

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

Emily Mullen, County Extension Council Member, presented an Appreciation Award to commissioners for service to Kansas Cooperative Extension programs.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting along with all claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$134,520.62 dated December 7; voucher numbers ending 151947 totaling \$238,855.67. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to the special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the Airport T-hangar Lease Agreement with Carl and Deanna Johnson for hangar unit 8-11. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to sell 223 N. Main, formally known as Brewer's Clinic, and to contract with Stutzman Reality and Auction to find a buyer. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mary Sullivan, Southwest Regional Director for K-State Research and Extension; and Billie Chesney, Grant County Extension Agent, met with commissioners to update and discuss forming an Extension District and include Stevens, Stanton, and Morton Counties. Ms. Sullivan explained it would allow extension agents to have more program opportunities. Commissioners voiced concerns over the mill levy law associated with forming an extension district. The County Extension Agent will get additional information and set up an educational meeting at a later date.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continue in open session with no action taken.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners per their request. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the County Attorney for consultation which is deemed attorney client privileged. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Martin Long motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 3, 2017. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman