

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, Bene Garcia was in attendance. Pastor Jon Becker provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Extension Board Members, Anita Wendt, Emily Mullen, Dee Longoria, and Diana Nunez; Grant County Extension Agent Billie Chesney; and Tyson Mullen guest, met with commissioners to discuss hiring another extension agent since Mary J. Sullivan has taken a State Regional position. K-State is requiring a three year commitment from Grant County before they will advertise the position. Commissioner Long said it was within the commissioners comfort level to say the funds would be there for Grant County Extension. Ms. Chesney invited commissioners to look over information and consider going with other counties to form an Extension District.

Tyson Mullen, Pharmacist, and wife Emily Mullen, owners of Grant County Drug, presented information on a safe collection proper destruction program called MedSafe. Mr. Mullen explained he wanted to implement a program to help the community and get meds off the street. The MedSafe System is for disposal of patient unused medications and meets requirements of the DEA Controlled Substance Act. Janet Stewart made the motion to enter into a three year contract with Grant County Drug and Medsafe to lease a one way medicine drop for proper and safe drug disposal. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, reported the City Council was hearing complaints from residents concerning excessive dust on Osage Street. The City has millings and the Road Department will supply equipment to fix the road. Next, Mr. McCauley requested permission to crush concrete that has been collecting at the Transfer Station. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow bids. Thirdly, starting Monday the Road Department will be back to full crew after hiring two new employees.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited about the Solid Waste Committee Members. It was the consensus of commissioners to leave Commissioner Stewart on another year.

Bids were reviewed for repairing the south end of the Health Department/Senior Center building, Barrios Construction Service bid \$3,560.00 and C. Malone Enterprises bid \$4,440.00. Martin Long made the motion to accept the best plan for repair bid from C. Malone Enterprises at a cost not to exceed \$4,440.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

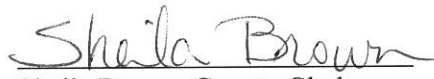
Bids were reviewed for wireless access points and firewall for the Health Department, Pioneer Communications bid \$1,344.20 and The Computer Alchemist bid \$90.00 (no firewall). Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the bid for service needs of the Health Department at a cost not to exceed \$1,344.20 from Pioneer Communications, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The clerk presented an estimate from Ross of Ulysses to replace a broken coil on the Extension building air conditioning unit. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow Ross of Ulysses to repair the a/c unit at a cost not to exceed \$1,864.23, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

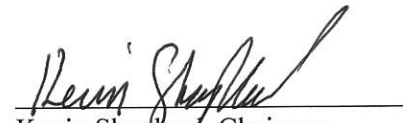
Commissioners discussed the request from Kansas Natural Resource Coalition for \$5,000.00 to pay 2017 yearly dues. Commissioners made the unanimous decision not to pay the invoice.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$140,597.62 dated October 12; voucher numbers ending 151487 totaling \$298,485.12. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to meet again in regular session on November 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman