

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner McGaughey and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Shapland was absent due to an emergency in his family. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; O. La-Vonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved. Next, Commissioner Stewart discussed the decision made at the last meeting concerning the County Purchasing Procedures Policy and waiving policy for the Road Department. It was the consensus of Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner McGaughey to revisit the subject when Commissioner Shapland could be present.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, requested permission to close the Legacy at Park View General Checking Account and the Park View Assisted Living General Checking Account. All transactions have been completed and the money should be transferred to the County. Janet Stewart made the motion to close the general checking accounts for the care home and assisted living in accordance with the recommendation of auditors. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Melissa Martinez, Assistant Director of Mental Health with the Kansas Children Service League, presented a Proclamation for commissioner consideration. Mark McGaughey made the motion to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The bids for lawn care were opened by commissioners. The bids include one aeration and five spray applications of fertilizer and weed control chemicals on 339,172 square feet of cool season and buffalo grass located at the Courthouse and Civic Center Complex. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept Koehn's Country Gardens bid at a cost not to exceed \$2,173.35, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, and Jason King, Board Member, updated commissioners on the process of their new building that will be built on county property. First – An agreement with Grant County agreeing to lease land for another building to be built which has been completed. Second - Which is going on now, form municipal agreement with a bank and the loan documents will have the building listed as personal property. Third - A bank loan for ten years and the Grant County Recreation will make payments. Fourth – Sign new lease

agreement with the County on the two buildings. Next, Ms. Anderson invited commissioners to the ground-breaking ceremony for the new building on April 12th.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, discussed employment applications received for a Deputy Sheriff position. The Sheriff informed commissioners one of the applicants has police academy training and he would like to offer the job to him, but the County he is working in could come back and ask Grant County to reimburse the expense. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the hire and if the other county asked for reimbursement Grant County would comply per statute. Next, the Sheriff updated commissioners on department equipment that is needing replaced.

The County Clerk requested permission to solicit bids for one new air conditioning/heating unit for the Airport Terminal building. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the County Clerk to get bids.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the March 19, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$139,181.06 dated March 27; voucher numbers ending 158529 totaling \$372,057.49. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee conversation under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart met at noon for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with the Centura/BWMGCH Executive Team: Dr. Patrick Barker, Charlotte Peterson, and Kristy Meier, RN; Centura/BWMGCH Board Members, Mike Brewer, Darrin Figgins, Lynn Teeter and Keith Wood; and St. Catherine Hospital Executive Team, Scott Taylor, Amanda Vaughn, and Nancy Killion. BWMGCH will send a letter for their 2019 appropriation request. Dr. Barker explained the improving health of the residents at the care home and assisted living due to a partnership between BWMGCH and Western Prairie Senior Living. Next, Ms. Meier shared Centura had purchased four Telemedicine Machines for USD 214 School Nurse use. Last, Mr. Taylor gave a presentation on their strategic plan and stated the hospital is not where they want it to be, but they are aggressively working towards it.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman