

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

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, requested permission to pay Sheriff's Deputies for 2018 vacation not used and explained he had been short staffed all year. Martin Long made the motion to step out of the normal policy, due to the inability to hire enough staff, and pay Sheriff's Deputies unused 2018 vacation time. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next the Sheriff relayed the pickup he had approval to purchase at the August 7, 2018 Commissioner Meeting did not get ordered by GSA and when he checked on the problem was told it would now be a 2019 model. The Sheriff will return at a later meeting with the new pricing.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, met with commissioners to give a department update. Commissioner Stewart presented the EMS Director with a check from the Grant County Gives fund drive of \$563.58.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an employee medical issue under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to allow Mari Honstead to transfer 24 hours of her sick leave to an employee that has extenuating circumstance and is not eligible for paid time off until February. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 6 and November 13, 2018 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$133,415.11 dated November 7; voucher numbers ending 157443 totaling \$144,075.30. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the renewal of 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 for the Grant County Historical Society. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed employee and elected officials wages. Janet Stewart made the motion to give across the board raises to employees and elected officials of 2% effective the first pay period of the 2019 budget, excluding Fire Department volunteers who work from a training pay scale, and County Commissioners. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Darrin Figgins and Ed Neidert, Airport Board Members, and Steve Rice, Airport Manager, met with commissioners concerning the damage from rabbits to the new Ford Transit used as a courtesy car at the Airport. After discussion commissioners directed the airport board to get bids for a wood or metal building to house the courtesy vehicles. Next, Mr. Figgins inquired about the possibility of putting a road to the new hangars. Commissioners directed the airport board to consult the airport engineer first, but they would be receptive to establishing a road to the new hangars. The airport board will return at a later meeting.

Marc Kleiwer, Attorney for AV Energy, presented a Resolution to permit the continuation of the present use of a tract of real property in Grant County, Kansas. The attorney explained they purchased High Plains Energy property on the corner of land that is owned by Grant County. Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 18-08, a Resolution that permits AV Energy to continue the present use on a parcel of land subject to a restrictive covenant, located in the SE/4 of Section 25, Township 28 South, Range 37 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented a list to update commissioners on the receipt of delinquent property taxes. The letter from the county attorney gave delinquent landowners until November 30<sup>th</sup> to pay or the property could be subject to a tax sale.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Meeting Room. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Jerry Jo Deckert, Kenneth Warner, and Larry Velasquez; Interim City Administrator, Alan Olson; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton. Discussion was held on the water issue at the Airport, Road Department, Baseball Fields, and Civic Center Complex. All facilities have one shared meter and there is evidence of a leak somewhere in between facilities. It was the consensus of the city and county to look further into the issue and Commissioner Shapland agreed to be the point of contact.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:35 p.m., to meet again in regular session on December 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Janet Stewart, Chairman