

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Kevin Shapland, Commissioner Janet Stewart, and the County Clerk present. Bene Garcia with the Ulysses News was in attendance. Pastor Steve Swann provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Center Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$135,793.42 dated January 20; voucher numbers ending 149505 totaling \$839,877.53. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Kansas Department of Transportation County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds was reviewed and approved.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Natalie Gross to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacant position made by the expiring term of Tammy Oliver, and for the term to begin May 1, 2016. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Senior Center Director to seek bids for painting the outside of the Senior Center/Health Department building.

Discussion was held on the tree replacement proposal submitted by Civic Center employee Matthew Stein. No action was taken on the proposal.

Reid Borchetta, Clerk of the District Court, presented quotes and requested permission to purchase three new computers. The computers would be used in the District Judge's Chamber, the Courtroom, and the Magistrate Judge's Office. Discussion was held on the choice of software for the computers. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase three computers from Thomson Reuters at a cost not to exceed \$4,521.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Clerk of the Court fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Hospital Board of Trustees, David Higgs, Mike Brewer, and Mary Moyer met with commissioners. The Board of Trustees asked for direction on the remaining funds left after the Lease Agreement was finalized with Centura Health. Centura Health signed agreements on January 29, 2016 to operate the county hospital and the transition officially took place February 1, 2016. Deanna Mustin was named new Hospital Administrator. They will operate as Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital, a nonprofit corporation operated and managed

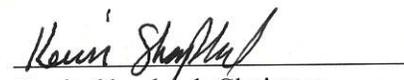
by Centura Health Corporation. The Board of Trustees made the first appropriation disbursement of \$250,000.00 to Centura Health and now they have a balance of \$3,717,656.68 left in a hospital checking account. It was their opinion the money should stay segregated until the five year lease agreement is completed with Centura Health. It was the consensus of Commissioner Shapland and Commissioner Stewart to wait until all commissioners were present before a decision was made. The 3.7 million will remain in the hospital account for now.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Federal Aid Construction Agreements, which were reviewed and approved. Next, Mr. McCauley requested permission to order cold mix to make asphalt for upcoming road repairs. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase 4,000 ton of cold mix from Hefton Brothers at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00, and for this expense to come from two funds, \$130,000.00 from the Road & Bridge fund and \$120,000.00 from the Special Highway fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Mr. McCauley presented a bid for two portable 800 megahertz radios. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase two 800 megahertz radios from Motorola at a cost not to exceed \$3,825.06, and for this expense to be paid from the Road and Bridge fund.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners to request an upgrade to the Courthouse single button duress alarm system. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase the wave plus update from Secure Tech Systems at a cost of \$9,650.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Sheriff presented a quote for LED florescent tube lighting. The LED lights would be used to replace lights in the oldest part of the Law Enforcement Center. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase 200 LED fluorescent replacement lights from EarthLED Sales at a cost not to exceed \$1,798.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., to meet again in regular session on February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Kevin Shapland, Chairman

