

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: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director; and Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney.

Kelly Premer Chavez, County Attorney, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Attorney for 15 minutes to consult about a pending contract which is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued with no action taken.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, presented a request for 1/3 of the Alcoholic Treatment fund as allowed in K.S.A 79-41a04(e). Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow 1/3 allocation equaling \$2,333.34 of the Alcoholic Treatment fund to Grant County Recreation as allowed by the Kansas Statute. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed language in the Kansas Statute allowing the County to credit 1/3 of the Alcoholic Treatment allocation to the General fund. It was the consensus of commissioners to credit 1/3 allocation equaling \$2,333.33 to General fund.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the wage increase for two cooks, and hours plus wage increase for a CNA at the Senior Center as presented by the Director. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the new hire wage for a dispatcher as presented by the Sheriff. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed bills submitted by the Museum Curator. The Museum's appropriation was reduced for 2021 and the board requested help in paying for liability insurance and repairs. Janet Stewart made the motion to pay two invoices for insurance and an air conditioning repair invoice for a total of \$5,445.80, and for this expense to be paid from the Cares Act ARPA funding. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on a request from Genesis Health for unspent SPARK funding. The funding was reallocated to the Health Department and all SPARK funds have been allocated and used, commissioners took no action on the request.


Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Engineering Design Services Contract with H.W. Lochner to Replace Runway 12-30 MIREL System at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00; and to approve the Engineering Design Services Contract with H.W. Lochner to Rehabilitate Runway 17-35, Parallel Taxiway, and Connecting Taxiways at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the July 19, 2021, meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$149,173.56 dated July 28, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 164856 totaling \$457,981.70. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

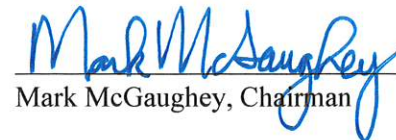
A price quote from Tim Novack Painting and Wallpapering was reviewed. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the quote from Tim Novack for labor and materials to paint the Health Department interior walls at a cost of \$4,450.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Health Department fund as money becomes available through a COVID Repair Grant. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the request from the Senior Center for two different vehicles. Grant County received a grant from Cooper-Clark Foundation for \$27,755.00 toward a new vehicle for the Seniors. It was the consensus of commissioners, if the Senior Center would be receptive, the grant funding will go toward a new vehicle to transport citizens and the Senior Center will be asked to trade their Ford Expedition for the Airport's Ford Transit for the second vehicle.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:40 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman