

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, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Todd Guinn provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Paul Fort, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector; and Dan Bynum, Road Foreman. Everyone wished all the best to Mr. Bynum on his upcoming retirement September 24th.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property and to include the County Clerk. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into excess session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to review actions of an employee under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Commissioner Long brought back for discussion the previous meeting request to name the Civic Center Park after a retiring employee. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Long said commissioners have taken the request under advisement and have decided not to take any immediate action on the issue.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the August 21, 2018 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$142,981.67 dated August 29; voucher numbers ending 156825 totaling \$248,678.63. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The clerk presented a bid for cement repair on a sidewalk at the Extension Office building. Three contractors were contacted but only one chose to bid. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the sole bid from WT Contracting and Dirt at a cost not to exceed \$1,965.60, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed and approved a Lease Contribution Agreement with St. Catherine Hospital/Centura Health to fund an additional two years of Operating Support in the sum of \$250,000.00 for the fourth year and \$250,000.00 for the fifth year to Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital/Centura Health.

The clerk presented bids for a new voter registration filing cabinet. Martin Long made the motion to purchase a six drawer multimedia storage cabinet from Amazon at a cost not to exceed \$750.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bids were reviewed to replace a vaccine refrigerator at the Health Department. Kevin Shapland made the motion to cost share with the State of Kansas and purchase a HPR120 Horizon Series Pharmacy Refrigerator at a cost not to exceed \$5,887.75, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Steve Tarbet requested permission to put an antenna on a county owned tower located on Highway 270 near County Road 24. Martin Long made the motion to allow Tarbet Ready Mix and Construction, Inc. to lease space on the county owned tower for \$100.00 a month for 10 years. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners shared with the Public Works Supervisor they had a compliant of tires being dumped on a landowner's property. The landowner wanted disposal charges waived at the Transfer Station. Mr. McCauley shared information on tire charges, no action taken.

At 10:50 a.m. commissioners recessed to reconvene at the Riley Ford Building to meet with the John Crosby, Fire Chief and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator. After a walk-through commissioners discussed prioritizing the proposed Fire Station remodel submitted by the Fire Chief into a two year project. Commissioners instructed the Fire Chief to start getting bids as soon as the contract on the building is approved.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:50 a.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2018.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Janet Stewart, Chairman