

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News was present. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 8:30 a.m. the bid opening for 35 acres more or less of Industrial Park property was held. Steve Eddie adjacent property owner; Loren Wright, County Surveyor; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; and Jessica Akers, County Attorney, attended this portion of the meeting. Bids were opened from Leobardo Romero for \$7,001.00; Metcalf Trucking for \$12,100.00; Grant County Economic Development for \$10.00. Discussion was held on the public notice and a misunderstanding of total acres advertised for disposition. Due to bidders thinking they were bidding on 10 acres of property, Martin Long made the motion to reject any and all bids. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioners will determine at a later date if the property will be advertised for disposition again. Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director and Leobardo Romero joined the meeting. Next, Steve Eddie explained he owns 40 acres of ground west of the Industrial Park property. He would like the County to vacate easements on the east and south ends of his property. Mr. Eddie has trouble with people driving on a trail road and trespassing on his land. Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, joined the meeting. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of commissioners if the adjacent landowners are interested in vacating the easements they would be agreeable. Mr. Eddie will check with the other landowners and return at a later date. The County Attorney suggested setting a deer cam in the field then Mr. Eddie could pursue legal action on trespassers.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 18 and August 21, 2015 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$129,273.09 dated August 19; voucher numbers ending 148237 totaling \$300,365.65. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector and Leobardo Romero, Citizen.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented the annual Bridge Inspection Report from Kirkham and Michael Engineering. Commissioners reviewed and approved the report.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, and Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, requested commissioners consider purchasing sound equipment for the covered arena and livestock barn. They had issues with the arena speakers not working properly during the Fair and the speakers in the livestock barn have quit completely. Janet

Stewart made the motion to purchase speakers, transformers, a microphone mixer, an amplifier, wiring and connectors for \$8,100.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Ms. Honstead shared the rates Collectia trash service charges as compared to Seward County Waste Management. After a brief discussion the Civic Center Manager was directed to get price quotes from both rural trash services and bring the comparisons back to commissioners if Collectia could not match Seward County's price.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, updated commissioners on economic development happenings.

Lynda Fort and Catherine Fowler, Members of Daughters of the American Revolution, requested commissioners consider a Proclamation for Constitution Week. Kevin Shapland, Commissioner Chair, hereby proclaimed September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, as Constitution Week, to remember our shared political heritage and contemplate the course of our common future.

It was the consensus of commissioners to provide again this year, at no cost to the Grant County employees, the flu and pneumonia vaccinations.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Those attending from the hospital were: Art Frable, Administrator; Charlotte Peterson, Executive Services Coordinator; Trustees, David Higgs, Mary Moyer and Mike Brewer. Several members of the hospital staff were also present. Discussion was held on future operations with Centura Health and how the two boards would function. Mike Brewer and David Higgs agreed to stay on as BWMGCH Trustees and Bob Ward and Mary Moyer will not continue after the changeover. The transition date is set for October 1<sup>st</sup>, unless something changes.


After lunch commissioners resumed their meeting in the Commissioner Room. Discussion was held on possible BWMGCH Trustee Members and Centura Health Board Members. Commissioners will return with possible names at a later date.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, shared with commissioners his incessant plumbing issues. The sewer is backing up into the old basement area of the Law Enforcement Center. It was the consensus of commissioners the Sheriff should seek a professional opinion on the problem.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:25 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2015.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman