

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.

The meeting moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer. The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser.

After the department head meeting commissioners reconvened back to the Commissioner Room.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, discussed further restricting Saturday hours for private parties held in the Civic Center. She would like to have the day limited to 12 hours and suggested 8 am to 8 pm. The Manager also requested permission to cancel a meeting if the group is one hour late. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow limiting the facility use 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 12 hours on Saturdays. Commissioner McGaughey discouraged cancelling the event if the group was an hour late and suggested calling the contact instead. Next, Ms. Honstead requested permission to hire two seasonal helpers. One person would be an inside helper and one person would be an outside helper. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Civic Center Manager to hire two part time employees for the summer. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, requested permission to hire three new fire fighters. He stated three new hires would put the department at his desired maximum of 25 fire fighters on the department. The Fire Chief informed commissioners on the vetting process for a new fire fighter. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Fire Chief to hire three more fire fighters to complete his squad. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Fire Chief submitted wage changes on six employees. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve submitted raises as presented. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the wage increase for the County Clerk Deputy as presented. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve pay recommendations as put forth by the Senior Center Director. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed an invoice from S&S Rock Crushing for \$12,218.00 above the approval amount in Commissioner Minutes of October 6, 2020. After discussion, Kevin

Shapland made the motion to amend the previous motion to allow for additional tons of crushing, new total 5,192 tons of crushed concrete rubble at a cost of \$55,918.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Highway fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 20-09, a face coverings protocol for Grant County, Kansas, was revisited. After discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to rescind the face coverings protocol for Grant County, effective today. Mark McGaughey seconded, motion carried two for and Commissioner Stewart against.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the 2021 GIS Ownership Map Maintenance Contract with Kimball Mapping for a fee of \$8,900.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed Airport Hangar Lease Agreement revisions made by the County Attorney. It was the consensus to table the agreements until the next meeting.


Commissioners reviewed bids for new chairs in the commissioner room. After reviewing costs, it was the consensus of commissioners to table the purchase until a later time.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the February 16, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$136,957.14 dated February 24, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 163813 totaling \$523,809.64. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman