

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Pastor Warren Baldwin provided prayer and Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Laci McCarter, Ulysses News; and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, requested new carpet for the reception, administrator, foreman, and noxious weed director offices; and the restroom and file room. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept McCauley's offer to install the carpet and approve the lowest bid for carpet only from L&L Floor Covering at a cost of \$3,959.80. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner reviewed and approved several road crossing permits. Mr. McCauley explained his plans for asphalt roads and invited the commissioners on an asphalt road tour. In other business, the commissioners discussed the route Trade Wind Energy would be using for hauling approximately 18,000 loads of sand to the Buffalo Dunes Wind Farm Project. Their proposed route would be Highway 25 from Lakin to Highway 160, which would take the trucks past a school zone, and then turn east on Highway 160 to Road X. If the trucks were instructed to use the County bypass route the school zone and the heavy use of the intersection at Oklahoma and Colorado could be avoided. Linda McHenry made the motion to take the necessary steps to allow and encourage Trade Wind Energy to use the County truck route instead of using Highway 25 to Highway 160, and the County would bear the burden of repairing the bypass road. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners instructed Mr. McCauley to contact Trade Wind Energy and ask them to amend their plan for the truck route. Later in the day McCauley returned and Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication State Progress Report.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, informed commissioners the KEMTA seminar is April 19 -21st at Hutchinson and she would like to send some of her staff. Ms. Deckert requested permission to compensate the seminar registration fees of \$210 to any employee attending. Carl Higgs made the motion to pay \$210 per individual to employees who attend the seminar. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioners were alerted the EMS is looking at hosting an EMT course this fall and the cost has increased due to state required training. The class would be six to seven months at an estimated cost to the County of \$15,000 to \$18,000.

Commissioner McHenry introduced a Resolution to oppose listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened and/or endangered species due to the wide range of adverse effects it could create upon communities, and people who are located within identified habitat areas. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept Resolution 13-01, a Resolution in opposition of placing the Lesser Prairie Chicken on the endangered Species Act. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the Daytona race track proposal made at the December 18, 2012 meeting. It was the consensus of the commissioners, although it was a good idea, they did not want to put tax dollars into it.

Commissioners reviewed the proposal from the Airport Board to change the Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement. The change would shorten the length of the lease and the lessee would sign a new contract yearly. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt the new Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners reviewed and approved the Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Darrin Figgins for Lease Parcel #8-3.

After discussion of one voucher, Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5 and the February 12, 2013 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to reappoint Archie DeBruce to the Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Board and to appoint Ginger Anthony to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Audrie Martinez. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Carl Higgs made the motion to reappoint Lance Babcock to the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

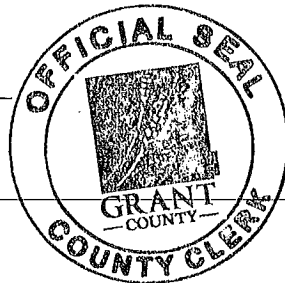
At the February 5th meeting the Civic Center Manager requested permission to drive the County vehicle back and forth from his new home in Big Bow. The commissioners discussed the commuting rules as established in IRS Publication 15-B, Section 3. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt the Cents-Per-Mile Rule and allow the Civic Center Manager personal use of a County owned vehicle. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

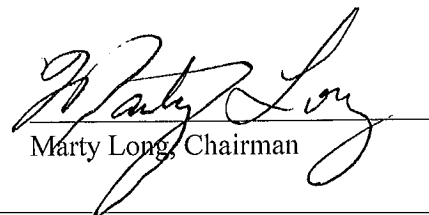
Discussion was held on an employee who was working enough hours to qualify them for full time status. The employee would need to reduce their hours to less than 35 or be given benefits. It was the consensus of the commissioners to let the EMS Director make this choice for her department.

Commissioners reviewed the proposal from Fiss Architecture to design a new concession and restroom building at the Rodeo Arena. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the fee proposal from Ashley Fiss of Fiss Architecture/Design for architectural and engineering services to include developing construction bid documents at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, and for the expense to be taken for the general fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to meet again in regular session on March 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Marty Long, Chairman