

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jon Becker provided prayer.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented information and asked if Grant County would be interested in joining with Pete Olson in litigation against drug companies for the increased cost to counties, cities and hospitals in dealing with opioid addiction and over doses. The cases would be on a contingent fee and Grant County would have no costs in the litigation. Kevin Shapland made the motion to join the litigation involving the opioid epidemic with Skikos, Crawford, Skikos and Joseph, LLP; Bertram & Graf, LLC; and Pete Olson Law. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Clerk for 15 minutes to discuss employee conduct 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. Commissioners unanimously agreed employees should turn in mileage reimbursements as stated in the personnel manual and not fuel personal vehicles at the County fuel pumps.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, met with commissioners to discuss the new Fire Station. Commissioners Stewart shared her visit with Ashley Fiss, Architect. Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the Fire Chief to discuss buildings under the justification of preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued with no action taken.

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; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented four road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners reviewed a Resolution to restrict animals in County owned buildings. Commissioners instructed the County Clerk to revise the Resolution allowing for livestock and pet shows at the Civic Center Complex and present it at the next meeting.

Daniel Sutton, One America Financial Partners, and Darrell Phillips, DPI Benefits, representatives for Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Retirement Plan, met with commissioners to conduct a Fiduciary Investment Review on the hospital Social Security

Alternate Plan. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow DPI Benefits to make necessary changes as defined in the Fiduciary Investment Review. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark Hinde, President/CEO of Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI), gave a presentation and presented the SDSI 2019 appropriation request of \$47,136.00, a decrease of \$2,676.00 from the 2018 request. Mary Gleason, Board Member, and Jane Leitheiser guest, attended this portion of the meeting. Ms. Gleason informed commissioners her board position would be replaced with Ms. Leitheiser due to health reasons. Commissioners thanked Ms. Gleason for her years of dedication.

Scott Kedrowski, Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), gave a presentation and presented the RCDC 2019 appropriation request of \$35,000.00, same as the previous year request.

Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims Management Agent, and Linda Leggette, requested permission to quote Grant County insurance rates. It was the unanimous decision of commissioners not to release information at this time.

The County Clerk presented a quote to repair the old county shop building. Martin Long made the motion to allow C Malone Enterprises to repair the metal siding on the old county shop building at a cost not to exceed \$4,900.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$139,662.87 dated March 28; voucher numbers ending 155645 totaling \$503,195.41. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

Martin Long made the motion to contribute \$1,000.00 toward the 2018 Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the need to continue paying a subscription to Kansas Association of Counties for access to an online compensation survey. Martin Long made the motion to stop participating in the survey. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners recessed at 11:50 a.m. for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with the Centura/BWMGCH Executive Team: Dr. Barker, Jill Robinson RN, Cindy Howard-Reeves, and Tammy Oxford; St. Catherine Hospital Executive Team: Scott Taylor, Amanda Vaughn, and Nancy Killion; Centura/BWMGCH Board of Trustee Members, Lynn Teeter, Mike Brewer and newly appoint Keith Wood. Ms. Vaughn gave a quarterly update of happenings of BWMGCH.

Reid Borchetta, Clerk of District Court, presented quotes and relayed the Court's computer system was dangerously close to crashing. Martin Long made the motion to purchase from Nex-Tech a firewall, server, APC power supply, and software at a cost not to exceed \$10,453.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Clerk of the Court fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike Kimball, Attorney, held a conference call with commissioners and requested an executive session. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with Mr. Kimball for consultation of possible litigation. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, visited with commissioners about the upcoming tax sale of Nexsun property.

Commissioners adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2018.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman

