

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.

Stacey Montgomery and Heather Trinkle with Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), gave a presentation and presented the RCDC 2018 appropriation request of \$35,000.00, same as the previous year request.

Mark Hinde, President/CEO of Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI), and Mary Gleason, Board Member, gave a presentation and presented the SDSI 2018 appropriation request of \$49,812.00, an increase of \$1,145.00 from the 2017 request.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess to executive session for 20 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$148,618.65 dated May 10; voucher numbers ending 153190 totaling \$148,183.12. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Alyssa Hammond, Ulysses News, encouraged commissioners to participate in the next edition of "Experience Grant County" at a cost of \$698.00 for a full page ad. Martin Long made the motion to participate with a full page ad. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed a Land Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (a subsidiary of AT&T) to put a cellular tower near the Transfer Station. Commissioners stated they would prefer New Cingular Wireless buy the land instead of a lease and made the unanimous decision not to enter into agreement with them.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess to executive session under the land acquisition exception for 10 minutes. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners held a conference call with Nick Cacciabando of Senior Living Investment Brokerage. After a brief discussion on closing dates, Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess to executive session under the land acquisition exception with Mr. Cacciabando for 10 minutes. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.


Paul Fort, EMS Director, presented a plan to reduce overtime for his department and explained how the four man shift schedule would work. The EMS Director requested

permission to hire an additional paramedic for the new schedule. Hiring another paramedic would give EMS six full time paramedics with the EMS Director included. Discussion was held on hiring a paramedic versus hiring office help. Commissioners tabled the new hire until later in the day. Later in the day commissioners requested the EMS Director return to the meeting. After review of a new employee benefit package and brief discussion on the Operation Officer duties, it was the unanimous decision of commissioners to wait on hiring another paramedic.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, informed commissioners the Commercial building roof was needing repairs and she would be returning at a later date with bids. Next, Ms. Honstead requested an executive session for matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess to executive session with the Civic Center Manager for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Commissioners instructed the Civic Center Manager to compose a letter to the disruptive visitors at the Civic Center notifying them altercations with county employees would not be tolerated.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to enter into contract with Terracon Consultants for Permitting/Engineering Services at the Transfer Station which include groundwater monitoring, site inspections and Kansas Department of Health and Environment reporting, at a cost of \$6,900.00. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners adjourned at 12:10 p.m., to meet again in regular session June 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman