

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Bene Garcia with the Ulysses News was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 15-10, a Resolution to revise the Grant County Solid Waste Management Plan. Martin Long seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney; and Hospital Administrator, Art Frable; Hospital Board of Trustees, David Higgs, Mary Moyer, and Mike Brewer met with commissioners. Janet Stewart moved that the commissioners, county attorney, hospital administrator and hospital board of trustees recess to executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception for 30 minutes to conference call David Winkle, Attorney for Nelson Mullins, and Jeff Sommer with Stroudwater Associates. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Marty Long moved to return to executive session for another 15 minutes under the above exemption to continue discussions with Mr. Sommer and Mr. Winkle. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Janet Stewart moved to return to executive session for another 20 minutes under the above exemption to continue discussions with Mr. Sommer and Mr. Winkle. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued in open session. The county attorney introduced Resolution 15-11. After a brief discussion on wording, Commissioner Stewart requested the word "future" be added to the sentence "Whereas, due to the decline of the "future" financial viability of the Hospital..." Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 15-11 with the amendment "future", a Resolution to review and establish the Agreements to partner with Centura Health Corporation and St. Catherine Hospital in the leasing of Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented a contract between Builders Development Corporation and Grant County for Phase II of the Grant Prairie Addition. The Warranty Deed Contract was reviewed and approved. Next, Ms. Akers informed commissioners Phase I of the project was complete and presented the Phase I Declaration of Satisfactory Revisions Dismissal Contract, which was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, requested permission to start an after-hours on call/standby plan and pay schedule at the Road Department. Discussion was held on whether having on call pay for the Road Department was habitual enough to warrant the additional expense. Commissioners didn't see the need but advised Mr. McCauley they would consider it if the need arises. Next, Commissioner Stewart expressed her concerns with the Courthouse porch railing. Mr. McCauley assured the commissioners the damaged aluminum railing will be replaced with metal and the broken cement step will be repaired. Lastly, commissioners reviewed and approved Plans, Specifications and Contract documents for construction of K-25/Road 21 Intersection Improvement Project 1202811.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, requested commissioners review and approve a grant application for \$5,110.00 from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services for a county

employee wanting to get her paramedic license. It was the consensus of commissioners to approve the application. Next, Ms. Deckert requested permission to compensate the seminar registration fees of \$210.00 to any EMS employee interested in attending the Kansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association (KEMTA) Conference in Hutchinson. Kevin Shapland made the motion to pay the registration fee for anyone interested in going to the KEMTA Conference. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the EMS Director for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session.

The Health Department bad debt write-offs were reviewed. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow write-offs totaling \$2,340.82. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to adopt the Local Workforce Development Area I Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long moved to revise the October 20, 2015 commissioner motion to purchase a new AS400 Operation System at a cost of \$21,000.00 to \$21,323.00 to allow for the bid correction. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$134,805.83 dated December 9; voucher numbers ending 149065 totaling \$321,699.87. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

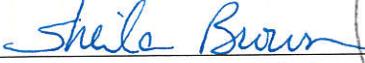
Commissioners reviewed the Grant County Pay Plan salary ranges. Martin Long made the motion to increase the pay plan maximum salary 2% starting immediately. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to the special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned 11:25 a.m.

The commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, John Duran, Ken Warner, Jerry Jo Deckert, Larry Velasquez; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in special session at 9:00 a.m. on December 18, 2015.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman