

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.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners to request funding to build two horse barns. Martin Long made the motion to enter into contract with Rob-Bilt to build two new horse barns at a cost of \$42,815.00 with the insurance paying \$30,868.81 toward the project and County Building funding the remaining \$11,946.19; furthermore, to spend \$11,591.84 for posts, quikrete, and continuous fencing and gates, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed a letter received from KPERS requesting unfunded actuarial liability owed to KPERS by Grant County as a result of the sale of The Legacy Care Home. Commissioners requested the clerk have an attorney look over the demand letter before payment will be considered.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, voiced concerns with the Ambulance budget and how it would be effected by the American Heart Association's increase in book and CPR cards. After discussion it was decided to review the Ambulance budget closer to the end of the year for a possible amendment.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Supplemental Agreement No. 1, an agreement to mutually supplement the Original Master Agreement to reflect a change in the exchange provisions of the Federal Fund Exchange Program. The Agreement was reviewed and approved. Next, tree grinding at the Transfer Station is down to the point of when the disaster hit last year. It will cost \$30,000.00 to finish grinding down the remaining trees. Commissioners could not warrant spending \$30,000.00 more on tree grinding and requested the Public Works Supervisor discuss the pricing with Mr. Swank.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held on the proposed closing of ½ mile on Road 4. Those in attendance were: Randy McCauley, Road Department Supervisor; and Andy Smaltz, Rocking Heifer Manager. With no objections to the closing, Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 18-02, a Resolution that Grant County, Kansas close one half mile of Road 4 further described as a point on the easterly right of way of Kansas 25 Highway 50 feet east of the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 27 South, Range 37 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian Grant County, Kansas and terminating at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$140,380.00 dated February 14; voucher numbers ending 155302 totaling \$177,369.68. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike Anderson, Skylite Construction, informed commissioners he had made contact with the insurance adjuster and discussed scope of work on the Civic Center roof. Next commissioners reviewed bids for the hail damage repair. Martin Long made the motion to award Bidder 7 C. Malone Enterprises \$384,590.82 for the following building: Extension Building; Civic Center Complex to include Office, Restroom/Concession at Rodeo Arena, Restroom East of 4-H; Baseball Complex to include - Restroom; Round Top, Shop Building, Southwest Field, two Gable Sheds, Northwest Field, Southeast Field, North-Northeast Field, South-Southeast Field, Road Department to include - Main Building, Wood Storage Shed; Airport to include - Gold Hangars, Silver Hangars; Transfer Station to include - Office, Transfer Building, Shop; Gun Club; Pool Complex; Museum to include - Old Hotel, Old County Shop; Senior Center; Library; and Courthouse; and award Bidder 9 Skylite Construction \$292,675.00 for the following buildings: Civic Center Complex to include Main Building, 4-H Building, Commercial Building, Livestock, Park Area Covered; Museum; and LEC Building. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested commissioners allow him to continue being a member of Kansas All-Hazards Incident Management Team. Commissioners reviewed and approved the three year commitment.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Alejandro's Restaurant. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Tim McCauley, Kenneth Warner, Larry Velasquez, Jerry Jo Deckert, and John Duran; Interim City Administrator, Alan Olson; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton. Discussion was held on a joint Christmas/Employee Appreciation Dinner for employees and their spouses. It was the consensus of commissioners to participate with the city.

Commissioners adjourned at 2:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2018.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman