

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:45 a.m. with Commissioner Shapland, Commissioner Stewart and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Long was absent due to illness. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided prayer. Ulysses News Reporter, Bene Garcia was in attendance.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners to discuss her concern with the donation to the Fair Board that was partially committed to fix wiring on the cattle barns at the November 21, 2017 Commissioner Meeting. Goossen Electric received the bid and they will not complete the project until May of 2018. Commissioner Shapland assured Ms. Honstead the funds would be available for her use in 2018 and the expense would not reflect on the Fair budget.

Paul Fort, EMT Director, presented grant applications, which were reviewed and approved.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, gave an update on the Road 5 Asphalt Overlay Project. Originally commissioners had chosen not to penalize Heft & Sons for going over their contract length by 16 days. An invoice from Kirkham and Michael Engineering Firm reflected an additional fee was charged for the overage. The Public Works Supervisor suggested reducing the Heft & Sons final payment by the additional amount charged by the engineering firm. Commissioners unanimously agreed to the suggestion. Next, Mr. McCauley said Grant County received a check from FEMA reimbursing \$54,400.00 to be used on tree clean up from the May 1<sup>st</sup> snow storm. Swank Service will start grinding tree stumps immediately. Since the cleanup was paid for by disaster relieve funds, commissioners made the unanimous decision to give the chippings away free to the public. Commissioner Stewart directed McCauley to get the word out to residents.

Commissioners reviewed employee and elected officials salaries. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve:

- Full and part time employees 3% wage increase in the following departments: Appraiser; County Clerk; County Treasurer; Register of Deeds; Emergency Management; Ambulance full time and 3% to part time at the department head discretion; Health; Sheriff; Road & Bridge; Noxious Weed; and Senior Center; excluded from the raise are Civic Center employees who will receive a one-time pay adjustment to bring them in line with the pay plan; and Fire Department paid volunteers.
- Elected Officials 3% wage increase, with the exception of the newly elected County Treasurer who will receive 2%; excluded from raise the Register of Deeds and County Commissioners.

Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. A copy of the wage increases are attached as part of this record.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to write-off resident non-collectable debt incurred by The Legacy at Park View Care Home in the amount of \$22,147.72. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing to amend the 2017 Ambulance fund budget was held. No one from the general public attended the hearing. Kevin Shapland made motion to approve amending the Ambulance fund, increasing the budget from \$409,152 to \$459,152. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


At 10:05 a.m. a bid opening was held for County owned properties with hail damage. Attending this portion of the meeting: Willard Walker, Sales Manager for Stanfield Roofing; Greg Wells, Project Manager for AR Roofing; Jesus Barrios, Owner of Barrios Construction; Curtis Chambless, Co-owner of Chambless Roofing; Craig Malone, Owner of C. Malone Enterprises; and Mike Anderson, Owner of Skylite Construction. Commissioners opened 12 sealed bids and informed contractors all bids would be sent to KCAMP Insurance for the purpose of evaluating bids and making recommendations to commissioners.

Curtis Chambless of Chambless Roofing, discussed the care home and assisted living roof replacement. The former Legacy at Park View Board awarded Chambless Roofing the contract to replace the roof on the care home and assisted living in July prior to the facilities being sold to Midwest Health. Grant County received the insurance settlement for hail damage but Chambless Roofing had yet to start on the project. Mr. Chambless informed commissioners all the materials were due to arrive any day and the roof replacement will start the end of January.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,513.33 dated December 6; voucher numbers ending 154797 totaling \$439,258.06. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The County Clerk presented an estimate for new carpet and commercial vinyl for 3 rooms of the Courthouse and the entire Extension building. J&M Paint & Decorating Center quoted the County contractor price since the paint for the Courthouse and Extension building was purchased through them. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the sole bid from J&M Paint & Decorating Center for removal of old carpet and tile, carpet and commercial vinyl including installation for the Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office, Courthouse breakroom, and the entire Extension building at a cost not to exceed \$19,916.60, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 2, 2017. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Janet Stewart, Chairman