

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Shapland, Commissioner Long and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart was absent due to surgery. Bene Garcia, Ulysses News Reporter, was in attendance. Commissioner Long provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented the 2017 budget request of \$229,036.00, a \$374.00 decrease from the prior year. Next, the County Attorney discussed the Hospital Board of Trustees errors and omissions insurance policy. Martin Long made the motion, due to the change in circumstance with the Centura Lease Agreement and the hiring of Stroudwater, to dissolve the Hospital Board of Trustees Oversight Board effective immediately; the functions of the board will now be assumed by commissioners. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, after a brief discussion, Kevin Shapland made the motion to pay Cincinnati Insurance for a one year tail coverage insurance policy to cover any errors and omissions of the Hospital Board of Trustees Oversight Board. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Tigers in Action (formally Communities in Schools), Jennifer Hittle, Director; and Mallory Crane, Office Assistant, presented the 2017 appropriation request of \$11,900.00, which is the same as the prior year. Ms. Hittle explained Communities in Schools, a federal program, changed regulations and the board had decided not to certify this year.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, met with commissioners to get signatures for the Western State Bank on the remaining CD in the name of Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved. Next, an Agreement for utilizing federal funds through Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for a county road sign project was presented for commissioners' review. It was the consensus of commissioners to enter into agreement with KDOT for Project No. 34-C-4802-01. Thirdly, Mr. McCauley presented a bid and requested permission to purchase a 10' fan for the welding area of the county shop. Martin Long made the motion to allow the purchase of a 10' fan from Teeter Irrigation at a cost not to exceed \$4,980.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Fourthly, the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to purchase paint to finish painting the Road Department building. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the expense, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund.

Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser, presented the Appraiser's 2017 budget request of \$281,315.00, a 7% increase from prior year. Mr. Wellbrock discussed the Kansas Property Tax Lid Law and explained oil and gas values were not under a tax lid according to the Kansas Appraiser's Association.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county; payroll total \$141,722.33 dated June 8; voucher numbers ending 150583 totaling \$454,959.83. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Board Members, Steve Brom, Charles Hacker, Ray Velasquez, and Bill Stewart, presented the Senior Center 2017 budget request of \$397,345.00, a \$494.00 decrease from prior year.

Reid Borchetta, District Court Clerk, presented the District Court 2017 budget request of \$135,000.00, a 14% increase from prior year. The Court Clerk informed commissioners Judge Ambrosier was requesting the 26th Judicial District counties raise the amount paid to jurors, which are picked to serve juror duty, to \$30.00. If they are not chosen they would receive the minimum per statute of \$10.00. The District Court Clerk will bring the request letter to the next commissioner meeting.

At 11:30 a.m. commissioners held a conference call with Nick Cacciabando, Senior Vice President of Senior Living Investment Brokerage (SLIB). SLIB is a full-service real estate brokerage firm specializing in the confidential sale of long-term care and seniors housing communities. Kim Doty, Care Home Administrator, and Larry Kepley, Care Home Board Member, joined this portion of the meeting. Mr. Cacciabando requested SLIB be considered if the commissioners were to sale the care home/assisted living facilities.

Bene Garcia, Ulysses News Reporter, left the meeting.

Fair Board Members, Daron Cowan, Lucy Vanderpool-Altis, Terri Trotman; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented the Fair 2017 budget request of \$55,000.00, which is the same amount given last year.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Civic Center Manager to discuss personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to increase the Civic Center Manager's yearly salary to \$47,500.00 effective December 1, 2016 to comply with the Department of Labor's governmental administrative overtime protection rule. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Ms. Honstead submitted 3 budget options. Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the budget options. Lastly, the Civic Center Manager requested a new riding mower. Kevin Shapland made the motion to trade a JD Z920 Riding Mower in on the purchase of a 54" deck Hustler Fastrak SDX Riding Mower, without grass catcher, from American Implement at a trade difference of zero. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ginger Anthony, Museum Curator, presented the 2017 appropriation request of \$139,000.00, a 3% increase from the amount given prior year.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented the Sheriff's 2017 budget request of \$950,850.00, a 6% decrease from prior year.

Commissioner Shapland and Commissioner Long recessed for 40 minutes.

After 40 minutes the meeting reconvened. Kim Doty and Larry Kepley joined the meeting.

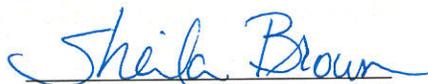
John Grace, Grace Team Consulting, gave a presentation and recommended Grant County form a 501c3 for the Legacy at Park View. The not-for-profit corporation would develop a plan to decrease the subsidy for the County by increasing revenues and/or decreasing expenses. Mr. Grace offered his services to complete the transition to the not-for-profit corporation.

Mitch Friedman, Long Term Care and Senior Housing Specialist with Senex Foundation, met with commissioners. Senex provides a full range of financial, development, marketing, and management services for profit or not-for-profit nursing facilities, adult living facilities and senior housing communities. Mr. Friedman conveyed their interest in purchasing or managing Grant County's facility.

Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds, presented the Register of Deeds 2017 budget request of \$101,700.00, a 5% increase from prior year.

Commissioner Shapland relayed a conversation with Susan Francis. Ms. Francis is renting grass land at the sand and gravel pit the County purchased earlier this year. The previous contract with Rex Puckett gave Ms. Francis permission to graze cattle on the land. Ms. Francis drilled a water well; put up panel fence around the water well; installed solar panels to run the well; and agreed to pay \$1,000.00 yearly to rent the land. The contract will expire in 2017. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Susan Francis to finish out the contract.

Commissioners adjourned at 4:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 2016.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland