

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Shapland and the County Clerk present. Due to illness, Commissioner Stewart joined via conference call. (Commissioner District 3 vacant.) Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 2 and January 8, 2019 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County; payroll total \$146,917.75 dated January 2; voucher numbers ending 157916 totaling \$819,120.16. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart nominated Kevin Shapland to be Chairman of the Commission for 2019. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to set meeting dates and times for 2019 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to designate Grant County Bank, First National Bank, and Bank of Ulysses as the official depositories. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to designate The Ulysses News as the official newspaper. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve agenda items 5-15 of the organizational agenda. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Give County Treasurer the Authority to invest County Funds to the best interest of Grant County;
6. Appoint the Clerk as Chief Purchasing Agent, Federal & State Withholding Tax Agent, Social Security Agent, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Agent and Insurance Agent for Grant County, as well as Public Information Officer, Freedom of Information Officer, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator;
7. Appoint Randy McCauley Public Works Supervisor;
8. Appoint Christopher Burdette as Noxious Weed Director;
9. Appoint Marilea Honstead as Civic Center Building and Grounds Manager;
10. Appoint Toni Irvin as Health Department Administrator;
11. Appoint Dr. Douglas Johnson as County Health Officer;
12. Appoint Don Button as Emergency Management Coordinator;
13. Appoint Paul Fort as Emergency Medical Services Director;
14. Appoint John Crosby as Fire Chief;
15. Appoint O. La-Vonne Michael as Senior Center Director

Janet Stewart made the motion to set mileage at 58 cents per mile when using personal vehicles for county business. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve agenda items 17, a-o of the organizational agenda. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- a. Lance Babcock for Sheriff's Department, and Juvenile Justice;
- b. Paul Fort for Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment Funds;
- c. John Crosby for Fire and Fire Equipment Funds;
- d. Randy McCauley for Road & Bridge, Special Highway Improvement, Road Machinery, Noxious Weed, Noxious Weed Equipment Funds;
- e. Cindy Wellbrock for Appraiser Fund;
- f. Dana McDaniel Register of Deeds and R.O.D. Technology Funds;
- g. Terri Trotman for Treasurer, Treasurer Technology, Motor Vehicle Funds;
- h. Jessica Akers for Attorney, Prosecutor Training and Diversion Funds;
- i. Don Button for Emergency Management Fund;
- j. Toni Irvin for Health Department Fund;
- k. Marilea Honstead for Park Maintenance Fund;
- l. Chairman of the Fair Board for Fair Fund;
- m. O. La-Vonne Michael for Senior Center Fund;
- n. Chairman of the Airport Board for Airport Fund;
- o. Sheila Brown for all Other Funds

Board Appointments

- a. Board on Aging – Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Pam Gindlesberger and Ronnie Young to the Board on Aging. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Economic Development Board – Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Laura Varela to the Economic Development Board. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- c. Library Board – Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Shirley Wilson to the Library Board of Trustees. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented Resolution 19-01, a Resolution enhancing mutual aid, giving the Fire Department permission to participate in a Strike Team/Task Force consisting of Fire Departments in the surrounding area to assist in major wildfires or disasters. Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 19-01 allowing the Fire Department to be members of the Strike Team and assist with fires. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, informed commissioners Seward County Landfill tipping fee will increase by \$1.00 starting February 1, 2019 and he will be raising the transfer trash fee at the Transfer Station by \$1.00. Next, the Public Works Supervisor requested

the construction/demolition fee and metal fee increase by 50 cents per ton. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve raising fees to \$12.00 per ton on construction/demolition and metal with an \$8.50 minimum rate. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on a proposed solar energy facility on private land northeast of town. Per state statute solar energy is exempt from taxes for 10 years. The clerk was directed to contact the owners to discuss a payment in lieu of taxes when the project is completed.

Commissioners reviewed the Grant County Community Foundation 2019 grant distribution to the Ambulance and Health Department. It was the consensus of commissioners to request the allocation.

Discussion was held on the Pioneer Electric capital credit allocations to the hospital. It was the consensus of commissioners all capital credits prior to the lease agreement with Centura Health should be returned to the County.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn for the day at 1:25 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2019. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Kevin Shapland, Chairman