

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, March 15, 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 #2023-061, Cody Nichols for \$8.58; #2023-062, Kent Powell for \$232.56; #2023-069, David Teichroeb for \$35.78; #2023-070, Jerry Lynn for \$1,377.24; #2023-071, Clark Herron for \$417.78; and #2023-072, Allen Downing for \$43.62 were approved.

Building Permit #2024-005, Jeremy Simon for equipment storage in the SW1/4 of Sec 17, Twp 25S, Rng 30W; was approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #62918-#63009 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$78,770.68
County General	50,665.01
Road & Bridge	336,568.06
Landfill	34,078.13
Noxious Weed	649.39
County Health	198.59
Special Health	1,710.07
Ambulance	1,934.49
Ambulance SP Equip North	10,000.00
PSAP 911E	635.06
Appraiser	652.86
Election	5,136.96
Equipment Reserve	34,300.00
Payroll Holding	3,844.17
Employee Benefit	40.00
Rural Fire District	17,153.35

Nathan Ohman, Jeff Ohman, Sean Wendel, and John Riggins entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Nathan and Jeff spoke about the multiple wrecks on pole line road and the Ingalls blacktop. They would like to see the roads fixed to help prevent accidents. They would also like the county to have a center stripe put on the road.

Ashley presented a bid on behalf of the Health Department for a new computer. One of their computers has quit working and is out of warranty. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$2,081.09 for a Lenovo ThinkCentre M90q desktop computer from Nex-Tech. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Health Department covid grant funds. The bid is on file.

Dustin Beery entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m. He presented the bylaws for the rural fire committee. He also discussed rescue.

Brian McGrew entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m. He discussed EMS policies and procedures and some complaints the state has received regarding EMS. He also informed the commission they will be using a new medical director. A medical doctor from Garden City.

Brian then discussed EMS payroll and changing the per call amount from \$40.00 to \$80.00. Decision was made to make the change. He then discussed it being time to start looking at going full time EMS starting with a building. Brian will get some costs to start the process.

Sean Wendel & John Riggins re-entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Amanda Hoskinson, Dustin Beery, and Blake Williams, fair board entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m. They discussed the wellness center out at the rec. It needs to have access to bathrooms and a fire exit. They will get some information together to fix the issue. They also said they have hired a new rec director with a salary of \$45,000.00. Commissioners approved.

Once the fair board concluded, Sean Wendel and John Riggins met with the commissioners. Sean presented (1) road crossing permit which was approved. Sean then presented the agreement with KDOT to treat noxious weeds and the Noxious Weeds Management Plan. They were both signed.

Sean then presented bids on chemical for Noxious Weed. Mark moved to purchase the Pendulum, Weather Guard Complete, and Trimec Bentgrass from Van Diest and the Freelexx from MFA. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. The cost will be \$15,637.45. Payment will be from the Noxious Weed Fund. The bids are on file.

Sean then discussed purchasing millings from Koss Construction. He will get 30,000 tons at \$8.25 per ton for a total of \$247,500. Glenn moved to approve the expense and Mark seconded. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

John then presented a couple of resolutions. Orville moved to adopt Resolution #2024-05, A Resolution erecting stop signs at the intersections of 15 Road and BB, CC, DD, EE, and FF roads. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mark then moved to adopt Resolution #2024-06, A Resolution that all vehicles traveling North or South on 5th Street from M Road to the North City limits of Cimarron are to travel at a maximum speed of 35 mph. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John then presented the Agreement for Engineering Services with Kirkham, Michael & Associates for the 2024 crack & chip seal in the amount of \$49,849.98. The agreement was signed and approved.

Once John concluded, Jeff Sharp & Colby Ellis entered the meeting. They discussed safety concerns and the numerous accidents on 13 Road from A to D due to the shoulder drop off. In the last 6 years there have been 13 accidents on that road.

Fred VanNahmen entered the meeting at 12:25 p.m. He discussed the accident involving their Nutrien truck on the Ingalls black top. He said the 3.5" shoulder drop off is a safety concern. He also discussed other road conditions in the county.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk