

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: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Paul Fort, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Richard Banes, Solid Waste Committee Member, presented recommendations for the 2018 Solid Waste Management Committee Members. Martin Long made the motion to adopt the 2018 Grant County Solid Waste Management Committee as presented. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners. First, Ms. Honstead presented Fair Board Bylaws and indicated all recommended changes had been made. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt the Fair Board Bylaws effective immediately. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Secondly, the Civic Center Manager requested a new copier and presented two quotes. Martin Long made the motion to accept the best bid from Southern Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$8,246.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Ms. Honstead presented bids to rebuild two horse barns that were hail damaged. Commissioners discussed tearing down the barns and rebuilding versus repairing the damage. It was the consensus of commissioners to tear down the current horse barns. Commissioners were waiting on confirmation from the insurance adjuster so bids were tabled until the next meeting.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, requested permission, on behalf of the Recreation Board, to erect a new building on the Prairie Wind Park which is owned by Grant County. It was the consensus of commissioners the GCRC could make any improvements to the park they want and can afford. Ms. Anderson will return with a contract at a later meeting.

Grant County Community Foundation Executive Director, Judy Keusler, and Ken Keusler, said the process to disaffiliate from Western Kansas Community Foundation and move funds to Grant County Bank Trust Department is complete. Also, the statement received by Western Kansas Community Foundation was erroneous and unsolicited. Next, Ms. Keusler relayed funds cannot be released to nonprofit business. Since the care home was sold decisions needed to be made on the care home funds held by GCCF. Lastly, grant funds are available in 2018 for Ambulance \$4,140.00 and Health Department \$5,712.00. Later in the meeting Martin Long made the motion to allow the Ambulance and Health Department to draw the grant funds. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed a clerical error made on an employee causing the employee not to receive vacation owed to them. Martin Long made the motion to give Barbara Groomer the option to take a two week vacation in 2018 that was owed to her in 2017, or get paid for it. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to enter into Agreement for Services for Improvements to the Ulysses Airport FAA AIP Project No. 3-20-0084-016-2018 with H.W. Lochner, Inc. to construct T- Hangars consisting of 6-units including individual approach pavement, at a cost for engineering services not to exceed \$33,000.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes of the January 16 and January 29, 2018 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$270,694.23 dated January 17 and January 31; voucher numbers ending 155183 totaling \$780,293.35. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Public Works Supervisor to discuss an employee leaving employment under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the Sheriff to discuss a possible employee hire under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2018. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman