

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. Commissioner Long 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; Toni Irvin, Interim Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; John Crosby, Fire Chief; and O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$136,844.51 dated June 22; voucher numbers ending 150699 totaling \$530,826.82. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shapland shared a conversation he had with Shirley Jury concerning the sand and gravel pit the County recently purchased. Ms. Jury neighbors the gravel pit and she wants to purchase a couple of acres of the property so the pit would not get too close to her homestead. After discussion Commissioner Shapland agreed to work with the County Surveyor and County Attorney and bring back information at a later meeting.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Chief District Court Judge Ambroiser requesting juror fees be increased. Janet Stewart made the motion to increase fees for jury duty to \$30.00 a day for those selected, and remain at \$10.00 a day for jurors who are not selected. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Dave Geist, Executive Director Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging; and LaVonne Michael, Board Member, presented an appropriation request of \$1,500.00 to help fund services for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Grant County.

Library Board Members, Natalie Gross, Shirley Wilson, Warren Baldwin; and Holly Mathes, Library Director, met with commissioners. The board requested \$390,303.37 for the Library Operating fund and \$116,533.37 for the Library Employee Benefits fund. This is 3.5% increase for the Library and 2.69% increase for their Employee Benefits from the previous year given amount.

Alyssa Hammond, Ulysses News, encouraged commissioners to participate in the next edition of "Experience Grant County". Janet Stewart made the motion to pay \$695.00 to participate. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The County Clerk presented the Election budget request of \$79,645.00, a 6.69% increase from prior year; the County Clerk budget request of \$112,304.00, a 1.40% increase

from prior year; and the Airport budget request of \$127,300.00, a 23.86% decrease from prior year. It was the consensus of commissioners to reduce the Election budget as the County will not ask for a Tax Lid Election in 2017.

The Legacy at Park View Board Member, Greg Davis; and Kim Doty, Care Home Administrator, presented two appropriation requests, one request would be the same level of funding the care home and assisted living have currently; and the alternate request would lower the facilities reserve funds but ask for no subsidy. Next, Commissioner Long requested the boards' opinion on whether they would prefer to pursue a not-for-profit 501c3, a management service, or a complete sale of the care home and assisted living facilities. Mr. Davis will speak to all the board members and let commissioners know their opinion. Lastly, Martin Long made the motion to hire Joseph Daniels with Integra Realty Resources out of Tampa Bay, Florida for a full building and business appraisal of the Legacy at Park View Care Home and Park View Assisted Living facilities, at a cost of \$9,950.00. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marieta Hauser, Chamber of Commerce Director, presented the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism 2017 appropriation request of \$10,625.00 for general operations, which is the same as prior year.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, presented her 2017 budget request of \$165,608.00, which is \$1,176.00 decrease from prior year.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented the Fire Department 2017 budget request of \$190,219.00, which is \$1,435.00 decrease from prior year. Next, Martin Long made the motion to purchase one air pack including harness for \$3,500.00, and for this expense to be paid out of the Fire Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Toni Irvin, Interim Health Administrator, presented the Health Department 2017 budget request of \$536,244.00, which is a 9.91% percent increase from prior year.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; and Mallory Lira, Road Department Office Manager, met with commissioners to present their 2017 Road Department budget request of \$2,388,780.00, an 8.60% decrease from prior year; and 2017 Noxious Weed budget request of \$171,855.00, an 8.03% decrease from prior year. Next, Martin Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 16-02, a Resolution to remove yield signs and replace them with stop signs on the southwest corner and northeast corner of Road 11 at Road E intersection. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

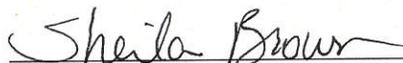
Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, presented the Ambulance Department 2017 budget request of \$550,199.14, a 4.06% decrease from prior year. After discussion on costs of transferring patients, Commissioner Long requested the EMS Director provide actual cost figures before the commissioner budget work day.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director; Jessica Akers, County Attorney; and Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser, met with commissioners. Mr. Dale requested commissioners prepare the 35 acres of Industrial Park property for potential new business. Discussion was held on several possible properties for new business near the rail. Commissioners gave Mr. Dale permission to explore potential development sites.

Carol Meyer, Regional Project Manager for Business and Community Development with Kansas Department of Commerce, presented a Resolution and requested the County continue to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Commissioners will consider the request. Next, Ms. Meyer presented the Regional 2016 Excellence in Commerce Award to Rose Blomander, owner of Big I Bail Bonds, LLC. Also attending the presentation was Vanessa Rodriguez.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented an invoice for \$7,945.00 from Conrade Insurance. The tail coverage policy will cover the Hospital Board of Trustees Oversight Board for one year after they were dissolved as agreed to in the June 21, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. It was the consensus of commissioners to pay the expense from the Hospital Holdings fund.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 4:10 p.m., to meet again in special session on June 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to review and finalize county budgets and appropriation requests. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman