

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 Jon Becker 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; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Interim Health Department Administrator; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$135,972.86 dated October 26; voucher numbers ending 151587 totaling \$806,497.51. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Richard Banes, Solid Waste Committee Member, presented recommendations for the 2017 Solid Waste Management Committee Members. Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the proposed list of members. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy Vick, Kaw Valley Insurance, presented Grant County with a proposal for partially self-funded group health insurance. No action was taken.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Loren Wright, County Surveyor, met with commissioners. First, Mr. McCauley presented a FFY 2019 High Risk Rural Road Project Funding Application for consideration of commissioners. The application covers all major roads north of Hwy 160 in Grant County. It was the consensus of commissioners to pledge 2019 state funds for the project. Next, bids were opened for crushing concrete, S&S Rock Crushing bid \$50,950.00 for 3000 tons; and Lee Construction bid \$48,700.00 for 3000 tons. The Public Works Supervisor voiced concerns on the quality of crushed concrete when using Lee Construction in the past. Martin Long made the motion to allow Grant County to enter into contract with S&S Rock Crushing at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Highway fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Thirdly, Kansas Department of Health and Environment completed their annual inspection at the Transfer Station. The report warned Grant County not to be putting organic material into the construction and demolition pit. The report allowed grass clippings and tree limbs to be turned into compost or disposed of with the daily transfers to Seward County Landfill. Grant County discontinued composting due to expense in 2014. Commissioner Long asked Randy if the grass clippings could be isolated and transferred to Seward County Landfill for composting. Later in the day Mr. McCauley returned to inform commissioners Seward County would not take Grant County's organic material. Commissioners voiced concern if Grant County charged for disposal of grass clippings, if

the clippings would end up in the ditch. It was the consensus of commissioners to continue as before and not charge for grass clippings or tree limb disposal. Fourthly, Mr. McCauley explained the metal pile was getting to high at the Transfer Station and requested permission to clean it up. He described two options: let someone pick it up and give it to them free/receive up to \$20 a ton; or load it up and take to Garden City and sell for \$55 a ton. It was the consensus of commissioners time would not allow for county disposal, so let someone pick it up. Lastly, Mr. McCauley expounded on a road accident involving one of the county motor graders.

Loren Wright, County Surveyor, reviewed the plan for taking out flower beds and concreting the entire front of the Health Department/Senior Citizen building. Janet Stewart made the motion to put out for bids the specifications proposed by Loren Wright. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Toni Irvin, Interim Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners and expressed her interest in taking the Health Department Administrator position. Commissioners requested Ms. Irvin return after lunch to discuss wage. After lunch Ms. Irvin returned to the meeting. Commissioners discussed the pay plan maximum wage. Ms. Irvin told commissioners her current wage could remain the same. Martin Long made the motion to appoint Toni Irvin Health Department Administrator at her current rate of pay. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Ms. Irvin requested a motion sensor light be installed on the back door at the Health Department. The clerk was instructed to find someone to install the light.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, presented quotes and requested permission to purchase a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department from the U.S. General Services Administration Contract through Kansas Highway Patrol Partners Program. Quotes were: 2017 Ford Expedition 8 passenger \$32,035.18; 2017 Ford Expedition 5 passenger \$31,257.48. After discussion on the benefits of eight passenger versus five, Martin Long made the motion to accept the bid for the Ford Expedition 8 passenger at a cost not to exceed \$32,035.18, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Regretfully commissioners accepted the written resignation of Kathy Olson from The Legacy at Park View Care Home Board effective December 31, 2016.

Commissioners reviewed and approved a Notice and Waiver letter supporting the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. The letter will show county support and allow them to apply for Juvenile Assistance Grant funding.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the 2017 Safety Committee Members – new member, Mallory Lira; and continuing members, John Crosby, Holly Hagerman, Mari Honstead, and Janet Stewart. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chris Floyd, Co-President, and Caleb Woods, Branch President, of First National Bank, met with commissioners and introduced First National Bank as the new bank in Ulysses. They requested commissioners consider designating them as a depository. Martin Long made the motion to accept First National Bank as a new designated depository for Grant County. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners adjourned at 3:20 p.m., to meet again in special session on November 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk





Kevin Shapland, Chairman