

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. After silent prayer, Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Laci McCarter, Ulysses News, and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

Bob Wetmore, Associate Director for Great Plains Development, reviewed business loan programs available through Great Plains Development, Inc. (GPDI). Mr. Wetmore presented Addendum #2, an addition to the Revolving Loan Fund Administration. The addendum states GPDI shall be paid an additional amount to bring the semi-annual fee to a minimum fee of \$100 when the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan Program stays at a non-active status. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept Addendum #2, agreeing to pay a minimum fee of \$100 for non-active status; and to keep the interest rate for CDBG loans at 4%. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Wetmore also submitted an invoice for \$1,495 for county membership dues for 2012. Due to legislative changes, the federal government has not funded the administration program for future years and GPDI needs counties to pay dues. Carl Higgs made the motion to pay the invoice for county membership of \$1,495, and for this expense to be paid from the general fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

An employee sick leave donation request was reviewed. Marty Long made the motion to approve the sick leave donation request from Gene Harbour. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The letter from Robert Johnson, Attorney, requesting all five counties partner to share the cost of an attorney to litigate the Court of Tax Appeal (COTA) gas valuations matter was discussed. Mr. Johnson suggested the attorney costs be proportionate to the percentage of each counties total gas valuation (Haskell 21%, Morton 11%, Kearny 17%, Stevens 27%, and Grant 24%). Marty Long made the motion to partner with the other four counties, Grant County paying 24% of attorney fees for the COTA litigation. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long was selected to be the Grant County Voting Delegate for the business meeting in November at the annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference. Linda McHenry volunteered to be 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate, and Carl Higgs will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Voting Delegate.

The Terracon draft #3 for the trench design of a C&D pit at the Transfer Station was reviewed. It was the consensus of the commissioners to wait for Loren Wright, County Surveyor, for comments and suggestions on the draft.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2012 regular meeting and the August 13, 2012 special meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personal. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:00 a.m. the public hearing for the 2013 budget was held. No one from the general public attended the hearing. Marty Long made the motion to adopt the 2013 budget in the amount of \$19,388,501. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lori Deyoe, Ulysses Bit and Spur Club, discussed her research on a new rodeo arena concession building. She would like to use a drawing Scott Nichols, Recreation Director, gave her of the softball concession building. The drawing would be adjusted to fit the different needs of a rodeo concession building. Ms. Deyoe and commissioners discussed the sewer system; winterizing the building; and location for accessibility to the rodeo, carnival area, and tractor pull. Ms. Deyoe suggested soliciting donations from businesses to help build the concession stand. The commissioners were in favor of Lori seeking donations of goods or money for the building. The commissioners will visit with the county attorney and building inspector concerning the project.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented Agreement No. 181-12, an agreement between KDOT and Grant County to exchange and bank transportation funds. Grant County requests to receive \$103,113.96 of their annual allotment of Federal Funds to be exchanged for State Funds. The County will bank the annual allotment, this amount to be used in the future for a Federal Aid Project or a Federal Fund Exchange Program. The agreement was reviewed and approved by commissioners. In other business, Mr. McCauley requested permission to seek bids for a new road grader. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow him to seek bids. Road crossing permits were reviewed and approved. Mr. McCauley informed commissioners his department has completed patching asphalt for this year.

De De Lane, Purchasing Agent, presented a quote for a new laptop from the Computer Alchemist for \$1,791.11. The clerk relayed a verbal quote from Nex-Tech; they could add a laptop with no additional programs to the lease contract for an additional \$50 per month. Marty Long made the motion to purchase the ThinkPad Edge E530 Notebook from the Computer Alchemist for \$1,791.11. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Lane inquired if commissioners wanted the web site job application changed to match the Grant County paper application. Ms. Lane told commissioners it would be costly for CivicPlus to make a new application module. Commissioner McHenry will compare applications for dissimilarity, and Ms. Lane will ask CivicPlus if the web site application module can be altered.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to a land acquisition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.


John Alig, Economic Development Director, met with commissioners. Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 25 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to a land acquisition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 25 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

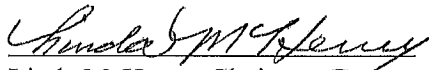
Marty Long made the motion for adjournment at 11:35 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reconvened for lunch at 12:00 p.m. with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder, Larry Velasquez; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. Leslie Mangels joined the lunch to visit with City Council and Commissioners concerning the oversight and lack of reporting of the Economic Development Board. The group addressed questions concerning the Economic Development Board. Alan Olson requested the County join the City in regulating the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. The City would like to limit the days fireworks can be sold, used, and ban some types of fireworks. The County was agreeable to the idea.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, presented a bill from Teeter Irrigation for \$2,311.06 for adding water hydrants around the tractor pull area. Mr. Neufeld had not budgeted for the expense and requested the invoice be taken out of another fund. Mr. Neufeld told commissioners the Fair Board is willing to pay \$500 of the bill from the fair budget. It was the consensus of commissioners to pay the bill, \$500 from the fair fund and \$1,811.06 from the county building fund.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:17 p.m. to meet again in regular session September 4, 2012.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk

  
Linda McHenry, Chairman

