

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. Commissioner Stewart 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; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator. A new budget spreadsheet was shared with department heads and commissioners requested departments use the uniform layout for their 2017 budget requests.

During the department head meeting Commissioner Shapland presented the service awards. Diane Talbert attended this portion of the meeting. Service award honorees were: Health Department – Norma Bowen 10 years, Toni Irvin 15 years; Ambulance Department – Jerry Jo Deckert 35 years, Mark Pata 10 years; Treasurer's Office – Rita Gee 25 years; Sheriff's Office – Larry Dale Godfrey 10 years; Road Department – Ranford Grubbs 25 years, Martin Hernandez 15 years, David Lee 15 years, Herbert Metcalf 25 years, Lee Wright 10 year; Senior Center – Judith Mills 10 years; Appraiser's Office – Bonnie Wells 15 years; and County Commissioner – Martin Long 10 years.

Judy Keusler, Ken Keusler, Kristy Frazee and Lori Deyoe, Grant County Community Foundation, presented a Proclamation for the 4th Annual Grant County Gives Week. Martin Long motioned and Janet Stewart seconded to proclaim November 2 through November 7, 2015 as Grant County Gives Week.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, presented commissioners with the 2014 Tax Roll & September Distribution figures. Next, Jessica Akers, County Attorney, joined the meeting with the County Treasurer to discuss delinquent taxes and a county tax sale. Commissioners requested the County Attorney investigate the statute on whether a non-homestead property could be in this tax sale after two years of none payment of taxes. It was the consensus of commissioners if the non-homestead property qualified they would pursue a tax sale, otherwise there was not enough to justify the cost at this time.

Scott Taylor, St. Catherine Hospital President/CEO, and Jessica Akers, County Attorney, discussed the Centura Health draft lease agreement concerning the board structure. The agreement establishes two boards for the hospital. Mr. Taylor explained the local board will have three members that are Grant County residents and would meet quarterly or semi-annually. The other board which is a subsidiary board of Centura Health would be advisory and have five members that are Grant County residents, but never less than three and no more than nine members at one time. The advisory boards' duties were discussed. An advisory board member would serve a three year term and could serve for

three consecutive terms, for a total of nine years. Commissioners requested a summary of the advisory boards' responsibilities. Mr. Taylor agreed to prepare the summary and send it to each commissioner at a later date. Scott Taylor left the meeting. Lastly, the County Attorney relayed Builders Development Corporation (BDC) has their permit and meets the deadline for the reversionary clause on the 1.32 acres located at 300 E. Maize. BDC is ready to start Phase II of the III phase project. Ms. Akers asked commissioners if they wanted to proceed with the next phase of the real estate transaction. Commissioners agreed to proceed with Phase II. The 1.86 acres will be advertised for sale after a resolution has been adopted by commissioners. Commissioners requested the County Attorney prepare a Resolution and bring it before them at their next meeting.


Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, was concerned the Health Department budget line item for medical supplies was going to go over. Discussion was held on the overall Health Department budget. Next, Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase electronic health records software, training, hardware and one year subscription fee with the county's portion being \$8,575.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Frazee received \$19,100.00 in grant donations to pay the remaining cost for the electronic health records package.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 15 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$264,910.31 dated September 16 and 30; voucher numbers ending 148508 totaling \$473,393.76. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the 2016 Grant County observed holiday and commissioner meeting dates calendar with two changes - add March 25, Good Friday as a holiday and remove December 28 as a holiday. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to pay \$713.94 for repair of a tractor at the Civic Center, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2015.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Kevin Shapland, Chairman

