

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, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Gary Gregory provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Citizen Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator; Paul Fort, EMS Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee request under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Holly Mathes, Library Director, presented the 2019 appropriation request of \$393,575.16 for Library Operating fund and \$117,080.33 for the Library Employee Benefits fund. The request is a 4.39% increase from prior year.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recommend award of contract to the low bid from Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC in the amount of \$558,862.90 for the construction of a 6-Unit T-Hangar, and to cost share 90/10 on the project through FAA funding. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Martin Long made the motion to approve minutes for the June 19 and June 27, 2018 meetings along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$143,914.42 dated June 20; voucher numbers ending 156335 totaling \$436,718.90. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Shapland make the motion to allow the Appraiser to purchase two lateral file cabinets at a cost not to exceed \$2,376.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Kevin Shapland made the motion allow the Appraiser to dispose of two old file cabinets. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to appoint Pam Gindlesberger to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sub-Region Council for a 3 year term. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee wage recommendation under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Kevin Shapland make the motion to follow the pay plan policy schedule on the employee wage recommendation and allow the wage to

increase to 90% of the job position final maximum salary. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Grant County Conservation District Board Member, Leonard Wilson and Brittany Seger, District Manager, presented the 2019 appropriation request of \$18,600.00, which is the same as prior year.

Kevin Shapland made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for preliminary discussions relating to acquisition of real property. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session, no action taken.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Rick Klein, Shop Foreman, asked permission to seek bids to replace four 15' tractor mowers. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow bids for three mowers. Next, the Public Works Supervisor presented bids for rotary automotive lifts, one new and one used. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase the used rotary automotive lift at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Road and Bridge fund. Martin Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Director, Marieta Hauser, thanked commissioners for funding the chamber and tourism this year and requested financial support in 2019.

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

Commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH) with St. Catherine Hospital Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Vaughn; Centura Health/BWMGCH Executive Team: Dr. Patrick Barker, Tammy Oxford and Jill Robinson, RN; Board of Trustees, Darrin Figgins and Mike Brewer. John Miller, Sodexo Representative visited with the group. Ms. Vaughn presented an executive summary report and asked commissioners if they would be willing to subsidize the hospital for two more years. After discussion on the lease contract, it was the consensus of commissioners to continue funding the hospital for two more years. Ms. Vaughn will have an amendment agreement prepared and send for commissioners signatures.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2018.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Janet Stewart, Chairman