

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jose Olivas provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; and Bill Stewart, Senior Center Director.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Road Crossing Permits which were reviewed and approved.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the February 18, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$139,463.96 dated February 26, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161100 totaling \$339,275.10. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Civic Center Manager's request for a new temporary employee starting wage. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners joined a webinar to conduct a Fiduciary Investment Review on the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Social Security Alternate Retirement Plan with DPI Benefits Representatives, Darrell Phillips and Jeff Schober. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow DPI Benefits to make necessary changes as defined in the Fiduciary Investment Review. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept Mark Williams with Garvar Planning and Engineering for the Independent Cost Analysis of the Ulysses Airport Master Plan as required by Federal Aviation Administration grant procedures. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marieta Hauser, Grant County Chamber Director, requested permission to use the Fire Station for Race Across America. It was the consensus of commissioners, if the Fire Chief was receptive, to allow the use of the facility for Race Across America. Commissioner Shapland requested the back of the Fire Station, where the fire trucks were housed, remain off limits to the public. Ms. Hauser agreed with the request.

After reviewing a contract for 2020 GIS Map Maintenance, Janet Stewart made the motion to renew the agreement with Kimble Mapping at a cost of \$8,900.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Lance Babcock, Sheriff, and Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator to the Rural Opioid Task Force Committee. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners to encourage starting the process of building a new jail. It was the consensus of commissioners the jail needed improvements and it was time to start researching options.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, conveyed the Recreation Board hired Martin Well Service to replace a 29-year-old pump for the outdoor pool. They will pay for the repair, but the Recreation Board wanted commissioners to document the repair.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, gave a report on the progress of the rodeo arena: All the posts are in on the west side and ready to weld. They are tearing out the holding pens that are in the worst shape and not repairable; there is enough materials to rebuild at no cost to County. Posts are being set on the east side and the Road Department will water the ground down to prevent fires during the welding. Wacey Muncell and Ryan Rice, Rodeo Board Members, are looking ahead on the arena setup and will be moving the bucking shoots to the north at no cost to the County. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the bucking shoots to be moved. Next, the Rodeo Board is looking for an Arena Drag Groomer to smooth the dirt during the rodeo. The board will attempt to raise \$3,900.00 by accepting donations, applying for a grant, and the 4-H Club will do fund raisers. The Civic Center Manager asked if the County would contribute \$500.00 to the project. Commissioners took the request into consideration.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:20 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman