

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 Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners recognized refreshments received from Mid-Continental Restoration; P.E.O. Chapter; and Russell Child Development.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Lavonne Michael, Senior Center Director; and Lance Babcock, Sheriff.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$135,194.52 dated November 23; voucher numbers ending 151819 totaling \$524,788.24. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to adopt Resolution 16-07, a Resolution waiving the requirements of KSA 75-1120(a) as they apply to Grant County, and resolving the financial statement and reports of the County be prepared on the basis and budget laws of the State. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to allow Prevnar-13 to be added as a vaccination provided at no cost to county employees for anyone 65 or older. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint John Nickel to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Charles Hacker on the Board on Aging. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve a new washing machine for the Senior Center at a cost not to exceed \$599.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed two bids for concrete work at the Health Department/Senior Center building, WT Contracting and Dirt \$10,823.77; and RA Concrete Construction \$13,737.50. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the low bid of \$10,823.77 from WT Contracting to remove and replace concrete paving and seal bottom of EIFS board to concrete, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners recessed and moved their meeting to the Courtroom to accommodate 50 residents from the community. Jessica Akers, County Attorney, and Lance Babcock, Sheriff, joined commissioners. Calvin Hall submitted a petition with 497 Grant County residents' names. The petition read, "I am a deeply concerned citizen of Grant County. I am strongly opposing The House of Philip Project, and the manner in which it has been presented to this community. I would like to have a voice and I seek to permanently halt The House of Philip here in Grant County." Mr. Hall begged commissioners to do something to stop the halfway house. Brian Palkowitsh, Linden and Patty Gardner, JoAnna Rodriguez, Irene Velasquez, Cindy Koehn, Scott Bain, Lyle Hampton, and Jerry Brown spoke about concerns they had with the facility or possible ways to stop it from coming. Commissioners recognized the concerns of the group. The County Attorney spoke to the group about legal limitations of County Commissioners. Susan Dick read facts given to her concerning the facility and referred any questions to Spencer Lindsay, Director of the Working Men of Christ. No action was taken.

Commissioners resumed their meeting in the Commissioner Room. Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, requested permission to carry part of the vacation time to the next calendar year for an employee hired after August 31, per the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Martin Long made motion to grant special permission for Jonathon Wood to carry over 40 hours vacation to 2017 as provided by the policy manual. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, presented a bid to trade in two cardiac monitors and replace them with upgraded monitors. The cardiac monitors that are on the ambulances are not being supported anymore. Martin Long made the motion to allow the Ambulance Department to purchase one cardiac monitor with the funds coming from private donations and Ambulance fund capital outlay at a cost not to exceed \$31,705.65. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented one quote for a used hot power washer. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase the used pressure washer from Bart Baker Services at a cost of \$2,100.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Fire fund. The Fire Chief informed commissioners he would be hosting an EMT class soon. The Fire Department budget would pay for the booklets but the State will reimburse them as soon as the classes start.

Commissioners Shapland relayed Kathy Olson contacted him and rescinded her decision to resign from The Legacy at Park View Care Home Board. Commissioners accepted her decision to finish her term.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented a Representation Agreement from Senior Living Investment Brokerage (SLIB) to sell 510 E. San Jacinto known as The Legacy at Park View Care Home; and 750 N. Missouri known as Park View Assisted Living. Martin Long made the motion to accept the Representation Agreement with SLIB.

Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Also presented a Real Estate Sale Contract with Builders Development Corporation for 1.83 acres to be used for Phase III, a USDA 514/516 Program, which was reviewed and approved.

Commissioners moved to recessed and reconvene for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Alejandro's Restaurant. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin, Mayor; Council Members, Warren Devore, John Duran, Larry Velasquez, Kenneth Warner, Jerry Jo Deckert; City Administrator, Alan Olson; City Clerk, Sarah Britton; County Attorney, Jessica Akers; and Sheriff, Lance Babcock. General discussion was held concerning The House of Philip.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m. to meet again in regular session on December 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Kevin Shapland, Chairman

