

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Terry Crosby, Interim EMS Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a road crossing permit, which was reviewed and approved.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented quotes to replace eight tires on Fire Tanker Unit 227. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase eight K&M tires from Frank's Service Center at a cost not to exceed \$1,877.52, and for this expense to be paid from the Fire Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, submitted two written requests for commissioners' consideration. The first letter requested permission to dispose of county property and the second letter requested permission to update and improve one of the parking areas at the Civic Center. Martin Long made the motion to dispose of a Cummins GenSet generator and large street light fixture using Big Iron Online Auctions. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Martin Long made the motion to renovate an area at the Civic Center west and north of the Extension Building to accommodate improved parking and additional room for the carnival during the Fair. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kansas Association of Counties 2017 subscription/participation fee for online County Compensation Survey was reviewed. Commissioners made the unanimous decision not to participate in the survey at this time.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 21 and March 1, 2017 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$136,699.54 dated March 1; voucher numbers ending 152667 totaling \$216,026.13. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Bucholtz, DPI Benefits for Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital, met with commissioners to conduct a Fiduciary Investment Review on the hospital Social Security Alternate Plan. After reviewing investment performance, Martin Long made the motion to allow DPI Benefits to make necessary changes as defined in the Fiduciary Investment Review. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Due to the urgency of the situation, commissioners through verbal correspondence on February 23rd approved the replacement of a water heater at the Senior Center. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the lowest quote of \$7,235.00 for a 100 gallon commercial water

heater with installation from Tatro's Plumbing, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the 2017 GIS Ownership Map Maintenance Contract with Kimball Mapping for a fee of \$8,400.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) 2017/2018 Medical Director Appointment and Ambulance License Applications were reviewed by commissioners. Martin Long made the motion to reappoint Jon Scott Appling, MD as Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Ambulance License Applications for Unit 351, 352, and 354 were reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Paul Fort met with commissioners per their request. Martin Long made the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes with Paul Fort for personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to hire Paul Fort as Emergency Medical Service Director at a rate of \$62,500.00 yearly, effective Monday, March 13, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners held a conference call with Nicholas Cacciabando, Broker for Senior Living Investment Brokerage, concerning the bid deadline to purchase the Legacy Care Home and Park View Assisted Living.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. to meet again in regular session on March 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman