

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 provided prayer. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance.

Mike Brewer, citizen, joined the meeting.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, met with commissioners to review delinquent real estate and minerals. After review it was the consensus of commissioners not to pursue a tax sale this year.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, explained why the invoice from S&S Rock Crushing was above the approval amount in Commissioner Minutes of October 2, 2018. After discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to amend the previous motion to allow for additional tons of crushing, new total 1728 tons of asphalt rubble and 4821 tons of concrete at a cost of \$64,211.25, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Highway fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, a road crossing permit was reviewed and approved. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor informed commissioners the Road Department fixed a pinhole water leak between the Grant County Recreation ballfields and the Road and Bridge building. Commissioner Shapland relayed his efforts to work with the City of Ulysses to find additional leaks in the lines that run from the Civic Center Complex to the Grant County Recreation, Road Department buildings, and Airport buildings. The Road Supervisor was directed to draw up specifications to bid new lines. Later in the day Mr. McCauley returned to discuss a plan for researching and then bidding the repair of water lines.

Bobby Bonner, Director Cimarron Basin Community Corrections, presented a revised Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 18-10, a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement to Participate in Multi-County Community Correction Programs. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Bonner expressed his desire to hire an additional employee and asked if the county would be willing to share funding between the five other counties. Commissioner Long explained commissioners would need total dollars needed before it could be considered. The director will get figures put together and return at a later meeting.

Kristy Anderson, Recreation Director, and Maddie Owen, Ulysses High School Senior, met with commissioners to request permission to build a story walk in the Prairie Wind Park. Jeff Pfingsten attended this portion of the meeting. Miss Owen explained a story walk is a self-directed learning opportunity in which you can construct a children's storybook on a walking path. The project is part of a service project for High School Seniors and the county would be under no monetary obligation. It was the consensus of commissioners the group could pursue the project on county property.

The Declaration of Satisfaction of Reversionary Conditions between Grant County and Builders Development Corporation on Phase III of the old care home property (300 E. Maize) was reviewed and approved.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$143,287.97 dated December 5; voucher numbers ending 157644 totaling \$223,919.90. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 18-09, a Resolution waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) as they apply to Grant County, and resolving the financial statements and reports of the County be prepared on the basis and budget laws of the State. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Yellowbook delinquent contract payment and correspondence concerning the sale of the Legacy at Park View Care Home. Because the care home administrator had committed by signing a contract with Yellowbook, it was the consensus of commissioners to pay the debt of \$465.00.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented bids to repair cement in 8 areas at the Civic Center Complex. It was the consensus of commissioners not to open bids and wait until the water line issues were resolved before repairing any cement.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to their special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the yearly lease between the Fire Department and the Airport. It was the consensus of commissioners to lower the yearly lease to \$3,000.00 since two of the three buildings will be torn down in the near future. The Emergency Management will house equipment in the remaining building. The lease payment will be made out of General fund in 2019 and the Emergency Management will budget for the expense the next year.

The clerk discussed the need for a copy machine in the new Fire Station. After discussion on volume of use, the clerk was directed to give a copy machine to the Fire Station and get bids for new one for Courthouse use.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:35 a.m., to meet again in regular session on January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman