

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. Pastor Jon Becker provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, and Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 5 and January 8, 2016 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,022.47 dated January 6; voucher numbers ending 149364 totaling \$386,000.65. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart nominated Kevin Shapland to be Chairman of the Commission for 2016. Martin Long seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve agenda items 2-17 of the organizational agenda for County business. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2. Meeting dates and times for 2016 are 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m.;
3. Designated official depositories - Grant County Bank, Western State Bank, and Bank of Ulysses;
4. Designated Official Newspaper - The Ulysses News;
5. Treasurer has authority to invest County funds to the best interest of the County;
6. Clerk is appointed as the Chief Purchasing Agent, Federal & State Withholding Tax Agent, Social Security Agent, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Agent and Insurance Agent for the County, as well as Public Information Officer, Freedom of Information Officer, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator;
7. Randy McCauley is appointed as the Public Works Supervisor;
8. Ramon Clinesmith is appointed as the Noxious Weed Director;
9. Marilea Honstead is appointed as the Civic Center Building and Grounds Manager;
10. Kristy Frazee is appointed as the Health Department Administrator;
11. Dr. Douglas Johnson is appointed as the County Health Officer;
12. Don Button is appointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator;

13. Jerry Jo Deckert is appointed as the Emergency Medical Services Director;
14. John Crosby is appointed as the Fire Chief;
15. O'Lavonne Michael is appointed as the Senior Center Director;
16. Mileage is paid at current IRS rates throughout the year when using your personal vehicle for county business;
17. Appoint the following administrative heads to approve claims against the various funds of the County:
 - a. Lance Babcock for the Sheriff's Department, 911 and Juvenile Justice Funds and line item 31160/58 Jail in Courthouse General;
 - b. Jerry Jo Deckert for Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment Funds;
 - c. John Crosby for Fire Department and Fire Equipment Funds;
 - d. Randy McCauley for Road Department, Special Highway Improvement, Road Machinery, Noxious Weed, and Noxious Weed Equipment;
 - e. Greg Wellbrock for the Appraiser Fund;
 - f. Dana McDaniel for the Register of Deeds and R.O.D. Technology Funds;
 - g. Rita Gee for Treasurer, Treasurer Technology and Motor Vehicle Funds;
 - h. Jessica Akers for Attorney, Prosecutor Training and Diversion Funds;
 - i. Don Button for the Emergency Management Fund;
 - j. Kristy Frazee for the Health Department Fund;
 - k. Marilea Honstead for the Park Maintenance Fund;
 - l. Chairman of the Fair Board for Fair Fund;
 - m. O'Lavonne Michael for the Senior Center Fund;
 - n. Chairman of the Airport Board for the Airport Fund;
 - o. Sheila Brown for all Other Funds

Martin Long made the motion to increase the Sheriff's budget within General fund \$60,000.00 to allow for the new Sheriff's Deputy that was approved after the 2016 budgets were set; and to decrease the Courthouse General fund budget by \$60,000.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Board Appointments

- a. Care Home Board - Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Terry Maas to the Care Home Board. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Board on Aging - Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Pam Gindlesberger and Ronnie Young to the Board on Aging. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- c. Fair Board - Martin Long made the motion to reappoint Fair Board Members, Daron Cowan, Terri Trotman, Dennis Deyoe, Tony Cavazos, Lorrie Munsell, Lucy Vanderpool-Altis; John Koons and Mike Meyer. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- d. Economic Development Board - Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Jamie Kratzer to the Economic Development Board to fill the vacant position made by the expired term of Vicki Holman. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- e. Hospital Board of Trustees - Janet Stewart made the motion to reappoint Mike Brewer, David Higgs and Mary Moyer to the newly organized Hospital Board of Trustees; and to recommend Darrin Figgins, Gary Riley, Mike Brewer and R. Lynn Teeter to serve on the Centura Health Board of Trustees. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Larry Sharp, Member Services Representative with Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), gave a presentation on the insurance protection and risk management services of KCAMP.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, and Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, left the meeting.

The Legacy at Park View Board Members, Larry Kepley, Greg Davis, Terry Maas, George Bushnell; and Care Home Executive Director, Kim Doty, met with commissioners to discuss the dog policy at the care home and assisted living facilities. Also attending, Jessica Akers, County Attorney; Bill Stewart, Care Home Ombudsman; and Jan Scoggins, Long-Term Care Ombudsman from the Kansas Department of Administration. Mr. Kepley read a prewritten statement explaining the views of the board and what he believed to be their duties. He emphasized the board would like to be addressed through chain of command with issues concerning the care home and assisted living facilities. Commissioner Shapland requested the commissioners start getting minutes of their meetings. Commissioner Shapland and Commissioner Stewart explained they had received numerous complaints from family members of residents opposing the dogs running around at the care home. After a lengthy discussion the board stated they were comfortable with the current policy. Ms. Scoggins addressed the commissioners and discussed the positive effect dogs have on long-term care residents. The County Attorney told the group their dog policy was not matching their current practice at the care home and assisted living facilities. Their current policy did not address dogs going to work with employees. She informed the board no dogs should be brought to work with employees until a policy had been put in place, due largely to liability issues. The County Attorney also addressed the liability risks of employee dogs at the work place. After discussion it was the consensus of the group the current policy needed updating. The board requested, and the County Attorney agreed, to help with the update of the dog policy.

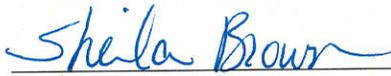
Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented Resolution 16-01. Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 16-01, a Resolution to clarify and approve the reissuance of the County's General Obligation Bonds Series 2007A (Hospital) and Series 2008A (Hospital) by executing a Certificate of Approval. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the County Attorney presented Information Release forms to complete the reissuance of the hospital bonds. The forms were reviewed and approved by commissioners.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the Semi-Annual Report for the Community Development Block Grant Loans as submitted by Faye Trent of Great Plains Development.

The Clerk requested permission to fix the air conditioning problem in the Computer Room of the Courthouse. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Ross of Ulysses to stabilize the Computer Room by repairing and adding a small air conditioning unit.

The commissioners recessed 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; City Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

Commissioner adjourned at 1:00 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on February 2, 2016.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman