

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

Bruce Howard, land tenant, asked commissioners if they wanted 148.3 acres located around the Transfer Station reenrolled in a Conservation Reserve Program. It was the consensus of commissioners to reenroll the land and any maintenance required by the contract would be cost shared 50/50. The Public Works Supervisor offered the 14' grass drill, given to the County by Grant County Conservation District, if needed to drill grass seed on any County property. Mr. Howard will contact the Road Department when it is time to seed.

The 76.64 acres of land on the east side of the Transfer Station with Cecil Wright as the land tenant was discussed. It was the consensus of commissioners to enroll the land into a Conservation Reserve Program and any maintenance required by the contract would be cost shared 50/50.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor and Loren Wright, County Surveyor, met with commissioners. Mr. Wright requested commissioners change the motion made on December 17, 2019 to include Kansas Statute. Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint David J. Matthews, PS #1114 as the official Grant County Review Surveyor, and authorize the review surveyors to review all survey plats and subdivision plats for compliance with K.S.A. 58-2005 and Kansas Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys effective March 1, 2020. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Public Works Supervisor presented the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal funds distribution letter and requested trading all the allocation to state transportation dollars. Janet Stewart made the motion to move federal funds of \$71,078.39 to state transportation dollars at a 90% rate, exchange \$63,970.55. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Randy requested permission to seek quotes for a couple culverts needed in two areas of the County. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow quotes for culverts needed in the county.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented two bids for a new outdoor cooker and explained the long-range plan has \$10,000.00 allocated for cookers this year. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the best bid from Country Style Stoves for 2 KBP Eliminator 6 cookers that are mounted back to back on a trailer at a cost not to exceed \$8,299.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Civic Center Manager relayed this year's long-range plan has \$124,000.00 allocated for heating and air conditioning units with new duct work for the Walker Auditorium and requested permission to seek bids. It

was the consensus of commissioners to allow a bid letting on heat/ac units with new duct work for Walker Auditorium.

Janet Stewart made with the motion to accept KDOT Airport Grant Offer – Project Number AV-2021-23 with 5% cost share up to \$60,000.00 for design; and KDOT Grant Offer – Project Number AV-2021-24 with 10% cost share up to \$400,00.00 for construction of a wind cone and replacing the obsolete Automated Weather Observing System. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Civic Center Manager’s request for pay plan wage increases for two Civic Center employees and approve the remaining pay plan wage request at 90% of the pay plan allowance. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the February 6, 2020 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$135,203.84 dated February 12, 2020; voucher numbers ending 160983 totaling \$168,696.40. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an employee’s conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. The clerk was directed to document the incident in the employees personnel file.

The commissioners adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to meet again in regular session on March 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman