

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 Pastor Nathan Engleman 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; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a Nomination for County Weed Director recognizing Christopher Burdette as the new Director, which was reviewed and approved. Commissioners reviewed and approved two road crossing permits.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, introduced a plat map for Sunflower Ridge Subdivision. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the final rezone and plat map for Sunflower Ridge Subdivision. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented plans for a new Fire Station Building. Richard Banes remained for this portion of the meeting. It was the consensus of commissioners to hire an architect to draw up specifications for the proposed building. The specifications will be used in the contractor bidding process. Commissioner Long directed the Fire Chief to seek bids for drawing up specifications and bring them to the next commissioner meeting.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, explained the need for a new ambulance and invited commissioners to look at a Type III Ambulance from Osage Ambulance. Osage Ambulance quoted the demo unit for \$186,500.00.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$141,821.11 dated February 28; voucher numbers ending 155414 totaling \$382,572.59. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

After reviewing a contract for 2018 GIS Map Maintenance, Kevin Shapland made the motion to renew the agreement with Kimble Mapping at a cost of \$8,400.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to file in the District Court of Grant County a Petition for Tax Sale pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60, against the following real estate properties: Luz Del Carmen Gonzalez-Ramos; Esmerelda Hernandez; Perla A. Manzano; Missael Hernandez;

Cayetano and Claudia Lucero; and Claude D. Pearce. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Commissioners discussed a request from Lucinda Davis to continue farming 21.2 acres of county owned property under Vaden Shorter Trust. Commissioners directed the clerk to contact Ms. Davis to let her know the Lease Agreement would need to be with the producer.

Jim Northcutt, CPA, inquired whether commissioners still wanted to do an audit of the care home and assisted living for 2017, since the County no longer owned the facilities. It was the consensus of commissioners an audit would not be necessary.

At 11:50 a.m. Martin Long made the motion to adjourn until 1:15 p.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike Kimball, Attorney, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with Mr. Kimball to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and consultation of possible litigation. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned at 2:15 p.m. to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2018.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman