

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Larry Borthwick, Pastor, provided prayer and Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Borthwick announced the National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 4 and asked permission to pray on the steps of four county facilities – Courthouse 7:00 a.m., Care Home 9:00 a.m., Assisted Living 10:00 a.m., and Senior Center 11:30 a.m. The commissioners gave their approval and thanked Pastor Borthwick for his continued support.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; LaVonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a Local Disaster Declaration for commissioner consideration. Kevin Shapland made motion to adopt Resolution 17-01, a Resolution proclaiming a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Grant County, Kansas due to a 16" wet snowstorm with strong winds leaving significant damage throughout the County. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer and Terri Trotman, incoming County Treasurer, met with commissioners to discuss the new County Treasurer's salary for budget purposes. Commissioners suggested inputting the current treasurer salary and the actual wage will be set when Ms. Trotman officially takes office in October.

Vicki Hubin, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC), gave a presentation and requested \$10,000.00 for their 2018 appropriation. In 2016 Grant County used the services of WKCAC to investigate 37 cases of child abuse allegations.

Paul Fort, EMS Director and Terry Crosby, EMS Operations Officer, presented bids for Ambulance building and grounds repair. Commissioners made the unanimous decision to table bids for storm water drainage repair. Martin Long made the motion to accept the quote from J&M Paint and Wallcovering to include tile and carpet at an estimated cost of \$2,953.32, with the understanding this project could have cost overrun with the unknowns connected to the sewer drain repair, 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 the Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement with David Huddler for hangar unit 8-5. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented bids for an electric gate to be placed at the Road and Bridge building rear entrance. The request was tabled. Commissioners reviewed and approved a Notice of Project Award to Heft and Sons for the Road 5 Asphalt

Overlay Project; an Agreement for Engineering Services with Kirkham and Michael for the Road 5 Asphalt Overlay Project; and a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the State of Kansas Secretary of Transportation for Project 34 C-4802-01 Preliminary Engineering Design Services by Consultant to cover various miles of Permanent Signing. Later in the day the electric gate was deliberated. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from Superior Fence at a cost not to exceed \$13,832.80. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to give Jerry Jo Deckert \$250 in Ulysses Bucks at her retirement reception to thank Ms. Deckert for 37 years of service to Grant County. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the current county life insurance policy for employee, spouse and children. Prudential Life Insurance will drop Grant County's plan January 1. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the quote from Principal Life Insurance at the current level of life and disability insurance. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to pay Emergency Medical Service staff, Road Department staff, and Sheriff's Department staff at a rate equal to time and a half for working on Monday May 1; and to give all non-essential employees asked to stay home during the clean-up from the blizzard regular pay. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The clerk informed commissioners the Clerk of the District Court vouchers include a \$21.54 claim with no receipt. After discussion, Martin Long made the motion to approve the \$21.54 claim from District Court. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Long instructed the clerk to send a memo reminding departments that all warrants for payment must be presented to the commissioners with a full written account of the items or services furnished as per general statutes of Kansas. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$135,353.43 dated April 26; voucher numbers ending 153077 totaling \$473,743.73. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. to meet again in regular session on May 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Janet Stewart, Chairman