

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Denise James, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director; and Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented bids for replacing an overhead door at the Transfer Station. After reviewing bids, it was decided clarification was needed before approval. Next, the Public Works Supervisor requested an executive session. Mark McGaughey motioned to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Public Works Supervisor to discuss an employee issue under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded motion and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. No action taken. Later in the day Mr. McCauley returned to the meeting with updated bids. Kevin Shapland motioned to purchase an overhead door for the Transfer Station from Silver Star Overhead Doors at a cost of \$17,579.60, and for this expense to be taken from the County Building fund. Mark McGaughey seconded motion and it carried unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m., a Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing was held to allow comment from the public on the County's intention to levy a property tax rate of 60.900 mills for tax year 2022. Martin Long, 124th House Representative sat in on the hearing, no one else from the public attended. Kevin Shapland stated the County finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and motioned to adopt Resolution 22-05, a Resolution to allow Grant County to exceed. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

At 10:10 a.m. a Budget Hearing for the 2023 Grant County Budget was held. No one from the public attended. Mark McGaughey motioned to adopt the 2023 Budget as prepared, total expenditures \$15,336,096.00. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the presented wages increases for five Fire Fighters as recommended by the Fire Chief. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, requested permission to purchase a chest freezer for the Civic Center kitchen. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve purchasing a freezer for the Civic Center from Menards at a cost not to exceed \$679.00, and for this expense to come from

Special Equipment fund. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the Manager presented bids for the workshop building overhead garage door and an overhead garage door for the east side entrance to the Civic Center Auditorium. Kevin Shapland motioned to replace two garage doors at the Civic Center at a cost not to exceed \$15,692.00, and for this expense to come from the County Building fund. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the Health Department Administrator, to discuss employee wages under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve an employee hire and wage and approve the wage increase as adjusted. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, requested permission to purchase an additional six bottles for air packs and one battery charging station. Kevin Shapland motioned to purchase six air pack bottles and one battery charging station from Casco Industries at a cost not to exceed \$7,133.00 and for this expense to come from ARPA funds. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the Fire Chief reminded commissioners one fire truck is coming up on 30 years old and discussed options. It was consensus of commissioners to explore a used fire truck.

James Biddle, Sheriff, presented an invoice for three stab vests and six ballistic vests and requested the County's part be taken from Special Equipment. The vests are offered through a Federal 50/50 Grant. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the Sheriff's Department request to purchase nine vests from Godfrey's at a cost not to exceed \$9,343.68, and for expense to be taken from the Special Equipment fund, with half the cost reimbursed by Federal Grant dollars back to the Special Equipment fund. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. Next, the Sheriff relayed the jail new air conditioning units have been installed and are working great. Lastly, the Sheriff requested permission to house additional inmates from Sedgwick County. The Sheriff also requested the County earmark the income or start a special fund. After discussion the Sheriff will bring contract for commissioners' review and approval.

Jean Lamatsch, 26th Judicial District Chief Court Services Officer, met with commissioners. John Crosby with Ross of Ulysses, sat in on this part of the meeting. Ms. Lamatsch requested commissioners put an independent thermostat in the CSO room or give them control of the thermostat for their office and Landmark Appraisal. Mr. Crosby discussed three options. Commissioners asked Mr. Crosby to research cost of changing the unit to better accommodate the two rooms.

Commissioner McGaughey discussed the need to purchase a computer for his use as commissioner. It was decided he would research and purchase one that would fit his needs.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement with David Clingman for Unit 8-1. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to nominate Mark McGaughey to be Grant County Voting Delegate for the business meetings of Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Counties Association of Multiline Pool, and Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey motioned to designate Rhonda Brady, as Democratic Representative and Anita Lane, as Republican Representative to witness the November 2020 General Election ballots disposal. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Health Department Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program bad debt write-offs were reviewed. Kevin Shapland motioned to write-off VFC Program non-collectable debt of \$4.00. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the August 16, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$145,380.83 dated August 24, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 167777 totaling \$480,939.09. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:35 a.m., to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman