

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. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance.

Mark McGaughey, citizen, joined the meeting.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with commissioners to present bids for a telephone system, concrete approaches, doors, and carpet and tile for the new fire station building. Bids were opened concurrently for all projects. Mr. Button expressed his desire to also carpet the office he will be using which was not included in the carpet and tile bids. After discussion it was the consensus of commissioners to reject all bids for concrete approaches due to the variance in bidding. The Fire Chief was directed to work with bidders and return at the next meeting with new concrete approach bids. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from Silver Star Overhead Door to prepare openings and install four 2" thick steel doors at a cost not to exceed \$23,913.48; to accept the bid from Pioneer Communications to install a phone system, sonic firewall, wireless access, equipment and labor at a cost not to exceed \$6,496.75; to accept the bid from J & M Paint & Decorating Center to install carpet and tile in the front meeting room and hall to also include Emergency Management Office at a cost not to exceed \$20,796.85, and for this expense to come from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, commissioners discussed weeds in the cracks of the asphalt parking lot. Commissioner Shapland explained he had already asked Noxious Weed to spray.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County to include required prepayments on business completed today; payroll total \$141,781.68 dated October 10; voucher numbers ending 157168 totaling \$617,461.85. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Robert Moore, Moore Agency, presented dental and vision rates with Principal and relayed no rate increases this year. Enrollment for employees will start in November.


Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a contract from Kirkham, Michael and Associates to develop the Local Road Safety Plans required by the State of Kansas. The contract was reviewed and approved.

Discussion was held on the Appreciation Dinner with the City of Ulysses planned for December 7, 2018. It was the consensus of commissioners: to invite all full and part time employees and internal appointed boards; to give full time employees \$100.00 in Ulysses Bucks and all active part time employees \$50.00 in Ulysses Bucks; to allow \$300 for prize drawings; to request brisket, pulled pork, and sausage from the cater.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2019 county calendar. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the 2019 calendar as presented with the addition of county offices will close at noon on December 24th. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Liberal Area Rape Crisis & Domestic Violence Services requested commissioners observe October as violence awareness month. Commissioner Stewart proclaimed October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and stated the governing body of Grant County recognizes that violence is inconsistent with Grant County values and must not be tolerated.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn for the day at 10:15 a.m., to meet again in regular session on November 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman