

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Bene Garcia was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$137,174.67 dated February 3; voucher numbers ending 149636 totaling \$217,880.63. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, met with commissioners. Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Treasurer and County Clerk for 30 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Loren Wright, Land Surveyor; and Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners. Mr. McCauley presented a contract for engineering services with Kirkham and Michael for the Intersection K-25/Road 21 Grant County Project. Janet Stewart made the motion to enter into contract with Kirkham and Michael for engineering services with an upper limit not to exceed \$102,591.03, and for this expense to be taken from the Special Highway fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Secondly, Mr. McCauley presented a contract for engineering services with Terracon Consultants for the Transfer Station 2016 permitting and engineering services. Janet Stewart made the motion to enter into contract with Terracon Consultants for permitting and engineering services at a cost not to exceed \$7,400.00, and for this expense to be taken from the Road & Bridge fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Attorney, the Land Surveyor, and the Public Works Supervisor for 30 minutes for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to return to executive session for 10 additional minutes. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to offer \$190,000.00 to the Puckett family for approximately 200 acres of land located in Kearny County. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The legal description is Kearny County, Section 15N, Township 25S, Range 36W. The land was previously leased by Grant County for removal of sand and gravel for rural roads.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Noxious Weed Management Plan and a Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners and requested an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with Ms. Honstead for 5 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow Marilea Honstead reasonable working accommodations for health reasons; and no changes were needed to the Civic Center Manager job description. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Secondly, Ms. Honstead presented proposed changes to the Civic Center Rental Contract for security events and non-security events. The changes were associated with unauthorized use of alcohol during a scheduled event. Martin Long made the motion to implement both new policy standards effective immediately. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Thirdly, Ms. Honstead relayed the Fair Board requested she find a way to get the hog pen divider boards repaired before the 2016 Fair. Two options were discussed. Janet Stewart made the motion to use option one at a cost not to exceed \$1,168.00, and for this expense to be taken from County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Ms. Honstead explained the need to establish an area for the drainage system to empty into and prevent backing up in the line. Martin Long made the motion to allow the Civic Center to spend \$700.00 to establish an area for drainage maintenance, and for this expense to be taken from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, requested permission to close the Health Department on Thursday, February 18th so all the staff could attend mandatory training in Dodge City. It was the consensus of commissioners the Health Department could close for the day. Next, Ms. Frazee gave her formal resignation effective February 29, 2016. The commissioners accepted Ms. Frazee's resignation with regrets and thanked her for her commitment to health services. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with the Health Department Administrator for 5 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

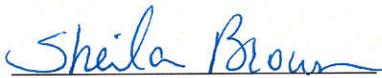
Margaret Alford, Magistrate Judge, met to discuss the letter sent out by the Kansas Department of Corrections concerning Juvenile Corrections and Prevention Services (JCAPS). Judge Alford assured commissioners the problems within JCAPS are being worked on and will be resolved in the near future.

Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Clerk for 5 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with commissioners and requested approval to dispose of an Emergency Management vehicle. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow Don Button to list a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer on Purple Wave Online Auction for disposal. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned at 5:35 p.m., to meet again in special session on February 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital and Centura Health for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland