

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer. Ulysses News Editor, Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez was in attendance.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners to discuss the opioid litigation lawsuit. It was the consensus of commissioners to continue supporting a class action lawsuit against contributors of the opioid addiction crisis. The County Attorney assured commissioners it was at no cost to the County.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the July 2, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$141,976.05 dated July 3; voucher numbers ending 159295 totaling \$179,244.99. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jeff Pfingsten, Recruitment Manager for Genesis Family Health, presented a Proclamation for commissioners' consideration. Kevin Shapland proclaimed National Health Center Week August 4-10, 2019, to celebrate the legacy of America's Health Centers and communities they serve.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve the contract for services with Terracon Consultants to provide 2019 groundwater monitoring around the Transfer Station at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the T-Hangar Lease Agreement with F & R Flying for Hangar Unit T2. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ginger Anthony, Museum Curator, asked if she should be requesting permission from commissioners to host events at the Historic Adobe Museum. It was the consensus of commissioners the oversight of the Museum was solely at the Museum Boards discretion.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director, met to discuss events she was hosting in the Senior Center facility. It was the consensus of commissioners all the events mentioned were considered a regular activity and would not need prior approval.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Jeff Blundell, Road Foreman; and Loren Wright, County Surveyor, met with commissioners to discuss the water line replacement project for the Civic Center, Road Department, Airport, and baseball fields. Mr. Wright reviewed his sketch of the proposed route for new lines and explained the scope of work. Commissioner Shapland relayed Ruben Flores, City of Ulysses Water Superintendent, will order all materials needed for project. The job will be bid for laying pipe only. It was the consensus of commissioners to have the County Surveyor bring the contract documents to the next regular commissioner meeting.

Discussion was held on the termination payout of benefits when leaving employment with the county. Kevin Shapland made the motion to remove from the Grant County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual: 3.12 G. Pay for Unused Sick Leave Upon Termination, and 3.14 B. Pay for Unused Personal Leave Upon Termination. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Grant County employees will be paid out vacation leave upon termination of employment and no other leave benefit.

The loss prevention analysis report from Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties was reviewed for completion of deficiencies at the Courthouse, Health Department, Road Department and Transfer Station buildings. It was the consensus of commissioners all deficiencies were completed satisfactorily, and the report was approved.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Grant County Health Department and Susan Lukwago, Licensed Dietitian, to act as Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Service Coordinator was reviewed and approved.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee responsibility 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. Due to a retiring employee, Mark McGaughey made the motion to move the website design administration to the Road Department Office Manager with a wage increase of 75 cents per hour starting September 1, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn for the day at 10:30 a.m., to meet again in special session at 9:30 a.m. on July 18, 2019 to review budgets. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman