

The Gray County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 31, 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 #2022-045, Sandra Kinnamon for \$57.60; #2022-046, Carl Leatherwood for \$263.72; #2022-050, City of Cimarron for \$157.78; #2022-051, Karen Mitchell for \$2.46; #2022-052, Jason Mitchell for \$5.93; #2022-053, Gregory Love for \$78.32; #2022-054, Christopher Mitchell for \$5.93; #2022-055, Terra Firma Exploration \$17.22; #2022-056, SJP Investments for \$4.78; #2022-057, Troplm Enterprises for \$4.78; #2022-058, Pedro Energy for \$4.78; #2022-059, Sun Dog Energy for \$1.30; #2022-060, Falcon Exploration for \$192.52; #2022-061, Circle N Farms for \$520.90; #2022-062, Karen Mitchell for \$13.88; #2022-063, Jason Mitchell for \$20.88; #2022-064, Christopher Mitchell for \$20.88; #2022-065, Terra Firma Exploration for \$55.50; 2022-066, SJP Investments for \$18.40; #2022-067, Troplm Enterprises for \$18.40; #2022-068, Pedro Energy for \$18.40; #2022-069, Sun Dog Energy for \$7.00; and #2022-070, Falcon Exploration for \$2083.90; were approved.

Building permits #2023-001 through 2023-019, Hemink Farms for (3) Anaerobic Manure Digestors on a tract in the SE1/4 of Sec 31, Twp 24S, Rng 27W; #2023-020, Tony Loepky for a shed on the NW1/4 of Sec 18, Twp 25S, Rng 30W; #2023-021, Tony Loepky for a home on the NW1/4 of Sec 18, Twp 25S, Rng 30W; and #2023-022, Ryan Reed for a home on the NW1/4 of Sec 25, Twp 28S, Rng 28W; were approved.

Warrants were presented and allowed as follows: Accounts Payable #60861-#60925 and Payroll by direct deposit. Payments by funds were:

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| Payroll           | \$70,296.60 |
| County General    | 22,106.16   |
| Road & Bridge     | 61,347.79   |
| Landfill          | 158.28      |
| Noxious Weed      | 172.23      |
| County Health     | 217.88      |
| Special Health    | 190.01      |
| Ambulance         | 2,344.83    |
| PSAP 911E         | 158.00      |
| Equipment Reserve | 2,104.51    |
| Payroll Holding   | 196,157.40  |

Bob Unruh, Rod Davis and Sean Wendel entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Kurt Werth, Kim Frodin, Jackie Vath, Dustin Beery, Lee Wehkamp, Blake Williams, Fair board all entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Bob Unruh requested the commission rescind the decision closing the track and arena. Commissioners informed him that the county can't allow an individual to profit off of county property and after speaking with our insurance we can't allow the personal use any longer. The arena can be used for a sanctioned event with the proper paperwork being filled out with the fair board and liability insurance provided. Effective immediately all personal use of the arena and track is prohibited.

Once Bob & Rod left the meeting Lee requested permission to move the fence out at the track. They should be able to gain about 50' of parking. Permission was given.

Once the fair board concluded the quarterly department head meeting was held at 10:00 am with the following individuals present: Brian McGrew, EMS Director/Rural Fire; Kerry Schmidt, Treasurer; Renee Shriner, Register of Deeds; Sean Wendel, Public Works; Jennifer Shumard, Appraiser; Jeff Sharp, Sheriff; and Ashley Rogers, County Clerk.

Sean said they are staying busy since we received some moisture. He said there is a table top exercise for Emergency Management in March and he needs volunteers to attend.

Jeff said he has two employees at the academy and another one getting ready to go soon. He & Colby just got back from training. Cases are steady.

Brian said they had 412 calls for EMS in 2022. The protocols have been updated. He said for fire they hauled a truck to Sidney Nebraska to be looked at for repairs.

Kerry said they are in the middle of truck and trailer renewals. Interest rates are up on the CD'S.

Jenni said her department is looking for help again. Being short staffed they are a little behind on things.

Renee said they are working on back indexing and helping the appraiser's office with final review. Mark then discussed passports with Renee. He wants to make sure we continue to serve the tax payers and that the county is open for business until 5:00 p.m.

Once the department head meeting concluded, Brian met with the commissioners. He discussed the main rescue here in Cimarron. The main wiring harness is burnt and no one around here can work on it. He discussed numerous options, but the easiest option would be to make his current vehicle the rescue vehicle and get him a new one.

He then presented a bid for a bed for the new rescue vehicle and a new vehicle. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$15,947.40 for a Stahl CST 82VVS-48.5 bed from BS Trailer Sales and the bid of \$62,444.00 for a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Rebel Pickup from Parks Motors. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Payment for the bed will be from the Rural Fire Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund. Payment for the Pickup will be 75% from the Ambulance Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund and 25% from the Rural Fire Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund. The bids are on file.

Brian then presented a bid for a Bariatric Cot for EMS. The cot will lift 700 pounds. Orville moved to accept the bid of \$38,326.40 for a PowerPRO2 and Performance LOAD Cot from Stryker. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Ambulance Account in the Equipment Reserve Fund. The bid is on file.

Jeff Sharp then met with the commission. He discussed the (3) Tasers that Curt approved be paid for out of Diversion Funds. Commissioners approved the expense of \$5,880.00 from Axon for the (3) Tasers.

He then presented a bid for (10) silencers. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$4,750.00 for (10) Polonium K Duty Silencers from Gadsden Arsenal LLC. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Local Drug Seizure Fund. The bid is on file.

Jeff then presented a bid for a thermal weapon site. Mark moved to accept the bid of \$6,949.00 for a Rico Alpha 640x512 50mm Thermal Weapon Sight from Gadsden Arsenal LLC. Orville seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Local Drug Seizure Fund. The bid is on file.

Once Jeff concluded, Ashley presented a bid to have the bathroom floors at the courthouse replaced. They are falling apart and turning yellow. Glenn moved to accept the bid of \$4,104.51 for Karndean Vinyl Squares for (6) bathroom floors from J. Sea Flooring, Inc. Mark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Payment will be from the Capital Improvement Fund. The bid is on file.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk