

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 Commissioner McGaughey provided prayer.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personal issues under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented two ordinances. Ordinance No. 1288 amends the official Zoning District Map, changing a zoning classification at 206 S. Glenn, City of Ulysses from I-2 Heavy Industrial to R-1 Single Family Residential. Ordinance No. 1291 amends the official Zoning District Map, changing Helen M. Coffey Addition, Block 5, Lots 1-12 City of Ulysses from Mobile Home to I-2 Heavy Industrial. The amendments were reviewed and approved.

Bob Dale Passini, Co-Administrator for SPARK Funding and Economic Development Director, joined the meeting via conference call. Samantha Sanchez, Economic Development Board Member, attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Passini explained the Economic Development Board would like to redirect \$10,000.00 of SPARK funding dedicated to rapid testing for business to Genesis Health. Genesis Health would hire a part time person to be solely responsible for COVID-19 testing. The total cost for this person, a laptop, PPE, and phone would be \$7,979.74, Economic Development would turn back \$2,020.26 to County SPARK funds. Kevin Shapland made the motion to redirect \$7,979.74 of initial SPARK money, that was allocated for Economic Development for rapid testing, to Genesis Health to hire a part time person through December 2020. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Passini conveyed the Economic Development Board had 42 grant applications, of the 42 applications two were denied because they did not meet the criteria for a grant. The remaining 40 applications requested a total of \$582,254.00. Economic Development had allocated \$223,148.00 to for-profit business and \$80,000.00 for non-profit business. The Economic Development Board requested the County allow them to move \$41,000.00 of the non-profit funds to the for-profit funds and turn back the remaining \$20,000.00 to County SPARK funds. Kevin Shapland made the motion to redirect \$80,000.00 of SPARK funding dedicated to non-profit business grants to for-profit business grants and return the remaining \$20,000.00 to County SPARK funds. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was the consensus of commissioners to allocate the \$20,000.00 to County departments to purchase laptops for employee online continuing education training.

Stan Florence, Business Developer for Goldberg Architects, met with commissioners to introduce the Goldberg Architects Firm and relayed they were interested in planning a new or renovated jail for Grant County. Lance Babcock, Sheriff, and James Biddle, Undersheriff,

attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Florence suggested taking the first step and have a feasibility study, which would cost approximately \$12,000.00. After discussion Mr. Florence joined Sheriff Babcock and Undersheriff Biddle for a tour of the existing facility.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the October 6, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$141,530.02 dated October 7 and voucher numbers ending 162791 totaling \$162,829.52. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2021 County calendar. After moving the first Commissioner Meeting in August to Wednesday, Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the 2021 calendar. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Health Department Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program bad debt write-offs were reviewed. Janet Stewart made the motion to write-off VFC Program non-collectable debt of \$240.00. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Adrian Caro, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Agent, presented the annual review of claims on the County employee health and drug coverage insurance. To continue in the grandfather status the proposed plan would decrease by .7% due to claim experience. Mr. Caro offered an alternative renewal plan raising the employee deductible. No action was taken.

Julie Yarmer, President of Freedom Claims Management, Inc., presented a proposal to administer a two-tier third-party plan using Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas as the umbrella policy. The proposal estimated saving \$310,641.00 yearly.


Commissioners recessed at noon and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.


Randy, Karen and Dustin Dick, Owners of Kaw Valley Insurance, presented a two-tier proposal to administer a third-party plan using First Health as the umbrella policy. The proposal estimated saving \$159,139.03 yearly.

It was the consensus of commissioners to decide on a health insurance provider at the November 4, 2020 Commissioner Meeting. The Clerk was instructed to contact references submitted by Kaw Valley and Freedom Claims Management.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept the pay change for a Register of Deeds part time employee. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 2:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "OFFICIAL" at the top and "GRANT COUNTY CLERK" at the bottom. In the center, the word "SEAL" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.


Kevin Shapland, Chairman