

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 27, 2023, 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.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #61326-#61379 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$86,402.84
County General	16,880.31
Road & Bridge	147,509.07
Noxious Weed	104.22
County Health	235.20
Special Health	40.01
Ambulance	3,552.74
Equipment Reserve	4,154.28
Payroll Holding	122,528.61

The quarterly department head meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals present: Kerry Schmidt, Treasurer; Jennifer Shumard, Appraiser; Renee Shriner, Register of Deeds; Brain McGrew, EMS Director; and Jeff Sharp, Sheriff.

Kerry said taxes are due May 10th and they are doing vehicle registrations as usual. She has one employee planning to retire next year.

Jenni has a new employee that is catching on really well. They also have started the training on the new Eagle View. She also informed the commissioners that the 2023 grain elevator values have been adjusted.

Renee discussed oil and gas leases and solar energy leases. Renee also discussed the website and being able to pull up deeds.

Brian said the state certifications are done and they are good for another year. He also discussed hiring one person for seasonal help. They will only work for 3 months in the summer. He said the bed for the rescue is slated to be here in June. They also received (6) AED's that they got with grant funds.

Jeff said he has hired another new deputy. He will live out of county, but the county vehicle will stay here. He also has two deputies graduating from the academy this week and another in a few weeks. Jeff then discussed the possibility of putting pay plans into place. He would like to meet with department heads for a discussion.

The department heads then discussed the per diem rates. It has been \$35.00 a day for a long time. Mileage has been 50 cents a mile for even longer. Decision was made to increase per diem to \$50.00 per day for overnight stay and 65 cents per mile for travel.

Once the department head meeting concluded, Erin Morton, City of Cimarron entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. She discussed economic development. She also discussed the Ribbon Cutting on May 2, 2023 that Sean Wendel asked her to plan. She then discussed modern income housing.

Sonja Channell, SFTCC entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m. She presented the Juvenile Grant, Juvenile Comp Plan, and Adult Comp Plan for signatures and approval. Orville moved to approve and sign all three. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. She also discussed possible funding from the county for a new vehicle.

Kurt Werth, Extension entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He discussed the trees at the courthouse and getting them sprayed.

Blake Williams, Fair board entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. He discussed needing a tractor to work the arena at the fairgrounds. He requested the county help with the cost. No decision was made at this time.

Sean Wendel, Public Works called in by speaker phone. Commissioners discussed the ribbon cutting for the Ingalls bridge. They requested more notice and information next time he plans something like this as they weren't aware of it.

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Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk