

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

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; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. Discussion was held on K.S.A. 12-105a and 12-105b, laws pertaining to procedure for payment of claims.

Ryan Swank, Swank's Services, and Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners to discuss the large amount of tree debris discarded at the Transfer Station from the May 1, 2017 snow storm. Mr. McCauley estimated 2,000 ton and more coming in every day. Mr. Swank gave a verbal estimate of \$600.00 an hour or \$20.00 a ton for grinding trees and explained paying per ton would be cheaper in this situation. Commissioner Long requested the Public Works Supervisor seek bids from other tree grinders to compare fees. Later in the day commissioners decided to wait until FEMA ruled whether this storm was reimbursable before making a decision.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, spoke to commissioners about sending a letter to the Security and Exchange Commission requesting they release 85 acres of prime industrial site owned by Nexsun Ethanol of Kansas, LLC. Martin Long made the motion to recess to executive session under the land acquisition exemption for 10 minutes with the Economic Development Director. Kevin Shapland 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 bids to replace four windows at the Ambulance building. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from JR's Glass to replace four windows at a cost not to exceed \$2,400.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the EMS Director requested permission to hire another full time paramedic. Martin Long made the motion to hire one additional full time paramedic to help reduce the EMS overtime. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Compass Behavioral Health Center Executive Director, Lisa Southern; Region III Director, Missi Martinez; and local board members, Jerry Jo Deckert and Don Button, met with commissioners. Ms. Southern gave a presentation and presented their 2018 appropriation request of \$102,785.00, the same as prior year.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Emergency Management 2018 budget request and explained the need to raise his and secretary wage.

Commissioners joined a conference call with Matt Schlichter, Broker for Network Real Estate. Discussion was held on concerns commissioners were having with a Land Lease Agreement between the County and New Cingular Wireless PCS (a subsidiary of AT&T). Commissioners agreed they will need to gather more information before making a final decision on the agreement.

The clerk informed commissioners the Road Department and the Health Department had vouchers with claims that were not itemized. After discussion, Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, May 22, and May 24, 2017 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county to include three non-itemized claims from restaurants, payroll total \$137,842.04 dated May 24; voucher numbers ending 153324 totaling \$355,302.43. Furthermore the motion includes, to develop a policy for commissioners review and approval for use when claim receipts do not meet K.S.A. 12-105b. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, requested permission to dispose of the Civic Center 2000 Ford Expedition. Commissioner Long recommended checking if any other county department could use the vehicle. Martin Long made the motion to dispose of the Expedition, if no other department wanted it, by using Purple Wave Online Auction Service. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Ms. Honstead requested permission to remove vending machines from the Civic Center. She explained Charlie Unruh was the owner of the vending machines and he was not keeping the machines running or stocked. Commissioners agreed the machines need to be kept up or removed from the facility. Thirdly, Ms. Honstead explained how revamping several areas around the west parking area would help with the flow of the Fair. Martin Long made the motion to allow the extension of a chain link gate in the bull pen area at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Ms. Honstead sought approval to modify the drain system for the livestock barn to improve safety, efficiency, and parking issues. Martin Long made the motion to hire Teeter Irrigation to install a trash pump and PVC line to drain the livestock washing area at a cost not to exceed \$3,101.20, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Martin Long motioned to accept the written resignation of Eddie Franco from the Economic Development Board effective immediately; and to appoint Omar Perez to fill the vacated position. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Daris Wiebe, citizen, met with commissioners to inform them his petition language was denied by the County Attorney. Mr. Wiebe stated he fully intended to draft another petition to bring the sale of the care home to the vote of the people. Commissioners encouraged Mr. Wiebe to exercise his right as allowed in the Kansas Statute.

Cheryl Moyer, Senior Center Nurse, met with commissioners at their request. Martin Long made the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes with the Senior Center Nurse to discuss matters of non-elected personal. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 17-03, a Resolution appointing Greg E. Wellbrock as County Appraiser for a four year term starting July 1, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:25 p.m. to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2017 to review department budget requests.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman