

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the Deputy County Clerk present. Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News was present. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, July 8, July 14, and July 15, 2015 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$135,518.69 dated July 8; voucher numbers ending 147924 totaling \$131,712.86. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented quotes for a new 2016 vehicle from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Contract through Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) Partners Program. Quotes were: Dodge 2500 \$26,430.69, Chevrolet K2500HD \$27,078.10, Ford F250 \$28,830.45, Ford Expedition EL \$35,747.94 and Ford Expedition EL SSV \$34,216.78. Don Button advised that if the pickup option is selected, he will need a gooseneck hitch, bed cover, siren w/speaker, hands free for cell phone and new radio. Martin Long made a motion to accept the low quote of the Dodge 2500 in the amount of \$26,430.69, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Martin Long moved to also purchase the accessories for the vehicle, not to exceed \$8,500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart, seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was agreed by consensus to list the 1996 Chevrolet Blazer on the Purple Wave online auction.

Don Button, representing the Safety Committee, notified Janet Stewart that she is being recruited as a Safety Committee member, and also that he will get on the agenda soon with a recommendation for additional signs to improve public awareness about handicap parking and access to the elevator behind the courthouse.

Alyssa Hammond, with the Ulysses News, asked if the County would participate in the new issue of "Experience Grant County" Visitors Guide. Janet Stewart moved to purchase an ad in the visitor guide for \$698.00. Martin Long seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented sign resolutions for the replacement of yield signs with stop signs at the intersection of Road 4 and Road L, no action taken. He also discussed a flooding problem on Road 17 and inquired if he should proceed to resolve the drainage problem with two culverts and supplies on hand? Commissioners endorsed the plan. He advised commissioners that the trees in the right of way on Road M between Roads 15 and 16 are hindering mowing and he will remove them after notifying the current owner. Next, Mr. McCauley presented sealed bids for the purchase of a truck and trailer. . Balta Pena with Peterbilt, and Ron McFarland with Murphy Tractor and Equipment, attended this portion of the meeting. Bids for 2016 trucks

were: Peterbilt \$108,770.00, Freightliner w/Chalmers rear suspension \$96,074.00, Freightliner w/Tufftrac rear suspension \$94,333.00, Western Star w/Chalmers rear suspension \$95,989.00; Western Star 2/Tufftrac suspension \$93,515.00 and Kenworth \$86,409.40. All bids include trade –in of a 1999 Kenworth truck. All bids meet or exceed bid specifications. Martin Long made a motion to accept the low bid from Liberal Kenworth of \$86,409.40. Motion seconded by Janet Stewart and carried unanimously. Bids for trailer were: 48’ Landoll 835 \$63,438.00, 2016 Etnyre \$64,675.00, and 2015 35GSL-PT \$71,868.00. Janet Stewart moved that the low bid from Larry’s Trailer Sales & Service for the 48’ Landoll 835 of 86,409.40 be accepted. Martin Long seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners to keep the trailer that was initially scheduled to be replaced until it becomes a maintenance issue, and the tilt top trailer will be offered on Purple Wave online auction instead.

Commissioners met with Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, to confirm an adjustment in wage for the Health Department Administrator. The lower wage was discussed during budget meetings to align better with the pay plan. During discussion, Ms. Frazee commented her department is open 38 hours per week. The wage, of \$49,500.00, will begin with the 1st payroll of the last quarter of 2015 as per motion by Janet Stewart and seconded by Martin Long. Motion carried unanimously.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, discussed the policy for hours at Civic Center and asked for input from commissioners. Discussion included budget and staffing concerns for being open on Sundays, staying late after events, and allowing additional open time for setup and teardown. Commissioners were receptive to her recommendations and asked her to draft a policy and return to the next meeting for consideration of the policy.

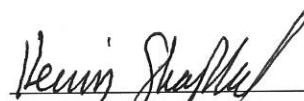
Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented a re-plat of Block 2, Rubart Industrial West Addition. Martin Long’s inquired if there were any changes to restrictive covenants for the plat. Mr. Banes responded no to the question. Janet Stewart moved, and Martin Long seconded, that the re-plat be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed information about criteria for wages being paid by salary versus hourly and overtime exemption. No action taken.

Commissioners adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 4, 2015.



Paula Shapland, Deputy County Clerk



Kevin Shapland, Chairman

