

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Judy Keusler, Margaret Obholz, and Troy Unruh, with Impact Ulysses presented information on a survey steered toward 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders that focused on underage drinking, drug misuse, and vaping/smoking. Ms. Keusler relayed in 2018 the Grant County Community Foundation received a planning grant to conduct a Community Care Survey. The group has now obtained additional grants to address issues found in the survey.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, requested permission to get bids to replace gravel with a concrete pad at the southwest wash bay exit which would be 40'x14'and 6" deep. The cement would allow the Fire Fighters to clean equipment on a smooth surface. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow bids on the concrete. Next, the Fire Chief requested permission to host a Fire Fighter One Certification Class in the fall. The class would cost \$7,000.00 for trainers and have a 10-person minimum. The Fire Chief stated the class will cost \$5,300.00 after the Fire Department receives grant dollars from the State of Kansas. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the training.

James Biddle, Sheriff, met to discuss the 2022 budget request for a detective. It was the consensus of commissioners to leave the line item in the Sheriff's budget, but not allow a hire for the position at this point.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a Supplement to Agreement for Services from Terracon. The supplement has a change to scope of services and fees. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Supplement to Agreement for Services from Terracon at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00 for groundwater and methane monitoring and reporting. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to allow his staff to mow on Saturdays. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow employees extra hours to mow on Saturdays until they catch up with the extra growth due to recent rains.

Janet Stewart made motion to approve the renewal contract with Hay, Rice and Associates for 2020 at a cost of \$24,450.00 for financial statement audit and \$10,000.00 for the Federal Government Single Audit. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A quote from Berry Tractor for tires and an email from the Civic Center Manager was reviewed. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the Civic Center purchasing solid tires and rims for a scissor lift at a cost of \$3,266.68, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made to motion to adopt Resolution 21-05, a Resolution to publish notice of the intent to exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and propose a mill levy of 66.320 for budget year 2022 and taxing year 2021. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The clerk presented information from the Ulysses News encouraging participation in the next edition of Experience Grant County Visitors Guide. It was the consensus of commissioners to participate at a cost of \$698.00, and for this expense to be paid from the General fund.

Mike Brewer, Darrin Figgins, and Keith Wood, Hospital Board of Trustees, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the Hospital Board of Trustees for 30 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director, and Ray Velasquez, Board on Aging Member, proposed trading in the Ford Expedition and General Motors Suburban and purchasing two different vehicles. Ms. Gonzales explained the Expedition is hard for seniors to get into and the Suburban is using oil and unreliable. It was the consensus of commissioners to have the Senior Center Director get quotes and return at a later meeting.

Ray Velasquez, citizen, requested permission to put a new sign on Highway 25 close to the Airport for the Catholic Church. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the sign.

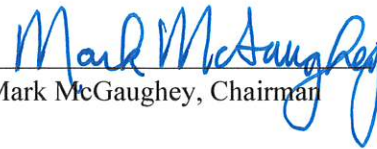
Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for July 6 and July 14, 2021, meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County: payroll total \$141,364.23 dated July 14, 2021, and accounts payable voucher numbers ending 164766 totaling \$158,882.82. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, 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, August 3, 2021.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Mark McGaughey, Chairman