The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Mark Busch, Glenn Oyler, Orville Williams and Ashley Rogers, County Clerk attending.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Abatements #2023-057, Matthew Axtell for \$37.48; #2023-058, Gregory Downing for \$3.02; #2023-059, Allyzabeth Hayes for \$278.10; and #2023-060, 3 Gem Inc for \$604.86 were approved.

Building Permits # #2024-003, Gerhard Friesen for a house in the NW1/4 of Sec 9, Twp 29S, Rng 30W; and #2024-004, David Ast for a shed in Sec 12, Twp 27S, Rng 27W; were approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #62873-#62917 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

| Payroll             | \$76,197.81 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| County General      | 7,886.44    |
| Road & Bridge       | 89,393.22   |
| Noxious Weed        | 1,079.32    |
| County Health       | 2,880.72    |
| Special Health      | 3,787.01    |
| Ambulance           | 8,327.05    |
| Appraiser           | 94.48       |
| Election            | 100.16      |
| Payroll Holding     | 133,621.50  |
| Rural Fire District | 8,055.16    |

Alex Hibbert entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m. He informed the commissioners that he needs to have first wireless come in and fix the scan function on all of the radios. The cost will not exceed \$1,400.00. Orville moved to approve the expense and Mark seconded. The motion carried.

Alex then discussed a burn ban. The chiefs would like the county to put a burn ban in place until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Sean as Emergency Manager agreed. Glenn moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04, Burn Ban Resolution and Orville seconded. The motion carried. The burn ban takes effect immediately.

Calvin Koehn and John Lathen entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m. They discussed the Copeland senior center van. They would like to get rid of it, but it's in the counties name. Decision was made to sign over the title to them.

Sean Wendel entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. He presented (2) road crossing permits which were approved. He then discussed possibly purchasing a packer that goes behind a grader.

Sean then presented a bid for repairs and a new hood on the sandpit truck. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$34,469.96 from Foley Equipment for the repairs and hood. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road and Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

Sean then presented a bid for a flatbed for his new pickup. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$11,135.00 for a Norstar 84' utility truck bed from BS Trailer Sales, Inc. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

Jeff Sharp and Colby Ellis entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. They discussed the county purchasing the Outlaw Irrigation building for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioners are not interested in purchasing the building at this time.

Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk