

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 Larry Borthwick provided prayer and Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tigers in Action Director, Jennifer Hittle, presented the 2018 appropriation request of \$11,900.00, which is a 10% increase from the appropriation given prior year. Ms. Hittle reported Tigers in Action served 7,858 students through numerous programs during the 2016-2017 school year.

Larry Borthwick met with commissioners requesting permission to use the county owned rodeo arena, when it was not in use by the Bit and Spur Club. Mr. Borthwick and Brandy Wilson-Mehl are starting a Saddle Club primarily to work with kids. Commissioners gave their blessing for the club to use the rodeo arena.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved. Next, a contract to provide groundwater monitoring services at the Transfer Station was reviewed. Martin Long made the motion to approve the contract for 2017 Annual Monitoring of Groundwater Wells with Terracon Consultants at a cost of \$2,900.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Thirdly, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to either trade in a 2002 Caterpillar motor grader or have the motor rebuilt. Commissioners gave approval for the Public Works Supervisor to seek bids on both options.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the contract for professional services from Stroudwater Associates to negotiate services related to the hospital lease agreement at a cost of \$5,500.00; and to pay the hospital \$200,000.00 for lease year 1 (\$80,000) and lease year 2 (\$120,000), to cover Centura Health's investment commitment for the electronic health record conversion to EPIC. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Resolution 17-04, a Resolution allowing Grant County to participate in a municipal group funded self-insurance pool; and approve the third amended and restated Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP). Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners revisited a Land Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (a subsidiary of AT&T) to put a cellular tower near the Transfer Station. Commissioners agreed with the suggestions made by KCAMP for paragraphs 7. Insurance, 9. Indemnification, and 13. Removal/Restoration. Commissioners requested the contract go to the County Attorney to revise paragraph 16. Assignment/Sublease.

Library Board Members, Shirley Wilson, Sandy Duran, Jeryl Smith, Warren Baldwin; and Holly Mathes, Library Director, met with commissioners. The board requested \$375,082.59 for the Library Operating fund and \$114,114.78 for the Library Employee Benefits fund. The request is a 4.57% increase from the appropriation given prior year.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, gave a presentation and presented the Economic Development 2018 appropriation request of \$90,000.00 for operational use, which is the same as given prior year.

Extension Board Members, Toby Stutzman, Alyssa Hammond, Josh Sullivan, Diana Nunez, Darren Watson; and Billie Chesney, Grant County Extension Agent, submitted the 2018 budget request of \$165,000.00, which is a 9.9% increase from the appropriation given prior year.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 6 and June 13, 2017 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$136,997.22 dated June 7; voucher numbers ending 153437 totaling \$338,465.79. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., to meet again in regular session 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Janet Stewart, Chairman

