

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporters, Bene Garcia and Lora Tusten were in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Nathan Engleman provided prayer.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners to request new curtain dividers for the auditorium. John Crosby attended this portion of the meeting. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase new curtain dividers and caster wheels at a cost not to exceed \$6,100.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, John Crosby, Ross of Ulysses, explained insurance will replace two roof top air conditioner/heater units on the Civic Center Main Building, except for \$1,250.00. Martin Long made the motion to allow \$1,250.00 for the difference not covered by insurance, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the sole bid for lawn care was presented. The bid includes one aeration and five spray applications of fertilizer and weed control chemicals on 339,172 square feet of cool season and buffalo grass located at the Courthouse and Civic Center Complex. Martin Long made the motion to accept the bid from A-Lawn Service for \$4,675.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Courthouse General fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, updated commissioners on plans for a new Fire Station. Architects will not write specifications because the plans are not engineered. The State Fire Marshall said there is no requirements since the building would not have sleeping quarters. KCAMP insurance only requires builders risk insurance. After discussion, commissioners directed the Fire Chief to write specifications for the bidding process. Commissioners directed the Clerk to organize a conference call with FAA concerning the present Fire Station and what improvements can be made to it.

Bob Wetmore, Executive Co-Director of Great Plains Development, Inc. (GPDI), gave a 2018 service update on programs and explained the benefits of renewing membership with them. Mr. Wetmore also invited commissioners to appoint a second member to the GPDI Members Board. Martin Long made the motion to appoint Joshua Sullivan to an at-large position on the GPDI Membership Board. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Kevin Shapland made the motion to pay GPDI 2018 dues in the amount of \$1,911.50. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, discussed a tax sale for the Nexsun Ethanol LLC property previously left out of the 2018 Tax Sale. Martin Long made the motion to recess into executive session with the Economic Development Director to review the Nexsun property for 30 minutes under the preliminary land acquisition exception. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland made the motion to have a tax sale for delinquent real estate taxes on the Nexsun Ethanol LLC property. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Martin Long made the motion to contract with Attorney Mike Kimball to

facilitate a tax sale for the Nexsun Ethanol LLC property located west of Ulysses. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to appoint Heather Reimer to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacant position made by the expired term of Warren Baldwin. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, presented a proposal for a new Ambulance. Commissioners directed The EMS Director to get more than one quote and return at a later meeting.

Martin Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county with the exception of a meal ticket from the Clerk of District Court, which was not itemized per County policy. Payroll total \$144,058.13 dated March 14; voucher numbers ending 155528 totaling \$234,400.28. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed a Resolution concerning the sale of cereal malt beverages out in the county. Commissioner Long directed the Clerk to write a Resolution so it matched up with the City of Ulysses Cereal Malt Beverage Ordinance to make it easier on Law Enforcement.

At 11:40 a.m. Kevin Shapland made the motion to adjourn until 12 noon. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reconvened at 12 noon for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Cafeteria. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Kenneth Warner, Larry Velasquez, Jerry Jo Deckert, and John Duran.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on April 3, 2018.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman