

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, Kelli Medrano was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented quotes for three new computers. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept a quote from the Computer Alchemist to purchase three new computers at a cost not to exceed \$2,850.00, and for this expense to be paid from two funds; two computers from the Road Department fund and one computer from the Noxious Weed fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, road crossing permits were reviewed and approved. Lastly, later in the morning the Public Works Supervisor returned with a cost estimate of \$4,900.00 to replace the computer on a truck. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the repair.

Loren Wright, County Surveyor, relayed anytime a survey creates a new property description the surveyor must have another surveyor review the document before it is filed with the Register of Deeds. Vernon Cress the current survey reviewer is retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Wright requested commissioners appoint David Matthews to replace him. Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint David Matthews as the reviewer of surveys for the purpose of filings with the Register of Deeds in Grant County. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, thanked commissioners for allowing the Recreation to erect a building on County property. The Grant County Recreation will host Chamber Coffee for the Open House on January 10th and invited commissioners to attend. Next, the Recreation Director inquired about splitting of the electric bills and when that would be completed. Commissioner Shapland stated the deduct meters had been installed and Pioneer Electric will read the meters and split the electric billings for the Civic Center and Recreation. Commissioner Shapland also stated one water line to the barns was not converted over to the Civic Center with the water project. The water will be billed to the Recreation but would only have minimal use.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the December 3, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$139,411.83 dated December 4; voucher numbers ending 160493 totaling \$223,420.00. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Steve Brom, Board on Aging/Silver Hair Legislator Representative, and Lavonne Michael, Senior Center Director, shared information from the Silver Hair Legislator meetings.

At 10:05 a.m., a public hearing to amend the 2019 Park Maintenance fund budget was held. No one from the general public attended the hearing. Janet Stewart made motion to amend the 2019 Park Maintenance fund budget, increasing the budget authority from \$274,952 to \$314,952, and for the \$40,000 to be moved from the General fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 19-04, 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. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to their special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made motion to reappoint Don Button to the Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Committee to represent Grant County for the next two years. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented a Grant County Civic Center 4-H/FFA Hold Harmless Agreement for commissioner approval and relayed the County Attorney had approved the language. Also presented were changes to the Civic Center Rental Contract, both Security and Non-Security Events, adding "not responsible for lost or stolen items". Security Events add "require 4 security officers at any event with beer, a dance without beer, or an event that changes admission". Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve changes to Civic Center Rental Contract and approve the 4-H/FAA Hold Harmless Agreement. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Airport Board Members, Darrin Figgins, Ed Niedert, Mark Faulker, and Airport Manager, Steve Rice, presented statements of qualifications and experience from Coffman Associates and Lochner Engineering. Mark McGaughey made the motion, on the recommendation of the Airport Board, to select Coffman Associates to update the Airport Master Plan, Airport Layout Plan, and Conduct an Airport GIS Aeronautical Survey. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, presented a quote and requested two additional computers for the Health Department. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase a 17.3" Full HD Laptop Computer for \$1,285.00 and a Windows 10Pro PC for \$900.00 from the Computer Alchemist, total cost not to exceed \$2,185.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. 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's conduct 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.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:00 a.m., to meet again in special session at noon on December 20, 2019 with hospital administration and emergency services.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman