

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. Pastor Nathan Engelmann provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Center Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented an invoice for an additional \$600.00 for the duress alarm system that was updated in the Courthouse. The fee was for another wireless repeater to reach the Akers Law Firm Office to cover the County Attorney. Martin Long made the motion to revise the February 2, 2016 commissioner motion to purchase a wave plus update from Secure Tech Systems at a cost of \$9,650.00 to now be \$10,250.00, to reflect the additional \$600.00 for another wireless repeater. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a contract proposal from Terracon Consultants for annual monitoring of groundwater at the Transfer Station. Janet Stewart made the motion to enter into agreement with Terracon Consultants at a cost of \$2,700.00 for well monitoring services. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 16 and February 18, 2016 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,849.93 dated February 17; voucher numbers ending 149764 totaling \$318,699.15. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed a counter offer on the land located in Kearny County that is leased by Grant County for removal of sand and gravel for rural roads. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept Rex Puckett's offer for 217.9 acres of land residing in Kearny County, legal description Section 15N, Township 25S, Range 36W, at a cost of \$225,000.00, and for this expense to be taken from the Special Highway fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Susan Francis made improvements to a portion of the land and was granted a contract to graze cattle with no leasing fee until the end of 2018. It was the consensus of commissioners to acknowledge the existing land contract with Susan Francis.

Martin Long made the motion to pursue the refinancing of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A (Hospital) and Series 2008A (Hospital), and allow bond counsel to begin work immediately. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

After reviewing a contract for 2016 GIS map maintenance, Kevin Shapland made the motion to enter into an agreement with Kimble Mapping at a cost of \$8,400.00 for 2016 mapping maintenance and Arc/Reader updates, and for this expense to be taken from the Courthouse General fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to adopt Bylaws of the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed and approved a letter of authorization for the Bit and Spur Club to pursue an H.U.G.S. Grant to make improvements to an announcers stand located at the Rodeo Arena.

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 with no action taken.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, updated commissioners on State grants; electronic health records; and a free cancer screening clinic scheduled for April 30th. Commissioners reviewed and approved the Health Department Aid to Local Grants through the State of Kansas.

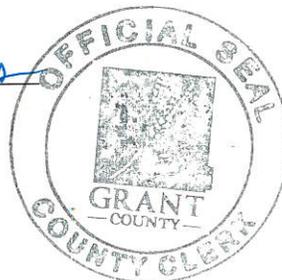
Commissioners were presented with a letter from GMCN Architects and Planners to investigate feasibility of remodeling and adding on to an existing metal building structure as requested by John Crosby. After reviewing the proposal commissioners took no action.

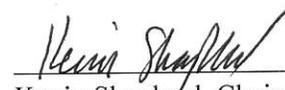
Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

At the commissioners request Toni Irvin, RN at the Health Department, joined the meeting. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with the Ms. Irvin for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to return to executive session for 10 additional minutes with Ms. Irvin. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Commissioner Long requested a special meeting be set up for March 2, 2016 to discuss appointing an interim Health Department Administrator.

Commissioners adjourned at 11:35 a.m., to meet again in special session on March 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman