

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, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Borthwick provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; O. La-Vonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager.

The bids for lawn care were opened by commissioners. The bids include one aeration and four spray applications of fertilizer, and one treatment for grub and weed control on 48,709 square feet of cool season grass located at the Courthouse and Civic Center Complex. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept Koehn's Country Gardens bid at a cost not to exceed \$2,616.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept a bid from Southern Office Supply for 100 cases of paper and 10 cases of 3-hole paper at a cost not to exceed \$3,345.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Compass Behavioral Health Center Executive Director, Lisa Southern, Executive Director, Fernando Rodriguez-Infante, Region III Director, along with local board member, Don Button, met with commissioners to present the 2020 appropriation request of \$102,875.00, which is \$90.00 more than the prior year request.

Johnathon Herald, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, (WKCAC), presented the 2020 appropriation request of \$10,000.00, same as last year. Next, Mr. Herald presented a waiver representing support and allows WKCAC to apply for a Justice Assistance Program Grant and requested signatures from commissioners, which was reviewed and approved. In 2018 Grant County used the services of WKCAC to investigate 10 cases of child abuse allegations.

Jay Linke, Development Manager of Renewal Energy System (RES), introduced himself and RES and discussed Tiger Solar Energy Project, a solar panel system proposed for Grant County. RES has leased 1,900 acres to complete the project east of the City of Ulysses. When the project is complete it will generate 296 GWh of energy. Solar panel systems are tax exempt for ten years. Mr. Linke relayed RES will propose a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) contract along with a road maintenance plan before the facility starts operation in June of 2022.

Bobby Bonner, Director Cimarron Basin Community Corrections (CBCC), shared the growth of programs and treatment services they offered. Next, the CBCC 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Grant Application were presented. Commissioners reviewed and approved the documents.

Janet Stewart made the motion to allow a new Deputy Sheriff with Law Enforcement accreditation to start at 76% of the pay plan final maximum salary. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Commissioners held a conference call with the City of Ulysses Interim Administrator, Alan Olson, concerning a quote for boring under Patterson Avenue to County property. The total estimated cost for the project will be \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Commissioners asked if the City of Ulysses would cost share on the project. It was decided Commissioner Shapland would attend the next City of Ulysses Council Meeting.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the April 16 and April 24, 2019 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$138,350.34 dated April 24; voucher numbers ending 158749 totaling \$757,600.09. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The dead in all the elm trees in the Courthouse yard was discussed. The clerk was directed to contact tree contractors to look at the trees and get recommendations.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, presented a renewal for the Memorandum of Agreement between Grant County Health Department and Marsha Lewis, APRN/NP for Family Planning services. The MOA was reviewed and approved.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman