

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners. The Access Agreement with Schlumberger Technology Corporation was discussed. Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the Access Agreement Contract with Schlumberger Technology Corporation. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the demand letter from a taxpayer was reviewed with no action taken. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes for consultation with the County Attorney which is deemed attorney client privileged. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was taken as result of the executive session.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21 and April 30, 2015 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$130,481.89 dated April 29; voucher numbers ending 147340 totaling \$977,008.68. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News, joined the meeting. Commissioner Stewart provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser; Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager; and John Crosby, Fire Chief.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and John Crosby, Fire Chief, met with commissioners to request two Berkeley pumps. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase one pump for the Fire Department and one pump for the Road Department at a cost not to exceed \$4,691.57. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Crosby left the meeting. Mr. McCauley presented a road crossing permit, which was reviewed and approved. He also presented the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Fund Exchange Program Agreement, which was reviewed and approved.

Garrett Harper, New York Life Agent, met with commissioners and asked permission to offer New York Life 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Grant County employees. Some employees expressed an interest due to the resent changes with the present 457 Deferred Compensation Plan that is being administered by KPERS. Martin Long made the motion to expand benefits to employees by adopting Resolution 15-03, a Resolution to offer the New York Life 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to Grant County employees. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Joe Liebbrandt and Mary J. Sullivan, Grant County Extension Agents; and Extension Board Members, Anita Wendt, Jaime Kratzer, Emily Mullen, and Keith Wood, presented information and submitted a 2016 budget request of \$173,000.00.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, submitted nine Designation of Emergency Vehicle forms for commissioner approval. Approval of the form will allow private fire response vehicles to have light bars mounted on their vehicles. Commissioner reviewed and approved the forms.

The commissioner adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy at Park View Board. Those attending were: Care Home Board Member Larry Kepley; Care Home Administrator, Kim Doty; and Care Home Director of Nursing, Alisha Beims. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. the commissioners reconvened in the South Room of the Civic Center. Director of Stroudwater Associates, Jeff Sommer; Centura Service Line Director for Rural Health, Bob Wallace; and President/CEO with St. Catherine Hospital; Scott Taylor, joined commissioners to host a public informational meeting to introduce Centura Health Corporation as the preferred partner for the Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital. There were 70 citizens in attendance.

Commissioners adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to meet again in regular session on May 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman