

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met to re-organize for 2023 & hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with Mark Busch, Glenn Oyler, Orville Williams and Ashley Rogers, County Clerk attending. Heather Busch was also present.

The re-organization was held. Mark Busch was sworn in. Mark Busch was also elected to serve as chairman during 2023. 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 2023. The resolution is on file.

The Montezuma Press was designated as the official newspaper for 2023; however, all legal notices are to be published in The Jacksonian 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
Rural Fire Coordinator – Brian McGrew
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, Rural Fire Coordinator & EMS Director; Mark Busch, Commissioner; Glenn Oyler, Commissioner; Orville Williams, Commissioner; Jeff Sharp, Sheriff; Doug Classen, Assistant Emergency Planner; 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.

Abatements #2022-040, Dan & Alice Thomas for \$440.30; and #2022-041, Heinrich Wall for \$21.94; were approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #60759-#60860 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$86,597.62
County General	113,440.95
Road & Bridge	73,863.29
Special Highway	5,677.32
Landfill	33,796.63
Noxious Weed	445.39
County Health	2,328.66
Special Health	1,677.73
Mental Health	30,000.00
Intellectual Disability	22,000.00
Historical Society	11,000.00
Ambulance	15,092.28
Ambulance SP Equip North	557.97
PSAP 911E	590.58
Ambulance SP Equip South	1,487.92
Appraiser	1,620.36
Election	5,887.00
Capital Improvements	109,571.63
Payroll Holding	257,210.53
Employee Benefit	1,276.96
Sheriffs Grant Funds	85,689.29
Rural Fire District	10,559.57

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

The 2023 Chip Seal bid opening was held at 10:00 a.m.

John presented the Biennial Bridge Inspection Agreement with Kirkham Michael for 2023. The total cost is \$4,988.00. Mark moved to sign the agreement and Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sean then presented (3) road crossing permits which were approved. Sean then presented the appointment letter appointing him to the Southwest Regional Emergency Planning Council for 2023. Commissioners signed the appointment.

Sean then presented the agreement with the state for treatment of noxious weeds along state highways. It was signed. Sean also informed the commission that Southwest Fuel got the fuel bid. 90,000 gallons of diesel for \$3.21 a gallon and 33,000 gallons of E10 for \$2.82 a gallon.

Sean also presented a bid from Foleys for a new grader. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$394,068.96 for a 2023 140JOY-BR Motor Grader with 9-year extended warranty from Foley Equipment. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

Sean also presented bids for a new backhoe. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$182,494.81 for a 2023 440-07IT Backhoe with 7-year extended warranty from Foley Equipment. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The bid is on file.

Once Sean concluded, John Riggins presented the Notice of Award for the 2023 chip seal. Glenn moved to accept the bid of \$621,139.80 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 the Agreement for Engineering Services for the 2023 Chip Seal with Kirkham Michael. The amount will not exceed \$34,268.40. Mark moved to sign the agreement and Glenn seconded. The motion carried.

Jeff Acton, Mike Coast, and Gilbert Benton City of Cimarron entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Jeff Sharp and Colby Ellis also entered the meeting. They discussed the Law Enforcement Contract. Gilbert said they have concerns and are getting complaints from citizens about the traffic lights.

Jeff Sharp said they are writing tickets, but some of them are getting thrown out by city court. He has no control over that. He also said he doesn't have the resources to sit at traffic lights all day. He can only do so much with the resources he has. He also said that the crime in town is under control. No rash of burglaries or auto theft. Mike Coast said he agrees with that. More discussions will be held as renewal of the contract approaches this year.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk