

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 provided prayer.

Mark McGaughey, citizen, joined the meeting.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O. La-Vonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented bids for concrete at the four new garage door openings of the Fire Station. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the bid from Armando Anguiano at a cost not to exceed \$3,525.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Fire Chief explained the plans for the Emergency Management Office end wall. The open half wall will have glass and framed in with wood. Lastly, the Fire and Emergency Management have donation money and decided to use it for televisions for the training room. It was the consensus of commissioner to allow the purchase. Later in the day commissioners visited the Fire Station. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the Fire Chief to order LED lights for the main bay at a cost of \$1,188.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Also, the Fire Chief was directed to get bids for the main bay to have metal siding to the ceiling on the east and west walls.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, and Laura Varela, local business owner, visited with commissioners. Mr. Passini requested commissioners consider Ms. Varela for the open position on the Economic Development Board. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept Jamie Kratzer's resignation and to appoint Laura Varela to fill the vacated position on the Economic Development Board. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, and Jason King, Board Member, presented an addendum to the lease agreement for the swimming pool complex and adjoining property. The addendum allows Grant County Recreation Commission to construct an additional structure on Grant County's property. Martin Long made the motion to approve the Addendum to Lease Agreement as presented. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners. First, the Civic Center Manager explained she will go over budget and requested commissioners consider amending. Martin Long made the motion, on recommendation of the auditors, to amend the 2018 Park Maintenance budget, increasing the budget authority by \$30,000.00, which will be transferred from the General fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Secondly, the trash service and the possibility of using the City of Ulysses dumpsters versus

Collectia for the Civic Center Complex was discussed. Collectia rebid their contract making their service cheaper than the City of Ulysses. Upon the recommendation of the Civic Center Manager, it was the consensus of commissioners to remain with Collectia Trash Service. Thirdly, bids were presented for upgrading electrical panels and circuits in the animal barn. Ms. Honstead relayed the Fair Board had agreed to give \$6,000.00 towards the project from their fund. Martin Long made the motion to accept the bid from Goossen Electric at a cost not to exceed \$14,300.00 to do needed repairs in the horse barn, with \$8,300.00 coming from the County Building and \$6,000.00 from the Fair fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The clerk requested commissioners revisit the voter registration filing cabinet for her office. The cabinet from Amazon was delivered twice and was damaged both times. Kevin Shapland made the motion to allow the clerk to order the voter registration filing cabinet from Material Flow at a cost of \$1,006.05, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the Technology as a Service (Taas) Lease Contract with Nex-Tech, which is set to expire this month. Martin Long made the motion to enter into a five year contract with Nex-Tech for computer leasing to the Courthouse which includes the Treasurer's Office, Clerk's Office, Register of Deeds Office, and Appraiser's Office, along with the network servers, at a cost not to exceed \$2,512.00 per month. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve minutes for the October 16, 2018 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,740.08 dated October 24th; voucher numbers ending 157327 totaling \$548,555.71. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources concerning the National Flood Insurance Program. The clerk relayed conversations with John Nickel, Grant County Bank; Steve Samuelson, Kansas Department of Agriculture; Garden City Project Manager; surrounding County Clerk's; America Flood Resource Center; and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator. After the discussion no action was taken.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:15 a.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2018 as the Board of Canvassers.

Sheila Brown

Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Janet Stewart

Janet Stewart, Chairman