH. Ms. Willis stated BWMGCH is actively hiring nurses to cover all shifts at BWMGCH, and St. Catherine is working to hire international nurses for two-year commitments for both St. Catherine and BWMGCH. Ms. Vaughan shared out patient visits are growing at the Ulysses Family Physicians, and the Emergency Room is seeing 8 to 12 people per 24-hour period, which is still down from pre-COVID.

Commissioners convened at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse.

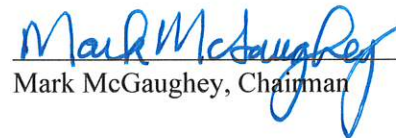
James Biddle, Sheriff, met with commissioners and requested an executive session to discuss employees. Mark McGaughey made the motion to recess into executive session with the Sheriff and County Clerk for 10 minutes to discuss an employee issue under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. The clerk was directed to contact the County Attorney to set a meeting up with the Mayor, City Council and City Attorney to discuss City/County Interlocal Agreements.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the June 15, 2021, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$282,836.36 dated June 16 and June 30, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 164665 totaling \$420,076.85. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in special session at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, to have budget workday with Rod Hay, Certified Public Accountant with Hay, Rice and Associates.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman