

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. Pastor Jay Mykytiuk provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Sutton, One America Financial Partners, and Darrell Phillips, DPI Benefits, representatives for Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Retirement Plan, met with commissioners to conduct a Fiduciary Investment Review on the hospital Social Security Alternate Plan. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow DPI Benefits to make necessary changes as defined in the Fiduciary Investment Review. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Anthony Mellini, Project Manager for Terracon Consultants, and Randy McCauley, Public Works Director, met with commissioners to discuss short-term and long-term landfill expansion needs. Construction and demolition trench number 2 is full and trench number 3 is partially full. Mr. Mellini explained two options, vertical or lateral expansion. Vertical expansion could happen with a berm around trench 2 and trench 3, which would be quicker option with a six to nine-year life and less cost. Long term strategy would be a lateral expansion with a fourteen to sixteen-year life and a considerably higher cost. After discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners not to allow railroad ties at the transfer station. Mark McGaughey made the motion to allow Terracon to do a feasibility evaluation and work with Kansas Department of Health and Environment on a landfill expansion. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the State Noxious Weed Eradication Report was reviewed and approved. Lastly, three road permits were reviewed and approved.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, presented signature documents from Grant County Bank adding Mark McGaughey to all Grant County banking accounts and removing Martin Long from all accounts.

Kevin Shapland presented a check to Paul Fort, EMS Director, from Tulsa Community Foundation representing Enel Green Power North America Donor Advised Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00. The monies were donated to be used for a mechanical chest compression system.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to approve minutes for the February 5, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$139,300.05 dated February 13; voucher numbers ending 158212 totaling \$234,532.75. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shapland relayed information concerning the water issue at the Airport, Road Department, Grant County Recreation (GCR) Baseball/Softball Fields, and Civic Center Complex. It was the consensus of commissioners to run new water lines rerouting around the GCR facilities. Next, discussion was held on the electricity that GCR pays for the County and when the changes will need to take place. It was the consensus of commissioners to meet with

the Recreation Board at their next meeting to update and get feedback on the changes that will be occurring.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to review a request from an employee under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.


Tom Fuhrmann and Terry Lawhon, Landmark Appraisal; and Cindy Wellbrock, County Appraiser, updated commissioners on the plan for Grant County to hire two employees to train for future appraisers and share the cost between four counties. Stevens County has decided to drop out of the plan. The two employees will now be shared between Stanton, Haskell and Grant. It was the consensus of commissioners to continue with the plan.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Kone Elevators stating a rate increase starting March 1, 2019. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the increase.

At 11:30 a.m. commissioners held a conference call with Chris Flageolle, Engineer with Lochner, concerning: FAA equipment that needs to be moved from the old Fire Station to a new site; a garage for the courtesy cars at the Airport; funding, and tearing down two of the three buildings at the old Fire Station. After discussion Lochner agreed to: start the negotiations with FAA on their building needs and how much they could contribute to the project and work on a long-term lease agreement; draw plans for the garage and explore funding options; and assist with a revised T-hangar Lease Agreement.

Commissioners joined the City of Ulysses Officials at noon for a luncheon at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Meeting Room. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Jerry Jo Deckert, Kenneth Warner, Larry Velasquez, Sam Guy, and John Duran; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton. General discussion was held.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2019.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman