

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 Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, and Troy Unruh, Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways Grant Coordinator, shared a 2020 community survey conducted in the school system. The Pathways group will focus on support to schools. Next, the group held meetings to focus on areas of importance for this community. They identified leadership programs, a community garden and/or container gardens and a dog park as priorities for our community. The group will partner with others to help facilitate the needs.

The Clerk explained an engraving charge for a gun given to the retiring Sheriff had not been reimbursed. The engraver had only given a verbal amount and not submitted an invoice to Ms. Babcock for her to turn in. The Clerk called several times but has not been able to get a response. Kevin Shapland made the motion to reimburse Brenda Babcock \$95.85 for the engraving on a retirement gift. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented bids for repairing or replacing seven breaker boxes at the Civic Center Complex. This noncompliance issue was addressed by the risk assessment walk through conducted on behalf of KCAMP. Kevin Shapland made the motion to hire Goossen Electric to replace breaker panels at a cost not to exceed \$4,300.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Civic Center Manager relayed she had a verbal bid on tires for the scissor lift. It was the consensus of commissioners to table the request until more information could be presented. Thirdly, Air Comfort Consultants is unable to proceed with their bid on duct work for Walker Auditorium. ACC can no longer get product and would like to rebid another product which would be \$5,550.00 higher. It was the consensus of commissioners to investigate CSFRF rules and see if this project could be considered, tabled until later meeting. Lastly, the Civic Center Manager requested an executive session. Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session with the Civic Center Manager for 5 minutes under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Grant County Library Director, Holly Mathes, and Board Members, Mary Neatherlin, Sandy Duran, and Evan Mitchell presented the 2022 appropriation request of \$397,979.00 for Library Operating fund and \$124,009.00 Library Employee Benefit fund, which is \$19,999.00 more than given prior year. The Library Director conveyed they would like to hire a student aid in 2022.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the June 1, 2021, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$134,755.28 dated June 2, 2021,

and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 164536 totaling \$261,288.76. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to discontinue County participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Jessica Annis to the Tourism Board to fill a vacated position made by Dave Otis. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ginger Anthony, Museum Curator, presented the Historic Adobe Museum 2022 appropriation request of \$133,840.00, which is up \$13,840.00 from prior year given. The Museum staff are working on the next book, Grant County in the 1940s.

Commissioners joined a virtual meeting with Jeff Schober, Gallagher Investments, to conduct the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Employee Pension Investment Review. No changes were made to the plan.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve new hire wages for a Jailer, Fire Fighter, EMT-B, and Noxious Weed Part Time employee. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept pay plan increases as recommended by supervisors except for the Health Department Administrator, which will be considered later with other department heads. Pay increases were Health Department: Administrative Assistant, Secretary, and two RN's; and the Noxious Weed Director. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Doug Munsell to the Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board. After a lengthy discussion and concerns with family members on the same board, the motion died for lack of second.

Ryan Rice, Wacey Munsell, and Larry Borthwick, Ulysses Stampede Board Members met with commissioners. After discussing the arena outer perimeter fencing, Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Rodeo Board to purchase continuous fencing from Max Jantz at a cost not to exceed \$15,750.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 11:45 a.m. commissioners recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. commissioners reconvened for a work session to review department budget requests, five-year plans, and long-range plans with Administrative Heads.

Administrative Heads and Board Members visiting with commissioners are as follows:

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor

- Road Department budget submitted \$2,469,770.00, a 2.23% increase from 2021 budget.
- Noxious Weed budget submitted \$207,850.00, a .29% increase from 2021 budget.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, Fair Board Members, Jessica Lattimore, and Mike Myers,

- Park Maintenance budget submitted \$288,344.00, a 1.41% decrease from 2021 budget.
- Fair Maintenance appropriation submitted \$55,600.00, a 9.88% increase from 2021 budget.

John Crosby, Fire Chief

- Budget submitted \$227,920.00, a .58% decrease from 2021 budget.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer

- Budget submitted \$156,706.00, a 1.94% increase from 2021 budget.

Sheila Brown, County Clerk

- Clerk's budget submitted \$125,477.00, a 7.73% increase from 2021 budget.
- Election budget submitted \$74,193.00, a 2.17% increase from 2021 budget.
- Commissioner budget submitted \$71,200.00, a 0% increase from 2021 budget.
- Airport budget submitted \$159,300.00, a 27.95% increase from 2021 budget.
- Data Processing budget submitted \$102,000.00, a 2% increase from 2021 budget.
- Employee Benefit budget submitted \$1,953,000.00, a 0% increase from 2021 budget.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator

- Budget submitted \$651,604.00, a 26.98% increase from 2021 budget.

Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney

- Budget submitted \$255,769.00, a 1.80% increase from 2021 budget.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator

- Budget submitted \$107,313.00, a 2.97% increase from 2021 budget.

James Biddle, Sheriff

- Budget submitted \$1,160,150.00, an 8.64% increase from 2021 budget.

Paul Fort, EMS Director

- Ambulance budget submitted \$763,485.00, a 1.19% increase from 2021 budget.

Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser

- Budget submitted \$278,300.00, a .97% decrease from 2021 budget.

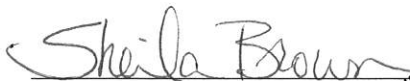
Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board Members, Ryan Rice, Larry Borthwick, and Wacey Munsell

- Budget submitted \$3,000.00, new fund no prior budget.

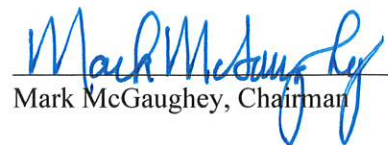
Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director

- Budget submitted \$338,219.00, a 1.82% increase from 2021 budget.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 5:35 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman