

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, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided prayer.

Mike Brewer, citizen, joined the meeting.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. Commissioner Long stated that this would be his last meeting as a County Commissioner and thanked all the department heads, elected officials and employees. Commissioner Long will be sworn in as 124th District House Representative on January 14th.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented the Annual Kansas Department of Transportation Noxious Weed Agreement for treating all Right-of-Ways in Grant County. The agreement was reviewed and approved.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the City/County Emergency Operations Plan. Martin Long made the motion to approve the updated Grant County All-Hazards Local Emergency Operations Plan. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the EM Coordinator informed commissioners Emergency Management would be moved into the new Fire Station building as soon as weather permitted.

Discussion was held on the City/County Appreciation Dinner costs. It was the consensus of commissioners the county would pay the total cost of table covering and decorations and also pay for 125 meals on the cater invoice and \$300.00 for prize drawing.

The clerk presented bids for a new network copier/scanner/fax for the Courthouse. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept Southern Office Supply's bid at a cost not to exceed \$9,060.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund; and to move the present copier to the new Fire Station for use by Emergency Management and Fire. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the December 18, 2018 meeting along with payroll and withholding claims; payroll total \$150,080.85 dated December 19; vouchers totaling \$72,699.08. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, conveyed the Economic Development Bylaws require a commissioner to be on the Economic Development board. The clerk was directed to consult the County Attorney to make sure there would be no incompatibility of office conflict.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Shapland reconvened at noon for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with the Centura/BWMGCH Executive Team: Amanda Vaughn, and Jill Robinson, RN; and Centura/BWMGCH Board Members, Mike Brewer and Keith Wood. Ms. Vaughn shared they are partnering with Western Prairie Senior Living Care Home; opening Women's Health Outreach Clinics in Liberal, Kansas and Guymon, Oklahoma; an actively recruiting another doctor.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 12:50 p.m., to meet again in special session at 3:45 p.m. on January 8, 2019 to approve the claims against the various funds of the County.

Sheila Brown

Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Janet Stewart

Janet Stewart, Chairman