

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided prayer.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, informed commissioners the last hospital Certificate of Deposit at First National Bank matures March 3, 2017 and requested guidance on how to invest the money. It was the consensus of commissioners to move the CD to the Money Market.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$130,913.03 dated February 15; voucher numbers ending 152549 totaling \$234,777.68. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to appoint Jeff Pfungsten to fill the expired term of Chris Wagner on the Economic Development Board. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Dave Otis to a two year term on the Tourism Board replacing the expiring term of Archie DeBruce. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Bill Stewart to a four year term on the Tourism Board to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Trotman. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Kevin Shapland made the motion to reappoint Ginger Anthony to a two year term on the Tourism Board. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Terry Crosby, EMS Interim Director, to the Southwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service Region Board. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to allow Ambulance Department bad debt write-offs totaling \$8,789.47. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented two contracts for commissioners' approval. Martin Long made the motion to request exchange of federal funds under the Federal-Aid Fund Exchange Master Agreement totaling \$89,998.09. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The exchange from federal funds to state funds at 90% will give Grant County \$80,998.28 to bank or use for Grant County road projects with the exclusion of stockpiling materials. Next, discussion was held on the dropping prices of asphalt. Mr. McCauley expressed the need to overlay 15 miles of Road 5. Kevin Shapland made the motion to let bids for 15 miles of asphalt overlay on Road 5 starting at Highway 25 going east to the county line; and to enter into agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates at a cost of \$4,000.00 for engineering services. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed an EMS Operations Officer job description and the Pay Plan Committee recommendations. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the following six

recommendations 1) Add EMS Operations Officer job description and rank the position 8 in the Pay Plan Schedule; 2) Change the final maximum salary for Paramedics position to \$24.44 in the Pay Plan Schedule; 3) Remove part time from all position titles in the Pay Plan Schedule within Ambulance since part time does as much, is trained the same, and carries as much responsibility as full time in that department; 4) Remove Pay Plan Schedule position title Part Time EMT; 5) Change Pay Plan Schedule position title Part Time EMT-B to EMT; and 6) Remove Pay Plan Schedule position Operator III. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to give Robyn McKown and Barbara Groomer a wage increase of \$18.54 an hour to be retroactive to their Paramedic certification. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners held a conference call with Terry Crosby, EMS Interim Director. After the conference call, Martin Long made the motion to increase Terry Crosby's wage to \$21.00 during the period in which she is interim director, and retroactive the wage increase to January 3, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioners advised Ms. Crosby they will not authorize filling the Operations Officer position until after the EMS Director position is filled.

Kristy Anderson, Grant County Recreation Director, requested permission to apply for an H.U.G.S. Grant from Pioneer Electric. The county owned property must have landowner permission even though the recreation takes care of it. The baseball fields are being vandalized and the grant would pay half on an electric gate at the entrance of the fields. Ms. Anderson stated the recreation will pay whatever the grant doesn't cover for the gate. After a short discussion, commissioners reviewed and approved the \$2,500.00 grant request.

Commissioners moved to recess at 11:20 a.m. and reconvene at noon with the City of Ulysses for lunch. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Member John Duran; Interim City Administrator, Alan Olson; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in special session March 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for EMS Director.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Janet Stewart, Chairman

