

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.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Paul Fort, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented two Road Crossing Permits, which were reviewed and approved.

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Grant County Health Department and Kearny County Health Department (KCHD). The MOA is prepared for the sole purpose of establishing a cooperative agreement to apply for and receive grant money to be used to maintain the Family Planning Program in KCHD. Kevin Shapland made the motion to renew the MOA with KCHD. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the Administrator presented a MOA between Grant County Health Department and Marsha Lewis, APRN/NP. Marsha Lewis will provide Family Planning services to Grant County Health Department as a cost of \$60.00 per hour and mileage reimbursement of 110 miles per visit. Martin Long made the motion to renew the MOA with Marsha Lewis. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bids were opened from Gray's Yard Service and Ward's Garden Center for the Courthouse Lawn Project. Kevin Gray and Mike Meng attended this portion of the meeting. After reading of bids, Commissioner Long asked the bids be tabled so further design options could be explored. Commissioner Long mentioned expansion of the jail and/or changing the Courthouse lawn to allow for more parking. It was the consensus of commissioners to table the bids. Later in the day Commissioner Long relayed he would be contacting Loren Wright, County Surveyor, and working with him to design more parking and reduce the Courthouse lawn.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, met with commissioners to continue plans for a new fire station. Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Paul Fort, EMS Director, attended this portion of the meeting. LaRae Munk, an Attorney from Michigan who recently moved to Garden City, joined the Fire Chief and offered her services pro bono. She informed commissioners the 2010 census recorded Grant County as 41% Low to Moderate Income (LMI). A new survey would need to be conducted and if the LMI was 51% or higher Grant County would qualify for numerous grants. Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on a LMI study. Martin Long made the motion to allow Great Plains Development, Inc. to conduct a LMI survey in Grant County. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, gave an update on the De Lisa's Billing Service and the success they were having collecting debt. The EMS Director relayed De Lisa's recommended increasing fees to be more in line with industry standards. After reviewing current billable charges, Kevin Shapland made the motion to increase: mileage per mile to \$14.00; BLS Non Emergent to \$400.00; BLS Emergent to \$500.00; ALS Non Emergent to \$500.00; and ALS Emergent to \$600.00, effective December 1, 2017. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bids for the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties Annual Meeting meal were reviewed. Webb's Food Crew/BBQ bid a brisket meal at \$9.00 per person; Alejandro's Mexican Restaurant and Catering bid five different meal selections at \$13.00 per person. After discussion on meal selection, Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the best bid from Alejandro's at \$13.00 per person. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Tourism Council and appoint Dixie Senestraro to the Council. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed an Agreement to renew participation in the Rate Stabilization Program offered by Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP). To participate the County agrees to remain a member of KCAMP's Risk Management and Insurance Program for a continuous period of three years and in exchange receives a one-time contribution credit and an annual three year rate cap. Kevin Shapland made the motion to participate in the Rate Stabilization Program. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to purchase a used 2016 Ford Transit for transportation of patrons at the Airport, from Riley Ford Mercury Company at a cost of \$19,800.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to write-off resident non-collectable debt incurred by The Legacy at Park View Care Home in the amount of \$92,518.83. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 17 and October 24, 2017 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$147,672.02 dated October 25; voucher numbers ending 154462 totaling \$594,403.82. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:30 a.m., to meet again in special session as a Board of Canvassers at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2017.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Janet Stewart, Chairman