

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.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Paul Fort, EMS Director; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; and O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented two bids for a new motor grader. Also present Ron McFarlane and Terry Stefan, Salesman for Murphy Tractor & Equipment. Foley Equipment bid \$178,035.14 for a 2018 Caterpillar 12M3, trade in allowance \$53,772.00; Murphy Tractor bid \$179,157.00 for a 2018 John Deere 670G, trade in allowance \$62,000.00. Commissioners took no action. Next, commissioners reviewed and approved Signage Project 034-C-4802-01 Commitment of County Funds in the amount of \$19,020.00 and Award of Contract to Ponderosa 1 LLC. Thirdly, road crossing permits were reviewed and approved. Later in the day Mr. McCauley returned to the meeting and reported both bids did meet specifications. Martin Long made the motion to accept the bid from Foley Equipment at a cost of \$178,035.14 for a 2018 Caterpillar 12M3, with a trade in allowance of \$53,772.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Machinery fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A Tree Replacement Proposal for the Courthouse grounds was submitted by Matt Stein, Civic Center employee. Kevin Gray, Gray's Yard Service, and Holly Mathes, Library Director, joined the meeting for a discussion on the next step to replacing all the trees around the Courthouse, Library, and Law Enforcement Center. It was the unanimous decision of commissioners to put the project out to bid later in the year with a start date for next spring. Because removal of 40' trees and stumps will ruin the yard and sprinkler system the bid will include tree removal, replace sprinkler system or fix existing, lower yard and plant grass, plant trees, and concrete repair. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Gray's Yard Service to seek someone for removal of two trees that were in danger of damaging buildings. The trees will be cut down at the earliest opportunity, but the stumps will be removed with the project next spring.

Jeff Pfingsten, Recruitment Manager for Genesis Family Health, presented a Proclamation for commissioners' consideration. Martin Long made the motion to adopt a Proclamation in Observance of National Health Center Week, August 13-19, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting; the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting with the amendment "of the three budgets submitted"

added in the second paragraph; the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$140,197.41 dated July 19; voucher numbers ending 153741 totaling \$496,421.44. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The 2017 Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Year End Outcome Report was reviewed and approved by consensus of commissioners.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

*Sheila Brown*  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



*Janet Stewart*  
Janet Stewart, Chairman