

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.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Rick Klein, Shop Foreman, met with commissioners. A road crossing permit was reviewed and approved. Next, a transmission is going out on a road grader and the Public Works Supervisor requested permission to have the motor rebuilt. Martin Long made the motion to allow the Road Department to contract with Foley Tractor for the remanufacturing of a 2007 Caterpillar 140H with 8,800 hours on it, at a cost of \$160,000.00, to be taken out of Road Machinery fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Mr. McCauley requested permission for the Road Department staff to attend his nephews' funeral. Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow Road Department employees to attend the service.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Bill Stewart to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sub-Region Council for a 3 year term beginning October 1, 2017. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,403.32 dated July 5; voucher numbers ending 153634 totaling \$188,873.03. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Stewart called the Public Hearing to order for the purpose of accepting an offer submitted by Western Prairie Senior Living LLC to purchase the care home and assisted living facilities. County Attorney, Jessica Akers; County Treasurer, Rita Gee; Care Home Board Members, Larry Kepley and Kathy Olson; Care Home Administrator, Kim Doty; and Social Services Director, Lou Ann Ragan, attended this portion of the meeting. Citizens in attendance were: Daris Wiebe, Betty McCauley, Shirley Tillotson, and Gwen Lowe. Commissioner Stewart opened the floor for concerns and questions. Daris Wiebe informed commissioners he was not submitting his petition due to a lack of signatures. Commissioners requested the Care Home Administrator report the monies remaining in reserves. Kim Doty stated the Care Home/Assisted Living reserves as of July 17 were \$718,000.00. Commissioners addressed several questions from those attending. After no question warranted a stop of sale, Commissioner Stewart asked for a motion to approve the sale of the care home and assisted living facilities. Martin Long made the motion to enter into a Contract for Sale of Operating Business for \$750,000.00; to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Contract for \$2,000,000.00 with Midwest Health, LLC to purchase The Legacy at Park View Care Home and Park View Assisted Living facilities. The property legal description: a tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), in Township Twenty-Eight (28), South of Range Thirty-Seven (37), West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Grant County, Kansas with the exception of coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals. Kevin

Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Martin Long made the motion to recess to executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception for 15 minutes for a conference call with Mike Flanagan, Attorney. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Martin Long made the motion to amend the last motion replacing Midwest Health LLC with Western Prairie Senior Living LLC. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, reviewed a partially self-funded group health benefit program for Grant County. He requested permission to update his proposal after Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas August figures were given out. Commissioners agreed to allow Kaw Valley to update the proposal.

Martin Long made the motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m., to meet again in special session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Janet Stewart, Chairman