

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner McGaughey, Commissioner Stewart and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Shapland was absent due to a family trip. Ulysses News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance.

The meeting moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer. The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; James Biddle, Sheriff; and Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney.

After the department head meeting commissioners reconvened back to the Commissioner Room.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a quote from Ergon Asphalt for CMS-1 bituminous asphalt at \$2.305 per gallon, and CMS-1PC scrub seal oil at \$2.990 per gallon and relayed the Road Department will chip seal 15 miles of country road this year. Commissioners reviewed prices offered by Ergon Asphalt. Next, the Kansas Department of Transportation Road Sign Grant was reviewed. The grant will pay 100% of signage on major collector roads north of Highway 160 in Grant County. The verification letter was reviewed and approved. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor relayed a complaint the Transfer Station was charging too much for the tear down of trailer houses and campers. It was the consensus of commissioners to continue charging for trailer house and camper tear down, even during spring or fall community cleanup.

Kayla Janko, Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Director, presented the 2022 Comprehensive Plan and Budget, which was reviewed and approved by consensus of commissioners.

Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser, relayed the Appraiser appointment is up this year and she would like to be considered for reappointment. The Resolution will be presented at the June 1st Commissioner Meeting. Next, the County Appraiser requested permission to release Jayhawk Plant Appraisal to Kay Andrews, Representative for Scout Energy. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow a copy of the 2021 Appraisal of Jayhawk Plant to be given to Kay Andrews with Scout Energy. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept a grant offer for the Airport of \$13,000.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to disposal of an old recording system that is no longer functioning. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed a request from the Grant County Recreation to place a sign by the softball fields. After discussion, it was consensus of commissioners to allow the sign.

Commissioners reviewed three names submitted for consideration to the Library Board of Trustees. Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Tammie Hensley to replace Jeryl Smith on the Library Board of Trustees effective May 1, 2021. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the wage increase for the Road Department Operator II and the new hire wage for Office Manager as presented by the Public Works Supervisor. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

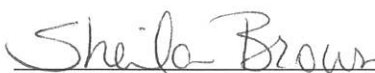
Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the March 16 and March 18, 2021 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$133,074.87 dated March 24, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 164024 totaling \$297,140.43. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee's behavior under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

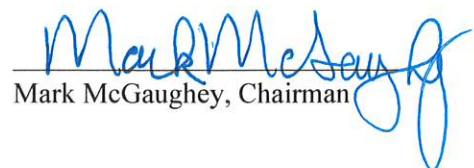
Commissioners recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Commission Stewart and Commissioner McGaughey reconvened at noon 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, Amanda Vaughan, Dr. William Hamilton, Barbara Willis DNP, and Charlotte Peterson. Tadd Richert joined via Zoom. Mr. Carrier announced the new rebranding of Centura's logo; St. Catherine and BWMGCH held mass vaccination days for employees to receive COVID-19 shots; introduced Dr. Hamilton; and started a leadership council with members from both St. Catherine and BWMGCH. Next, Amanda Vaughn relayed Rahel Woldemarian, MD has joined the team and Virginia Batie, NP has returned after being away for a year. Thirdly, Dr. William Hamilton updated everyone on the ongoing efforts to recruit primary care physicians. Lastly, discussion was held on the decline of patients in BWMGCH.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman