

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner McGaughey, Commissioner Shapland and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart was absent due to illness. Ulysses News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance.

The monthly department head meeting was moved to the Fire Station to facilitate listening to a presentation via Zoom from the County website provider. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer. Desiree Granstra, Client Manager with Civic Plus explained the website upgrade and reviewed planned page enhancements. The following were in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Paul Fort, EMS Director and Terry Crosby, Paramedic; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. After the department head reports commissioners recessed to return to the Courthouse.

10:10 a.m. commissioners reconvened in the Commissioner Meeting Room.

Pastor Borthwick announced National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 4th and asked permission to pray on the steps of two county facilities, the Courthouse, and the Senior Center. The commissioners gave permission and thanked Pastor Borthwick for his continued support.

Christy Wooley and Jenny Oliver with Compass Behavioral Health presented a Proclamation for commissioner consideration. Mark McGaughey proclaimed May 2nd through May 8th as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, to celebrate the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns and observe good health is a key component in a child's healthy development.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, present an estimate of \$28,527.50 from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment to fix a structural fire truck. The Fire Chief explained the estimate was worse case and the fire truck would need to be inspected by Weis to nail down actual damage. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Weis Fire and Safety to inspect the truck and access the damage.

At 10:30 am the Board of County Commissioners met as the Board of Canvassers to review the votes cast at the City Special Question Election held April 27, 2021. Commissioner McGaughey, Commissioner Shapland were present and Terri Trotman, County Treasurer was appointed as third canvasser. There were 313 total ballots cast in the Special Election. No provisional ballots were cast. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the results of the election. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The totals are recorded in the Abstract of Votes Cast Journal in the County Clerk's Office.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Mark Hinde, President/CEO with Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI) and Board Member Jane Leitheiser, met to request funding. Mr. Hinde relayed SDSI has 34 clients from Grant County and requested 2022 appropriation request of \$49,648.00, an increase of \$9,648.00 given prior year.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented contracts for the State of Kansas Sign Project which were reviewed and approved. Next, he requested permission to hire two summer mowers. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Road Department to hire two seasonal employees.

Commissioners reviewed a wage sheet on a new hire at the Civic Center. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the supervisor recommendation for the new hire wage. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

After reviewing an obsolete equipment list, Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Health Department to dispose of eight obsolete computers. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on an email from the Civic Center Manager requesting advise on a request to rent the Civic Center. It was the consensus of commissioners to support Ms. Honstead's decision to reschedule the event to a later date.

Amanda Vaughan, Chief Financial Officer for St Catherine, and Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) made a formal request for \$250,000.00 subsidy to be used at BWMGCH. Ms. Vaughan relayed Centura has an ongoing investment in BWMGCH specifically and relayed lower than budgeted volumes and year over year declines in volumes, some due to and because of COVID. Commissioners stated they will take the request under consideration during budget time.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the April 20, 2021 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$136,034.75 dated April 21, 2021, and voucher numbers ending 164224 totaling \$422,986.55. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board Members, Bravane Phelps, Wacey Munsell, Ryan Rice, Larry Borthwick, and Chad McCormick met with commissioners. Mr. McCormick spoke on behalf of the board and proposed starting three-year term limits after the fourth rodeo. The members would like the board to stay seven-members. Mr. McCormick relayed Bill Stewart resigned, and a name was proposed to replace the vacancy. Commissioner Shapland voiced

concerns with members being related and no action was taken. The board will get other names to the commissioners for consideration. Mr. Phelps stated the Rodeo Board has sent paperwork in on a 501c3 for all the money donated to the Ulysses Stampede. Next, Mr. McCormick introduced arena use proposal.

- Renting the arena for personal use – tax paying citizens in Grant County will be free of charge.
- Anyone that is not a tax paying citizen in Grant County will have to have a cash security deposit to the Grant County Civic Center.
- Any event that is produced by a Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board Member will be at no cost to that board member.
- Seasonal (March 15-October 31) Tuesday's 6 pm to 9 pm open arena to Grant County residents without cattle.
- Seasonal (March 15-October 31) Thursday's 6 pm to 9 pm open arena to Grant County Residents with the option of rodeo livestock which may be limited to roping cattle, rodeo goats, cutting livestock.
- Monday and Wednesday during the 4-H year are reserved for the 4-H horse project.
- If an individual or entity want to buck livestock (steers, bulls, horses, donkeys) they will have their own reservation.
- \$100 cash security deposit (which may be refundable if the arena is left as it was found) \$100 a day for 30 minutes after sunup, to 30 minutes prior to sundown.
- For Day Events: \$500 cash security deposit (which may be refundable if the arena is left as it was found) \$500 a day for 30 minutes after sunup to 30 minutes prior to sundown.
- For Night Events: \$600 cash security deposit (which may be refundable if the arena is left as it was found) \$600 nightly fee (lights being turned on at any point classifies this as a night event) must be out and cleaned up by noon of the next day.
- \$1,000 case security deposit (which may be refundable if the arena is left as it was found) \$1,000 for the entire weekend; must be out and cleaned up by 30 minutes prior to sundown on Sunday night.
- \$150 tractor fee payable to Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board as they oversee maintaining the arena ground annually.
- Any 4-H horse or FFA member and youth in Grant County will have free access to the arena with the prior request agreement with adult supervision and/or horse project leader present in which all parties will have to sign a waiver that is provided by the county. This form will need to be signed annually. All scheduling will happen at the Grant County Civic Center Main Office. A Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board Representative or Grant County Civic Center Employee will be the keeper of the gates and oversee opening and closing the arena gates in each instance. It should be noted that Sunday evenings will be set aside for maintenance (4:30 pm to sundown).
- Anyone or entity that wants to host an event will have to seek approval from the Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board, County Commissioners and Grant County Civic Center at least 30 days prior to the requested event. In each instance the producer will have to carry liability insurance to cover the event.

- Ambulance services either Grant County EMS or Critical Care Transfer will have to be present at any western sports event at the expense of the producer. Events are classified as any event that an entry is paid, and a contestant has the chance at prizes or prize money.
- If a certain situation or predicament falls outside of these parameters, it will then go to commissioners for guidance.
- The arena will follow the Kansas Equine Activity Liability Act.

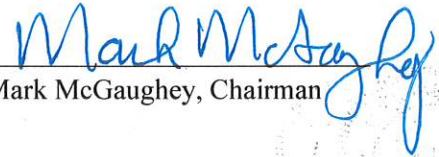
Mr. Borthwick explained maintenance of the arena will be overseen and performed by the Ulysses Stampede Rodeo Board and will be defined as: watering arena, working the ground, a working announcer stand with sound, arena lights, maintaining grass and weeds, concession stand maintenance, construction, and demolition projects. The members requested equipment used for maintenance be provided by Grant County. After discussion on overtime limitations of Civic Center staff the board agreed they would take rotations and always make themselves available for events. The board will make a schedule available to the Civic Center Manager. It was the consensus of Commissioners the proposal was acceptable.

Kevin Shapland motioned to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Mark McGaughey, Chairman