

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and County Clerk present. In attendance were Ulysses News Reporter, Nancy Kletecka, and Commissioners Elect, John Martin and Marty Long. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor; Denise James, Health Department Administrator; and Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser.

During the department head meeting Commissioner McGaughey presented longevity service awards to County employees. Service award honorees were Road Department, Loren Wright 40 years, Rick Klein 10 years, Leland Delay 10 years, Dallas McCauley 10 years; Health Department, Lynette Metcalf 25 years; Sheriff's Department, Charlotte Stein 20 years; County Treasurer Department, Amanda Feldman 10 years; and Ambulance/Emergency Management Department, Jeff Baier 15 years.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners and requested and executive session. Kevin Shapland motioned to recess into executive session with the Administrator for 10 minutes to discuss an employee hire under the justification of personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland motioned to approve the Health Department Administrator recommendations of a nurse new hire and wage, a part time office assistant moving to full time, and two nurse wage increases after adjustment. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to adopt Resolution 22-07, a Resolution waiving the requirements for 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 motion, and it carried unanimously.

Janet Stewart motioned to appoint Leanna Carlson to a three-year term on the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging starting in January. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners discussed giving employees Ulysses Bucks for the holiday. Janet Stewart motioned to give full time employees \$100.00 in Ulysses Bucks; give all active part time employees \$50.00 in Ulysses Bucks; and commissioners will opt out of the gift. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on EMS standby for football games. The USD 214 Superintendent contacted the EMS and relayed they did not want to pay for EMS standby at football games and Commissioner McGaughey was contacted by a School Board Member asking the County

Commissioners to consider discontinuing a charge for the standby service. It was Commissioner McGaughey's understanding the new agreement between EMS and USD 214 is to have first out at the game and if they receive a call EMS will leave the game unattended. If second out is called to the game the school will be charged for service. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the arrangement between the School District and EMS.

Old business, Great Plains Development Incorporated letter requesting membership dues was discussed. It was the consensus of commissioners to remove the dues from the payable vouchers for this year. If it is found the membership would be beneficial to the community, it will be considered in 2023.


Kevin Shapland motioned to approve wage increases for an Appraiser Deputy and Appraiser Clerk as recommended by the County Appraiser. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made motion to accept the contract documents and specification for Ulysses Airport KDOT Project No. AV2021-23 and KDOT Project NO. AV2021-24 to replace AWOS System and install Primary Wind Cone and Segmented Circle. Kevin Shapland seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to their special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Shapland motioned to approve minutes for the November 21, 2022, meeting along with claims against various funds with of the County, payroll total \$142,685.40 dated November 30, 2022, and voucher numbers ending 168458 totaling \$229,805.70. Janet Stewart seconded motion, and it carried unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:10 a.m., to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Mark McGaughey, Chairman