

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 provided prayer and Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Toni Irvin, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners to discuss purchasing a backup generator for one room and vaccine refrigerator. It was consensus of commissioners the Health Department could pursue quotes for an automatic start generator.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the February 19, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$144,988.78 dated February 27; voucher numbers ending 158317 totaling \$381,045.58. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road permits that were reviewed and approved. Next, the Terracon Contract for Transfer Station general permitting and vertical expansion of trench 2 and 3 was presented. The Public Works Supervisor explained the Road Department did not budget for \$38,300.00 for vertical expansion costs but did budget \$8,900.00 for general permitting. Mr. McCauley stated his department would do all the berm work and surveying of the vertical expansion. Janet Stewart made the motion to move forward with Terracon for the permitting and engineering of trench 2 and 3 vertical expansion at a cost of \$38,300.00, this expense to be paid from General fund; and approve the general permitting for the Transfer Station at a cost of \$8,900.00, this expense to be paid from Road and Bridge fund. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to accept Spray Foam Solutions proposal for \$1,270.32 to insulate the bay area walls at the Fire Station, and for this expense to be paid from County Building fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Terri Trotman, County Treasurer, requested she be allowed to close the Care Home Memorial bank account and move the money into the County Treasurer checking account. The daily statement would show the money in a standalone fund to delineate the balance from County monies. After discussion Ms. Trotman decided to leave the bank account separate if applied interest was an issue. Later in the meeting the County Treasurer returned to ask if commissioners would allow only one signature to move money from the Care Home Memorial bank account. It

was consensus of commissioners all County bank accounts should have at least two signatures to comply with regulations concerning check and balance.

Janet Stewart made the motion to sell all 112 ordinary shares of County held Principal Financial Common Stock. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the old Fire Station and if it would be partially torn down. The insurance is holding 2017 hail storm money for repairs. It was the consensus of commissioners to request KCAMP hold the money until a final decision was made on the facility.

At 11:00 a.m. commissioners held a conference call with Greg Haglin, Sourcewell Representative. Mr. Haglin explained his company was a government agency created by the State of Minnesota directed to provide purchasing solutions to other governmental agencies at no cost. Sourcewell works like a state contract but on a national basis. The clerk was directed to pursue a contract.

Change Order 1 for the Airport T-Hangar Project was reviewed. The change order will bring the underground power from a main transformer to the face of the new T-hangar building. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept Change Order 1, total change \$10,759.50 with FAA cost share 90/10. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to authorize an Order for Rebate from the Neighborhood Revitalization fund on the First National Bank of Syracuse, 1110 W. Oklahoma. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Cash Farm Lease Agreements were reviewed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will end the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) this year. It was consensus of commissioners to have the County Attorney revise two tenant contracts that are in the program.

Discussion was held on two projects that were not completed in 2018. It was consensus of commissioners to dissolve both contracts and seek bids later in the year.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss an employee conversation under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Commissioners adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2019.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Kevin Shapland, Chairman