

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided prayer.

Elizabeth Kissick, new Grant County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent; and Monica Walker, new Grant County Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent, introduced themselves and relayed they were enjoying their new jobs and the community.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. Commissioner Stewart asked all departments to come before commissioners if they were taking county equipment somewhere out of the ordinary.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented an Order of Resolution to install a Yield Sign at a county intersection. Martin Long made the motion to adopt the Resolution to place a Yield Sign at county Road M at the Road 2 intersection. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Daris Weibe, citizen, joined the meeting.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into excess session for 10 minutes with the Senior Center Director to review disciplinary action of an employee under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Tom Fuhrmann, Landmark Appraisal, relayed he will be going back around to each county and discuss hiring two new employees to train as county appraisers. It was the consensus of commissioners each county could reimburse Grant County based on a county parcel calculation for the two new employees and their benefit package.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the purchase of a heavy duty trimmer from T & J Small Engine Repair for the Civic Center at a cost of \$453.99; and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Gabe Rodriquez to the Fair Board, per Fair Board recommendation, to fill the expiring term of Dennis Deyoe. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bids were reviewed for replacement of air conditioner/furnace units at the Museum in Hotel Edwards. Martin Long made the motion to accept the Ross of Ulysses bid for \$9,845.00, and

for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Kerry and Marilyn Williams for Hangar Unit 8-9. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to close the following accounts: Legacy Tax Receipt Checking Account, Park View Tax Receipt Checking Account, Legacy Depreciation Checking Account, Park View Depreciation Checking Account, and Legacy Tax Payment Checking Account; and to reduce the Park View General Checking Account to \$500.00, and the Legacy General Checking Account to \$500.00, to allow for any outstanding checks remaining on the Care Home/Assisted Living books. After closing and reducing said accounts deposit a total of \$740,550.41 to the General fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve minutes for the July 16 and July 24, 2018 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$300,899.34 dated July 18 and August 1; voucher numbers ending 156603 totaling \$688,491.80. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to accept the audit financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2017 by county audit team Hay, Rice and Associates with the exception of an amendment which needs to be made on page 6 of the audit concerning county hospital and care home operations. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jeff Pfingsten, Recruitment Manager for Genesis Family Health, presented a Proclamation for commissioners' consideration. Janet Stewart proclaimed National Health Center Week August 12-18, 2018, to celebrate the legacy of America's Health Centers and the communities they serve. Mr. Pfingsten relayed Genesis Family Health had expanded by adding a dentist service in Grant County.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, explained the billing service used by the EMS gave a recommendation to use the State Set-Off Program to help collect delinquent billings. Commissioner Long clarified a list needs to be presented to commissioners before it is sent to the program. The EMS Director will return with a list of debts owed at a later time.

Commissioners answered questions for Mr. Wiebe concerning the current hospital lease and the purchase of the Gary Riley building.

Larry Sharp, Member Service Representative with Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), met with commissioners and reviewed the usage report and Grant County claims made in 2017 and the first quarter of 2018.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented quotes for a new deputy vehicle from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Contract through Kansas Highway Patrol Partners Program. Martin Long made the motion to accept the quote for a 2018 Ford F150 at a cost not to exceed \$33,046.19, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund; and to dispose of a 2014 Ford Explorer on Purple Wave Online Auction. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Sheriff discussed his plans for hiring two new employees and the resignation of one deputy.

Commissioners adjourned at 12:55 p.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on August 13, 2018 to hold the Budget Hearing and as Board of Canvasser for the August 7th Primary Election.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Janet Stewart, Chairman