

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Shapland, Commissioner McGaughey and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart was absent due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Kelly Gindlesberger provided prayer. Ulysses News Reporter, Kelli Medrano was in attendance.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the updated Bylaws of the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee for approval. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Local Emergency Planning Committee Bylaws. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Emergency Management Coordinator requested permission to dispose of two hazard weather sirens. Kevin Shapland make the motion to approve disposal of two sirens that are no longer serviceable. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a road crossing permit, which was reviewed and approved.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 3 minutes to discuss an employee's behavior under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 3 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented bids to replace a Deputy's Ford Expedition with 160,000 miles. Mark McGaughey made the motion to purchase a 2019 Dodge Durango from Davis Moore at a cost not to exceed \$31,819.68, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, presented the new Medical Director Appointment Contract. Kevin Shapland made the motion to release Dr. Scott Appling as EMS Medical Director and appoint Dr. Patrick Barker to the EMS Medical Director's position. Next, Commissioner Shapland relayed commissioners are receiving complaints from the public and other departments about employees sitting outside smoking for hours at the Ambulance Station. The EMS Director relayed he was working on a plan to have smokers go behind the building. Commissioner McGaughey stated the employees need to follow state laws on smoking around government buildings. Commissioners requested the EMS Director find something to keep the employees busy. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the EMS Director for 10 minutes to discuss an employee's behavior under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Discussion was held on the Appreciation Dinner with the City of Ulysses planned for December 6, 2019. It was the consensus of commissioners to invite all full and part time employees and internal appointed boards.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the October 1, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$143,516.25 dated October 9; voucher numbers ending 159783 totaling \$230,347.75. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Fair Board Members, Mike Meyer, Jessica Lattimore and Civic Center Manager, Mari Honstead, submitted names for a Rodeo Board and requested guidance on how the Board will be structured. Ryan Rice, citizen, attended this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Shapland recommended the Rodeo Board report to the Fair Board and the boards work together for the yearly County Fair and Rodeo. Discussion was held on forming bylaws. Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Bravanne Phelps, Wacey Munsell, Ryan Rice, Bill Stewart, Michael Tarbet, Larry Bothwick, and Chad McCormick to the first Grant County Rodeo Board. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Civic Center Manager presented a rodeo arena proposal. The plan would demolish the perimeter fence, do dirt work and get new posts cemented in before the ground freezes. Mr. Rice shared he had contacted several of the vendors contracted to Merit Energy and they offered to volunteer time and posts for the project as well as blading the arena; and when the pipe was delivered, he would provide labor to weld pipe to the posts. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the purchase of pipe for the Rodeo Arena from Max Jantz at a cost of \$8,140.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, it was the consensus of commissioners the bleachers broken support could be braced and welded. Lastly, a \$5,000.00 grant will be used to rewire the concession stand and replace the sagging roof.

Brandy Wilson, 4-H Project Leader, requested permission to use the rodeo arena for the Horse Project. Ms. Wilson explained she has more kids involved this year and they are very new to horse care and riding. Commissioner Shapland explained they were upgrading the arena and it would be unavailable until spring. Discussion was held on an alternate training site.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn for the day at 10:45 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2019. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman