

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News was present. Pastor Larry Borthwick provided prayer; Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners to open bids for a new backhoe loader. A 2006 Caterpillar 420E will be traded in on this purchase. Kevin White, Sales Representative with Foley Equipment, bid a Caterpillar 420F for \$87,642.74 with trade in; and Terry Stephen, Sales Representative with Murphy Tractor & Equipment, bid a John Deere 310SL for \$78,246.00 with trade in. Janet Stewart made the motion to accept the low bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a 2015 John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader at a cost of \$78,246.00 with trade in. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Long inquired if foam filled tires were included in the cost. Mr. McCauley assured commissioners it was included and they would be on the equipment when delivered at the Transfer Station in 45 days. Next, commissioners reviewed and approved a road crossing permit. Mr. McCauley gave an update on the Hwy 25 and Road 21 Intersection Realignment Project.

Larry Borthwick, Pastor, announced the National Day of Prayer will be May 7th and asked permission to pray on the Courthouse steps at 7:00 a.m. The commissioners gave their approval and support.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented a plat map for the Smith Addition. The commissioners reviewed and approved a re-plat of the Smith Addition, Block 4 Lot 3, dividing the property into three plots.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 7 and April 13, 2015 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county including reimbursement for a meal to Reid Richardson and the new commissioners' desk and clerk's desk to Peter Wall; payroll total \$130,293.73 dated April 15; voucher numbers ending 147244 totaling \$233,419.40. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners per their request to discuss the Child Care Licensing Program. Terria Ashby, owner of Bella's Playhouse Daycare Home, attended this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Shapland voiced concerns with the letter sent out by the Health Department to the Day Care Providers. The letter stated the commissioners cut the Health Department budget and Commissioner Shapland clarified their budget was fully funded. Commissioner Shapland shared the Child Care Providers contacted commissioners to attend a meeting, and then each commissioner took time to relay concerns and comments made by the providers. Ms Frazee informed commissioners she still was in favor of transferring the responsibilities for the Child Care Licensing Program back to the state, but had contacted the State and she could still get the no county match Child Care Licensing Grant of \$7,500.00, if the

commissioners wished. Janet Stewart made the motion to reinstate the Child Care Licensing Program through the Health Department; apply for any grant monies that are available; allow the County to pick up any unfunded balance for the program. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Long expressed the need to engage with groups before making a decision to cut services.

The upcoming public meeting regarding progress to-date on the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital's affiliation options process was discussed. The meeting is set for May 4th in the South Room of the Civic Center.

Martin Long made the motion to have the minutes reflect the sale by private auction of 139.3 acres county owned property to J & L Smith Farms, located on the SE 1/4 of Section 7-28-37. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, met with commissioners per their request. Discussion was held on private vehicle light bars. An employee request was reviewed and at the end of discussion no action was taken.

The commissioners recessed at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the City of Ulysses Officials. Those attending from the city were: Council Members, Jerry Jo Deckert, and Kenneth Warner; City Clerk Sarah Britton and Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on May 4, 2015.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Kevin Shapland, Chairman

