

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.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Dan Bynum, Road Foreman, submitted bids for grinding approximately 20,000 cubic yards of trees. Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, joined this portion of the meeting. Enviro Recycling of Southwest Kansas, LLC bid \$64,000.00; CS Cary bid \$65,000.00. Mr. Button said he had not heard if Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would give Grant County any disaster relieve funds for the May 1st snow storm. Commissioners requested the EM Coordinator find out on the FEMA funding before the bids were considered. Next, a Biennial Routine Bridge Inspection Contract with Kirkham and Michael at a cost of \$200.00 each bridge was reviewed and approved. Thirdly, commissioners reviewed and approved an Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services by Consultant on Project 034-C-4802-01. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor requested an executive session to discuss an employee. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Public Works Director to discuss concerns of an employee's conduct under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the bid from Kevin Gray to cut down two trees as discussed at the August 1st Commissioner Meeting. The job will require a crane to assist cutting down one tree because it is hanging over the Library building. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from Gray's Yard Service at a cost of \$6,600.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Don Button, presented an Agreement Application for Emergency Management Cost Sharing with the State of Kansas. The agreement will provide cost sharing for wages of emergency management personnel. Commissioners reviewed and approved the application.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve a Claims for Payment Policy as presented. After discussion, the clerk was instructed to revise the wording. Due to semantics the motion died for lack of a second.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$140,703.16 dated August 2; voucher numbers ending 153854 totaling \$178,861.05. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. the public hearing for the 2018 budget was held. Rita Gee, County Treasurer, attended this portion of the meeting. No one from the general public attended.

Martin Long made the motion to adopt the 2018 budget in the amount of \$17,426,318.00. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, presented a bid for two cardiac monitors. After discussion, Commissioner Long requested Zoll Medical be contacted for a quote of one monitor. Next, John Ralston, Seward County EMS Director, joined the meeting. Mr. Ralston shared how Seward County EMS runs and what a 24/7 service takes to operate. The group discussed Grant County EMS, the staffing needs, schedules, overtime, transfers, and budgeting concerns.

At 12:05 p.m. commissioners adjourned and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. at Alejandro's Restaurant for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials. Those attending from the city were: Council Members, Warren Devore and Tim McCauley; City Administrator/Chief of Police, Alan Olson; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton. General discussion was held.

After lunch commissioners resumed their meeting in the Commissioner Room. Larry Kepley, The Legacy at Park View Board Member; Kim Doty, Care Home Administrator; and Steve Stein, Care Home Maintenance, met with commissioners. Ms. Doty conveyed the closing with Midwest Health/Western Prairie Senior Living was on track for August 31, 2017 and representatives were here enrolling employees with the new company. Mr. Stein reported the contractor had been hired to replace the roofs on the care home and assisted living; and explained what was being done to the kitchen ventilation.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman