

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

Martin Long, 124th State Representative, and John Martin, citizen, joined the meeting.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; James Biddle, Sheriff; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Lance Babcock, Interim Public Works Supervisor; Denise James, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney.

Kelly Premer-Chavez, County Attorney, discussed the Forest Service Lease Agreement. After discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners to work on provisions of the agreement and return at a later meeting.

Randy McCauley, former Public Works Supervisor, stepped in and thanked commissioners for the party and gift for his last day of work with the County.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the EMS Director/EM Coordinator to discuss an employee hire under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken. Next, ambulance run uncollectable debt was presented for write-off. After discussion, some of the patient run charges will be sent to the State Set-Off Program, and part will be turned over to the County Attorney to pursue collection.

Mark McGaughey motioned to approve the negotiated wage for the Interim Public Works Supervisor. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Lance Babcock, Interim Public Works Supervisor, gave an update on the Road Department, Noxious Weed and Transfer Station, and shared his plans while he will be interim supervisor.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the September 20, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll total \$140,122.23 dated September 21, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 167988 totaling \$288,653.49. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

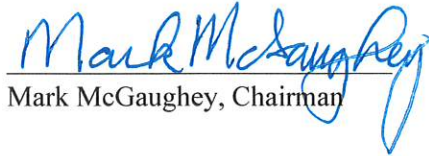
At 10:15 a.m. Kevin Shapland moved to recess into executive session for 3 hours to conduct interviews of 5 applicants for the position of Public Works Supervisor. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 3 hours the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the hire of Shaun (Sam) Minks for the Public Works Supervisor position at the negotiated wage to supervise the Road and Bridge Department, the Noxious Weed Department, and the Transfer Station; to give him authority to approve claims against all funds he supervises; and to review his wage in December. Mark McGaughey seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Mark McGaughey, Chairman