

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 provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Toni Irvin, Interim Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; and O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, shared his efforts on behalf of the county to regain ownership of land west of Ulysses presently owned by Nexsun Ethanol but seized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission due to fines. Mr. Dale also informed commissioners Continental Rail is considering buying the rail from Cimarron Valley Railroad.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$274,037.02 dated August 17 and August 31; voucher numbers ending 151156 totaling \$609,567.79. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Craig Malone, local contractor, presented a proposal for the Courthouse exterior as discussed at the July 18, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. Mr. Malone explained it was the determination of the restoration company all defective mortar joints should be repaired and then sprayed with a siloxane water repellent solution on the entire Courthouse. Martin Long made the motion to accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Company at a cost not to exceed \$42,489.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the County Clerk and Craig Malone discussed purchasing a new flag pole for the Courthouse. Martin Long made the motion to purchase a new flag pole and accessories at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00; and further moved to hire Craig Malone to take out the old pole and install the new one at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Legacy at Park View Board Member, Larry Kepley and Kim Doty, Administrator, shared the boards' discussion with John Grace and his proposal to transition the care home and assisted living facilities into a not-for-profit 501(C) 3. Mr. Kepley requested commissioners call an executive session. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with Mr. Kepley and Ms. Doty for 5 minutes under the confidential data relating to financial affairs exception. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, followed up with commissioners on the Builders Development Corporation bid acceptance from the August 16, 2016 meeting. Next, the County Attorney introduced a Resolution to sell county property. Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 16-06, a Resolution authorizing the sale of 5 acres of county property located in Kearny County, deemed no longer beneficial to the county. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioners agreed unanimous to set minimum bid at \$5,000.00.

Rosie Ford and Justin Ford met with commissioners concerning Road 19 from Hwy 25 going west. Randy McCauley joined this portion of the meeting. Ms. Ford was told the blacktop road in front of her homestead would be torn up and returned to gravel. Ms. Ford expressed her concerns with heavy truck travel and ruts on the road. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Long recommended first converting Road 19 going east from Hwy 25 before converting Road 19 going west from Hwy 25 so Ms. Ford could experience driving on the recycled gravel road. Ms. Ford and her son were agreeable to the recommendation.

Commissioners held a conference call with Nick Cacciabando of Senior Living Investment Brokerage to discuss the proposed binding agreement to sell The Legacy at Park View Care Home and Park View Assisted Living facilities. Commissioners requested three changes to the agreement. Mr. Cacciabando agreed to the changes and will submit a new agreement for commissioners approval.

Lynda Fort, Member of Daughters of the American Revolution, through written correspondence requested commissioners consider a Proclamation. Kevin Shapland, Commissioner Chair, hereby proclaimed September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, as Constitution Week, to remember our share political heritage and contemplate the course of our common future.

Two board openings were discussed. Larry Rumburg resigned from the Airport Board effective July 14, 2016. Tony Cavasos resigned from the Fair Board effective August 10, 2016.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to meet again in regular session on September 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman