

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met to re-organize for 2024 & hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Mark Busch, Glenn Oyler, Orville Williams and Ashley Rogers, County Clerk attending.

The re-organization was held. Mark Busch was elected to serve as chairman during 2024. Authorization was given for any of the commissioners to sign county warrants when the situation requires it.

Personnel Rules and Regulations were reviewed and established. The resolution is on file.

The Depositories for the county were reaffirmed for 2024. The resolution is on file.

The Jacksonian was designated as the official newspaper for 2024; however, all legal notices are to be published in The Montezuma Press as well, with the full allowed rate being paid to each newspaper.

The following peoples were reaffirmed:

Public Works Administrator – Sean Wendel
Road Supervisor – Charles McGregor
Health Officer – Denice Cragg
Purchasing Officer – Ashley Rogers
Human Resources Director – Mark Busch/Ashley Rogers
Deputy County Clerk – Amanda Thomas
Deputy County Treasurer – Judy Droste
Deputy Register of Deeds – Wendy Faurot
Undersheriff – Colby Ellis
Noxious Weed Director – Tim Brown
Director of E.M.S. – Brian McGrew
Gray County Health Dept. Medical Consultant – Dr. Andrew W. Schowengerdt

Zoning Administrator – Sean Wendel
Safety Coordinator – Brian McGrew
Emergency Preparedness Director – Sean Wendel
Sanitarian – Jennifer Shumard

Population of the county was reviewed and the Commissioners' Districts were reaffirmed. The Commissioners' Districts are as follows:

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| District 1 | Shall include Precinct 1 of Cimarron Township, East Hess Township, Foote Township, Ingalls Township, and Logan Township. |
| District 2 | Shall include Precinct 2 of Cimarron Township. |
| District 3 | Shall include Copeland Township and Montezuma Township. |

Jeff Sharp was appointed to serve as a representative for Gray County on the Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Jeff Sharp was also appointed to represent Gray County on the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board.

Members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee were appointed as follows: Sean Wendel, Emergency Preparedness Director; Brian McGrew, EMS Director; Mark Busch, Commissioner; Glenn Oyler, Commissioner; Orville Williams, Commissioner; Jeff Sharp, Sheriff; Bryson Nichols, Assistant EMS Director; Tim Brown, Noxious Weed Director; Sean Wendel, Road and Bridge Administrator; Mike Salmans, United Communications Operations Manager; Roger Maple, Pride Ag Resources Safety Officer; Sharon Erickson Fryback, Gray County Extension Office; Jeff Acton, Cimarron City Administrator; Denice Cragg, Public Health; and Ashley Rogers, County Clerk.

As per K.S.A.2-2008, the amount of the special assessment assessed against the land shall not exceed \$400.00 per acre for any one year for the work performed for prevention of soil erosion caused by wind.

Once the re-organization was complete, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Abatement #2023-051, Miguel Agundis for \$527.02; was approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #58248-#62608 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$89,992.98
County General	142,515.15
Road & Bridge	147,053.10
Landfill	33,886.69
Noxious Weed	8,981.90
County Health	490.04
Special Health	4,290.85
Ambulance	14,394.77
PSAP 911E	19,190.59
Appraiser	825.82
Election	5,900.00
Payroll Holding	257,888.78
Employee Benefit	40.00
Rural Fire District	14,849.09

Ashley presented a bid on behalf of the Clerk of the District Court for electronic court reporter software. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$4,195.00 for FTR Godl Recording Suite 7.7 from Voice Products. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the District Court account in the Equipment Reserve Fund. The bid is on file.

Brian McGrew entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m. B&H Paving also entered the meeting.

Sean Wendel and John Riggins entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The 2024 Crack and Chip Seal bid opening was held at 10:00 a.m.

Jennifer Shumard, Appraiser entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m. She discussed getting an attorney to handle Board of Tax Appeal Cases. There is one out of Salina that is used by several counties. Jenni will check into costs and information for the commission.

She then discussed the septic position she currently holds. It has just become to much added work. She resigned from the septic position. Commissioners will start the process to find a replacement.

Dustin Beery, Alex Hibbert, Brian Wehkamp, and Jonathan Goossen entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. They discussed the rural fire committee they set up and the officers that were put in place. They then discussed the need for fire gear. Decision was made to purchase up to 5 sets of fire gear not to exceed \$19,000.00. Payment will be out of the Rural Fire Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Jeff Sharp and Colby Ellis entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m. They discussed Crime Watch technology. It is integrated to be a one stop shop for information. There is also an app that can be downloaded on a cell phone. The initial set up will cost \$2,195.00 and will be a yearly fee of \$2,400.00. Orville moved to approve the expense and Mark seconded. The motion carried. Payment will be out of the Sheriffs Budget.

Jeff then asked for permission to get bids on a vehicle. Permission was given.

Once Jeff concluded, Sean Wendel & John Riggins met with the commissioners. Sean presented bids on red diesel. Decision was made to purchase 75,000 gallons at \$2.77 a gallon from Southwest Fuel Inc. The bids are on file.

Sean then presented a bid for oil from Gerber Oil Inc. Mark moved to purchase the oil for \$22,351.25 and Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

Sean then presented a bid to rebuild a 2004 12M2 grader. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$235,749.30 from Foley Equipment for the rebuild. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road and Bridge fund. The bid is on file.

Once Sean concluded, John Riggins presented the Notice of Award for the 2024 crack and chip seal. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$537,479.20 from B&H Paving. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road and Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

John then presented Resolution No. 2024-03, A resolution prohibiting through commercial traffic on all county asphalt roads. Mark moved to adopt the resolution and Orville seconded. The motion carried. The resolution is on file.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk