

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Kelli Medrano was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jon Becker provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Paul Fort, EMS Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

It was consensus of commissioners to change the next Commissioner Meeting to Monday, January 20th; and to also change the first meeting in February to Thursday, February 6th.

Christopher Burdette, Noxious Weed Director, presented the Annual State Noxious Weed Report, which was reviewed and approved.

Discussion was held on wage increases. Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept the pay plan wage increases for two Ambulance employees and a Sheriff's Deputy new hire. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, requested permission to seek bids to reskin the Ambulance building and replace garage doors. After discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners to allow the EMS Director to seek bids for repair or replacing doors and reskinning the Ambulance building.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, asking permission to seek bids on crushed rock for chip sealing; to contact Heft and Sons to make asphalt; to get prices on new lights to replace half the lights in the county shop. The staff will install the lighting themselves. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Public Works Supervisor to seek bids on lighting, crushed rock and contact Heft and Sons to make asphalt. Commissioner Shapland asked how much road gravel a person was allowed per year. Mr. McCauley replied the limit is 300 cubic yards per person for driveway road gravel each year.


Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the December 17 and December 20, 2019 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$305,783.74 dated December 18, 2019 and January 2, 2020; voucher numbers ending 160621 totaling \$533,961.54. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the December 20th Special Meeting concerning the order in which Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) will call for non-emergency transports. The clerk was directed to contact the hospital and confirm the order. Kristy Meier, RN, relayed Finney County EMS had agreed to non-emergency transports from BWMGCH after the special meeting. They have posted the order in which transports will be called as: Critical Care Transport will be called first, if Critical Care Transport is not available Finney County EMS would be called, and if Finney County EMS was unavailable Grant County Ambulance Service would be called, and then if Grant County Ambulance Service couldn't respond Midwest Transport from Scott City would be called.

The Health Department bad debt write-offs were reviewed. Mark McGaughey made the motion to write-off client non-collectable debt incurred by the Health Department in the amount of \$585.69. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart 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 10:45 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2020.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman