

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Kevin Shapland, Commissioner Janet Stewart and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector; and Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator. During the department head meeting Ms. Deckert requested her employees be paid out for vacation that was unused at the end of the year the same as the Sheriff's Department was doing. Commissioner Stewart said the County could not continue the practice of paying out for unused vacation and invited department heads to come up with a solution. After a brief discussion the department heads decided to have a pay plan committee meeting to share ideas and present possible solutions to commissioners.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the 2016 Solid Waste Management Committee Members. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$132,492.65 dated October 28; voucher numbers ending 148726 totaling \$1,036,515.38. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to pay \$532.00 to Miracle Signs for moving the wireless unit for the LED sign to the new office at the Civic Center, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Landmark Appraisal. They volunteered to pay the cost of the abatement software developed by Thomson Reuters to complete the functions of the Appraiser and Treasurer for the 2012-13 Court of Tax Appeals case between the County and XTO/Exxon. It was the consensus of commissioners Grant County had already paid for the abatement software and no repayment was required.

Commissioners reviewed two bids for the Museum's Old Hotel Edwards air conditioning units. Janet Stewart made the motion to reject all bids at this time. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve a three year contract with Hay, Rice and Associates to perform the annual audit and financial services for Grant County, Grant County Extension, Grant County Fair Board, Grant County Firefighters Relief Association, and the statement of compliance of the Grant County Historical Society. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

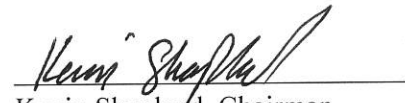
At 10:30 a.m. the bid opening for the Grant County K-25/Road 21 Intersection Improvement Project was held. Josh Beckman with Kirkham and Michael Consulting Engineers; Jordan Marshall, with APAC Kansas; and Loren Wright, County Surveyor attended this portion of the meeting. The project received a sole bid from APAC Kansas for \$679,801.85. The bid was higher than anticipated and on the recommendation of Mr. Beckman the bid was not awarded. Kirkham and Michael will research the cost overage and return at a later meeting.

Marieta Hauser, Grant County Chamber Director; and Board of Tourism Members, Linda Fort and Ginger Anthony met with commissioners. The Tourism Board is working on developing the old Ulysses town site. They have hired a surveyor who is laying out walking paths. Ms. Anthony relayed in 1884 Wyatt's brother George Earp originally platted old Ulysses and the surveyor found an iron pin, which would have been used to mark the intersection of Lincoln Street and Hoisington Avenue. The Tourism Board requested the furthest east street on the old town site be named Edwards Street. Janet Stewart made the motion to name the street Edwards and Kevin Shapland seconded, passed unanimously. A Resolution defining and describing the street will be presented at the next commissioner meeting. Next, Ms. Anthony informed commissioners the original plat map for old Ulysses is stored at the Stevens County Museum and she is pursuing attaining it for our Museum.

Commissioner Shapland and Stewart recessed at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy at Park View Board. Those attending were: Care Home Board Members, Larry Kepley, Greg Davis, George Bushnell; Care Home Administrator, Kim Doty; and Care Home Director of Nursing, Alisha Beims. General discussion was held.

Commissioner Stewart and Shapland adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2015.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Kevin Shapland, Chairman

