

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 illness. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance.

The meeting was moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner McGaughey provided prayer. The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director. Commissioner Shapland shared with department heads the County will need to cut 1.3 million from the submitted budgets and appropriations to get back under the county tax lid as required by law.

The meeting reconvened to the Commissioner's Room.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented the contract for services with Terracon Consultants to provide 2020 groundwater and methane monitoring around the Transfer Station at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00, which was reviewed and approved. The contract reflects a \$500.00 increase. Next, Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the ComplianceOne Agreement for third-party administration of the Drug/Alcohol Testing Program adding new mandated Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's CDL Clearinghouse Query Services. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to seek quotes for a shop fan. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the request.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented a Resolution exempting Grant County from the requirement of masks. On July 2, 2020 Governor Kelly's Executive Order No. 20-52 went into effect requiring masks be worn in public. After discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-06, a Resolution exempting Grant County from the requirements of mask or other face coverings in public. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Grant County Library Director, Holly Mathes, and Board Member, Mary Neatherlin, presented the 2021 appropriation request of \$394,909.00 for Library Operating fund and \$130,036.00 for the Library Employee Benefits fund. The request is a \$14,290.00 increase from prior year. Discussion was held on the Library monies held in reserves. Ms. Mathes explained she was directed by the Library auditor to hold higher reserves. Commissioners remarked all budgets and appropriations will be cut to stay under the tax lid law. Next, Ms. Mathes submitted three names for consideration to the Library Board of Trustees. Mark McGaughey made the motion to appoint Evan Mitchell to a four-year term on the Library

Board of Trustees filling the vacated position made by the resignation of Anne Leitheiser. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

Grant County Drug owner and Pharmacist Tyson Mullen, and Matt Morrison owner of Gibson Pharmacy in Dodge City, met with commissioners. Mullen, Morrison, and two others have partnered to start their own Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) business. They assured commissioners the County could benefit from working with PBM and asked for the opportunity to quote pharmacy insurance to the County. Commissioners took the request under advisement.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes with the Senior Center Director 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 5 minutes the County Clerk was asked to join the executive session. The executive session ended after 20 minutes and the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Rodeo Board Members, Ryan Rice, Bravanne Phelps, Wacey Munsell and Larry Borthwick, requested permission to install sinks, drains and a hot water heater in the concession stand by the arena. Mr. Phelps stated TEDS Plumbing had agreed to donate plumbing, trenching and labor. The Ulysses Stampede will have enough donated funds to complete the project. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the concession stand improvements. Next, the board requested help purchasing a roping chute, alley and eight gates. Mark McGaughey made the motion to allow \$4,500.00 towards the purchase of gates and chutes, with the remaining cost to be paid by Ulysses Stampede, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the June 16, June 23 and July 2, 2020 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$280,461.48 dated June 17, and July 1, 2020; voucher numbers ending 161945 totaling \$266,588.54. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the Airport Land Lease Agreement change from Charles Dew to Dew Farms for Lot Parcel 4 of West Airport Industrial Subdivision. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept pay increases presented from the Sheriff's Department, Parks Maintenance, and Road Department except for an Operator II position which will be reduced to \$17.00 to keep the position in the pay plan schedule. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter for Commercial Appraisal Services between Kubert Appraisal Group and Grant County for a period starting June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 at a cost of \$36,000.00 first year, \$24,500.00 second and third year. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ken and Judy Keusler, and Irene Velasquez, Grant County Community Foundation (GCCF) Members, joined the meeting. Commissioner Shapland asked if GCCF had any funds available for the County if financial assistance was needed. Mr. Keusler said the only funds they have that are not allocated to an organization or entity is the Grant County Fund. He further explained the foundation was in its infancy and there was not a way to give the County any funding to offset lost valuation.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-07, a Grant County, Kansas Coronavirus Relief Fund acceptance of \$1,448,815.00 to help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 12:05 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on July 20, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman