

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, December 15, 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.

Abatements #2023-023, Joe Hibbert for \$23.54; #2023-025, Arthur Nelson for \$37.18; #2023-026, Rito Alcala for \$299.50; #2023-027, Rito Alcala for \$23.50; #2023-029, Nick Koehn for \$141.80; #2023-030, Beavers Game Farm for \$52.86; #2023-034, Abram Giesbrecht-Froese for \$13.78; #2023-036, Larry Meier for \$2,628.18; #2023-037, Travis Isaac for \$600.00; and #2023-039, Betty Unruh for \$480.00; were approved.

Building permits #2023-038, Ryan Hayden for a home in Sec 4, Twp 26S, Rng 27W; #2023-039, Kyle Litton for storage on a Tr in the NE1/4 of Sec 36, Twp 25S, Rng 29W; and #2023-040, Sue Birch for a porch on a Tr in the NE1/4 of Sec 10, Twp 27S, Rng 29W; were approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #62483-#62561 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$91,068.28
County General	68,364.23
Road & Bridge	39,766.18
Special Bridge	4,988.00
Special Highway	13,085.10
Landfill	33,282.17
Noxious Weed	200.63
County Health	4,081.86
Special Health	1,427.57
Ambulance	6,817.16
PSAP 911E	793.71
Appraiser	157.50
Election	71.00
Payroll Holding	2,182.90
Employee Benefit	25.00
Sex Offender Fees	626.37
Rural Fire District	2,527.28

Bob Unruh entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m. He came for public comment about the arena out at the fairgrounds.

Brian McGrew and Tiffany Hogie entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Brian discussed paramedic school. He and Tiffany both got accepted and they will be gone every Tuesday starting in January. He requested the county pay them to attend the schooling. He then asked for permission to take the county vehicle to and from the classes.

After discussion was held, decision was made to make a policy requiring full time paid EMS to be a paramedic or become one within the first two years from the hire date. Commissioners will pay them 8 hours each day they attend the Paramedic school. They will then be required after passing the class to sign a 4-year contract with Gray County. Decision was also made for Brian to drive his personal vehicle. The county will pay him mileage.

Sean Wendel, Jeff Sharp and Colby Ellis entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Brian then discussed a three-year plan for EMS.

John Riggins, Kirkham Michael and Associates entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Ben Grotta, Invenergy, and John Salazar, Invenergy also entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m. They discussed projects they are looking to develop in Gray County. They are looking at 2 windfarms and 1 solar farm.

Jeff Sharp then discussed jail keep for next year. They will be using Ford County after the first of the new year.

Once Jeff concluded, Jeff Acton and Jennifer Shumard entered the meeting. They discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization application for Rodger Davis. It was supposed to start in 2024, but due to contractor conflicts it will be finished later than expected. Jeff requested an extension. Glenn moved to approve the extension and Orville seconded. The motion carried. The Neighborhood Revitalization will now start in 2025.

Sean then met with the commissioners. He presented (2) road crossing permits which were approved. He then presented a bid for fuel. Glenn moved to accept the bid of \$116,100.00 for 45,000 gallons of E10 from Southwest Fuel Inc. Orville 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 new tractor. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$179,044.36 for a 2023 John Deere 6155M tractor from American Implement. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road and Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

John Riggins discussed the safe streets for all grant the county has received.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk