

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and County Clerk present. In attendance were Ulysses News Reporter, Justin Hall, and Commissioner Elect, John Martin. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

At 9:05 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners met as the Board of Canvassers to review the votes cast at the General Election held November 8, 2022. There were 1631 total ballots cast. The Board of Canvassers reviewed 33 provisional ballots. Kevin Shapland motioned to count 29 provisional ballots, to discard 2 provisional ballots for registered in another county, 2 provisional ballots for not registered on Election Day, and to accept the results of the General Election after the final tally. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After provisional ballots were tallied, the final totals did not change the outcome of any race. The totals are recorded in the Abstract of Votes Cast Journal in the County Clerk's Office.

Kristi Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, presented a request for 1/3 of the Alcoholic Treatment fund dollars as allowed in K.S.A. 79-41a04(e). Kevin Shapland motioned to allow the allocation equaling \$1,880.20 from the Alcoholic Treatment fund to Grant County Recreation. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Recreation Director presented quotes for a new indoor pool heater and requested funding consideration for the expense. After discussion, Mark McGaughey motioned to cost share on the pool heater, Grant County will contribute \$9,726.40 from the County Building fund to help with the replacement of the heater. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor, presented surrounding county rates for Transfer Station disposal and announced Seward County is raising rates \$4.00 a ton. Four options for fee increases were considered. Janet Stewart motioned to adopt option 3 for the Transfer Station fees except for trees, which will remain at no cost. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Southwest Area Agency on Aging letter requesting one more board member from Grant County. The Senior Center Director was contacted for a name recommendation. The appointment was tabled until next meeting to give the Senior Center Director time to seek a recommendation.

Great Plains Development Inc. letter requesting membership dues was reviewed. After discussion it was decided to table the request and ask the Economic Development Director if membership is beneficial to the community.


National Association of Counties letter for dues was reviewed. It was consensus of commissioners to decline membership for 2023.


Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented an updated list showing \$31,323.61 still qualifying for a tax sale. It was the consensus of commissioners to discontinue progress on a tax sale this year.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the November 1 and November 11, 2022, meetings along with claims against various funds of the County except for the GPDI voucher which will be reviewed next meeting, payroll total \$282,980.72 dated November 2 and November 16, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 168357 totaling \$320,267.63. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Bob Moore, Moore Agency, presented the Principal Insurance dental and vision rates for 2023. Vision remains unchanged, dental increased 73 cents for employee; \$1.48 for employee/spouse; \$1.70 for employee/children; and \$2.45 for family coverage; and group term life rates increased 18 cents per plan. Kevin Shapland motioned to stay with Principal Insurance for group life, dental and vision. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:24 a.m., to meet again in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Mark McGaughey, Chairman

