

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.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.

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; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Interim Health Department Administrator; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector. Commissioners shared with the department heads a letter they received from Landmark Appraisal concerning the initial valuation of the oil and gas properties. The letter informed Grant County the total of the oil and gas property is down 60%.

Larry Borthwick, Pastor, announced the National Day of Prayer will be May 5th and asked permission to pray on the steps of four county facilities - Courthouse 7:00 a.m., Care Home 9:00 a.m., Assisted Living 10:00 a.m., and Senior Center 11:30 a.m. The commissioners gave their approval and thanked Pastor Borthwick for his efforts.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee Membership List for 2016, which was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Steve Hatlestad, Americare Senior Living Senior Vice President, met with commissioners to introduce his company and relay their commitment to fostering an environment that supports excellence in senior care. Commissioners discussed the Grant County Care Home and Assisted Living facilities and conveyed their intent to sell.

Vicki Hubin, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC), gave a presentation and requested \$10,000.00 for their 2017 appropriation. In 2015 Grant County used the services of WKCAC to investigate 30 cases of child abuse allegations.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting with the correction "the mile is shared by both counties" in the paragraph concerning road work; along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,227.31 dated April 27; voucher numbers ending 150246 totaling \$832,581.72. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Dennis Leighty to the Care Home Board to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Terry Maas. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed a contribution request from Terry Maas to help with purchasing fireworks for the Ulysses July 4th Annual Fireworks Display. Janet Stewart made the motion to contribute \$2,500.00 to the annual event. The motion died for lack of second.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a quote from P.B. Hoidale Company for a new fuel tracking system with a wireless communication package. The present system runs with Windows XP, an outdated version no longer supported by Microsoft. Martin Long made the motion to upgrade the Road Department to a Fuelmaster 2500 Plus Pro-key Unit at a cost of \$16,004.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Machinery Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

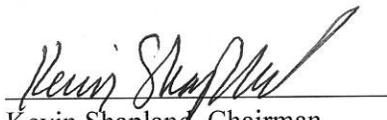
Martin Long moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss financial affairs of the county. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued in regular session with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners recessed at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy at Park View Board. Those attending were: Greg Davis, Care Home Board Member; Kim Doty, Administrator; Alisha Beims, Care Home Director of Nursing, and Steve Hatlestad, Americare Senior Living Senior Vice President. The group discussed the possible sale of the care home and assisted living facilities.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:25 p.m., to meet again in special session on May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman