

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 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 #2023-052, Andrew Yost for \$1,359.12; #2023-053, Christopher Coghill for \$268.56; #2023-054, Richard Flores for \$1,246.84; #2023-055, DKC Investments for \$259.60; and #2023-056, Douglas Cofer for \$160.54; were approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #62705-#62781 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

Payroll	\$75,847.87
County General	25,501.58
Road & Bridge	73,464.77
Landfill	85.18
Noxious Weed	311.92
County Health	6,033.80
Special Health	7,846.60
Mental Health	33,000.00
Intellectual Disability	23,000.00
Historical Society	13,000.00
Ambulance	2,101.70
PSAP 911E	162.64
Equipment Reserve Fund	4,195.00
Payroll Holding	131,189.07
Rural Fire District	64.34

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; Sean Wendel, Public Works; Colby Ellis, Undersheriff; Jeff Sharp, Sheriff; and Denice Cragg, Health Director.

Kerry said they have collected 12 million in taxes and they are sitting pretty good. She has an employee retiring in March. They are getting busy with heavy trucks and trailer renewals.

Jeff and Colby said they are staying busy with the normal day to day. Jeff said everyone worked well together during the blizzard.

Brian said they had 500 calls for 2023. Bulk of the calls are on the weekends. He & Tiffany started medic school. Coverage hasn't been an issue.

Sean said they survived the blizzard and everyone worked well together.

Renee said they are busy this month with documents and passports. She has also been helping the appraiser's office with final review.

Jennifer said they are busy with final review. She also discussed the attorney cost for the BOTA claim for ADM. It will be \$225.00 per hour.

Denice said they are busy doing shots. She is still looking for an RN. She is also working on spending covid grant funds.

Once the department head meeting concluded, Sean met with the commissioners. He presented (3) road crossing permits which were approved. He also discussed rock for the chip seal. Decision was made to purchase the rock from Huber Sand for \$32.00 per ton for \$150,000.00. Mark moved to approve the expense and Glenn seconded. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Road & Bridge Fund. The Bids are on file.

Sean then discussed purchasing jerk ropes. The cost will be \$10,664.00. Two will be for Rural fire for \$1,350.00, Four will be for Ambulance for \$1,158.00, and Nine will be for Road & Bridge for \$8,156.00. Orville moved to approve the expense and Mark seconded. The motion carried.

Sean then discussed the grader rebuild. They added a cost of \$23,248.00 for installation of a cross slope. Commissioners approved the added cost.

Lee Wehkamp, fair board entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. He discussed the numerous keys that have been given out to the rec and extension facility. Decision was made to have the whole facility re-keyed and only needed keys will be handed out. They will keep a listing of who has keys.

Jeff Sharp & Colby Ellis entered the meeting at 10:55 a.m. They discussed license plate reader cameras from Flock Safety. They will put 4 up for now. Two on highway 50 and two on highway 56. It will cost \$16,400.00 to get it all up and running. It will then be a yearly fee of \$12,000.00. Orville moved to approve the expense and Mark seconded. The motion carried. The 16,400.00 will be out of the Local Drug Seizure Fund and the yearly fee will be out of the Sheriffs Budget. The bid is on file.

Jeff then presented a bid for a new vehicle. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$54,544.20 for a 2023 Ram 1500 Crew Cab Pickup from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Sheriffs Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund. The bid is on file.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk