

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. News Reporter, Tammie Hensley was in attendance.

Troy Unruh, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Pathways Grant Coordinator; Margaret Obholz, and Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator met with commissioners to explain the grant. Grant County is 1 of 12 that was chosen from 112 counties that applied. BCBS awarded Grant County \$50,000.00 a year for four-years. The grant will be six action sections, 1. Health Works, 2. Community Gardens, 3. Simply Produce, 4. Walk with Ease, 5. Resisting and Replacing, 6. Work Well Kansas. Commissioners thanked Mr. Unruh for taking on the challenge and commitment. Commissioner Shapland voiced concern the Health Department Administrator was getting a monthly check from the grant when she was receiving an hourly wage and the grant was going through the Health Department. He questioned why the check was not going to Grant County to supplement the Health Department budget. Mr. Unruh relayed he would investigate alternatives.

The meeting moved to the Courthouse Courtroom to observe 6' social distancing. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Larry Borthwick 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; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; and Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney.

During the department head meeting Commissioner Shapland presented longevity service awards to county employees. Service award honorees were: Road Department – Herbert Metcalf 30 years, David Lee 20 years, Lee Wright 15 years; Health Department - Toni Irvin 20 years, Norma Bowen 15 years; Senior Center – Judith Mills 15 years; Sheriff's Office – Larry Dale Godfrey 15 years; Ambulance – Mark Pata 15 years.

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

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented bids for a soil compactor, Murphy Tractor bid a 2018 Hamm H12P for \$81,165.00; and Foley Equipment bid a 2014 Caterpillar CP56B for \$99,000.00. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase a 2018 Hamm from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$81,165.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Machinery fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. McCauley presented road grader tire bids from Best One Tire and Frank's Tire Service. He relayed they would be purchasing 10 tires.

Ludi Gonzales, Senior Center Director, requested the job description for Senior Center Certified Nurse's Assistant (C.N.A.) be rated in the pay plan. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the job description for a Senior Center C.N.A. and add the position to the Grant County

Pay Plan Schedule with a final maximum salary of \$16.28. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Commissioner Shapland directed Ms. Gonzales to give a monthly report on meals.

Commissioner Shapland opened bids for tear down of an abandoned private hangar at the airport, Metcalf Trucking bid \$2,500.00, with free dump at Transfer Station; Smyth Oil and Gas Services bid \$7,790.00, with free dump at Transfer Station. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from Ryan Metcalf to tear down a hangar at the Airport at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented bids for a printer. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase a Lexmark commercial printer from Southern Office Supply, at a cost not to exceed \$2,255.00 for printer and toner, and for this expense to be paid from the Treasurer's Technology fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, met with commissioners to discuss Richard Wilmore's question on a tax relief if he built apartments. Mr. Passini explained he only qualifies for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and should talk to the Appraiser's Office for an application.


Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-10, a Resolution waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) as they apply to Grant County and resolving the financial statements and reports of the County be prepared on the basis and budget laws of the State. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to their special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the November 17 and November 23, 2020 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$142,131.61 dated November 18, 2020, and voucher numbers ending 163077 totaling \$169,158.97. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 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 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman