

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Shapland, Commissioner Long and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Stewart was absent due to a family trip. Commissioner Long provided prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$145,387.35 dated October 11; voucher numbers ending 154333 totaling \$162,757.60. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed the sole bid to replace the deteriorating vanity tops in the Courthouse restrooms. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept C. Malone Enterprises bid to remove and replace eight counter tops with onyx counters having integrated sinks, including new faucets and drains at a cost not to exceed \$9,980.25, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bids were reviewed to paint the interior of the Senior Center part of the Senior Center/Health Department building. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the low bid from Trent Paint and Drywall at a cost not to exceed \$7,200.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners decided on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 as the date to host the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties Meeting. Discussion was held on the place, meal and speaker, the clerk was instructed to seek bids for the meal.

Jan Nissen, Associate Broker for Employers Committed to Control Health Insurance Costs (ECCHIC), proposed several options for third party self-insurance designed for Grant County employees.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, discussed issues related to the mold in the training room, office and restrooms of the Fire Station. Commissioners scheduled a Strategic Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 9 a.m. in the Commissioner Room to start the process of looking into a new location for the Fire Station.

Judy Keusler, Ken Keusler, and Jerry Jo Deckert, Grant County Community Foundation (GCCF) members, presented a Proclamation for the 6th Annual Grant County Gives Week. Commissioner Long proclaimed November 5th through 11th as Grant County Gives Week. Ms. Keusler and Ms. Deckert explained GCCF ended their relationship with Western Kansas Community Foundation. GCCF moved all Grant County accounts to the Grant County Bank so funds could be managed by the Trust Department.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a revised warranty quote from Foley Equipment with unlimited mileage included for a 2012 Caterpillar motor grader at a cost of \$12,463.30. After discussion, commissioners made the unanimous decision not to extend the warranty. Next, the Public Works Supervisor gave an update on Road 5, the project is set to start Friday and a meeting is planned with Rock Island Elevator to minimize inconvenience to the elevator. Lastly, Mr. McCauley requested permission to rent a Caterpillar Sheepsfoot Compactor for a month. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the Road Department to rent a Cat CP56 for one month at a cost of \$5,708.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Department fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Martin Long made the motion to purchase a 1984 F600 Jet Fuel Truck from Express Aviation Services at a cost of \$20,000.00 with delivery charge of \$500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund; and to contact Purple Wave Online Auction for disposal of the 1976 fuel truck. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Kevin Shapland, on the recommendation of the Airport Board, motioned to approve \$2,665.00 for an equipment upgrade to allow Grant County's Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) to connect to the National Airspace Data Interchange Network (NADIN), and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Fair Board and appoint Jessica Lattimore as the new member to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Terri Trotman. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas monthly premium rates for health and drug coverage will decrease in 2018 by 3%. Kevin Shapland made the motion to continue with the current health insurance carrier plan for 2018. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The new rates will be: employee only \$612.87; employee/child \$1,256.73; employee/spouse \$1,316.46; and family \$1,960.33.

Commissioners reviewed outstanding balances of residents when the care home/assisted living facilities were sold as part of the closing a business process. Commissioner Long requested more information on three resident balances before a decision would be made on how to proceed.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman