

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Chairman Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives present: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,137.36 dates October 2; voucher numbers ending 142456 totaling \$181,775.65. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Later in the day permission was given to the Clerk to pay all Atmos Energy and City of Ulysses billings.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented rezoning ordinances for commissioner approval. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve Rezoning Ordinance No. 1226 and 1227, changing all of Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 16 of the Industrial East Addition in the N/E ¼, Section 27, T28S R37W from Light Industrial to Heavy Industrial. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Carl Higgs made the motion to approve Rezoning Ordinance No. 1228 and 1229, changing all of Lot 1, Block 1 of the Faulkner Addition in the N/W ¼, Section 20, T28S R37W from Light Industrial to Rural Suburban. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Carl Higgs made the motion to approve Rezoning Ordinance No. 1230, changing all of Lots 6, 7, 8 & 9, Block 12 of the Original Townsite in the S/W ¼, Section 27, T28S R37W from Heavy Industrial to Highway Commercial District. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 13-09, a Resolution to adopt a plan to assist in the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment of any area within Grant County also known as a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Chris Wagner to the Economic Development Board to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Bob Dale Passini. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the 2014 Grant County observed holiday and commissioner meeting dates calendar as presented. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners. Road crossing permits were presented, which were reviewed and approved. The commissioners were informed of the cost for parts to install hydraulics on the tandem trucks that will carry new spreaders. Next, Randy requested permission to carry part of the vacation time to the next calendar year for an employee hired after November per the personnel manual.

Permission was granted by consensus of commissioners to carry over one week. After reviewing bidding specifications, Carl Higgs made the motion to allow the bidding for a new CD pit at the landfill to begin immediately. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Last item, Mr. McCauley requested the shop foreman's wage and job title be changed to match the additional responsibilities he has been given. Linda McHenry made the motion to increase Randy Klein's wage to \$18.89, due to his increased responsibilities as a County shop foreman. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, and Mari Honstead, Office Manager, met with commissioners to request a new floor burnisher and ice machine. Ms. Honstead reported the Park fund has \$27,000 in the budget due to utilities bills being lower than expected and employee overtime is down. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase a burnisher for \$9,770.00 from Empire Paper, and for this expense to be paid from the Park fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Civic Center ice machine quit working and since the machine is a 1998 model, it isn't worth fixing. After discussion, Carl Higgs made the motion to purchase a new ice machine for the Civic Center at a cost not to exceed \$4,029.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed which of the three firms, The Camden Group, Stroudwater Associates or Newpoint Healthcare Advisors should be hired to assist in finding a buyer for Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital "hospital". Linda McHenry made the motion to contract with Stroudwater Associates for the acquisition of the hospital, based on their proposal and fee schedule, and to pay \$15,000.00 as an initial payment. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, dropped by to update the commissioners on the refrigerator that stores the vaccine at the Health Department. Ms. Frazee reported she is working with the State and KCAMP to get the vaccine replaced and a new refrigerator purchased.

Judy Keusler, Teri Christian and Kristy Frazee, Grant County Community Foundation members, presented a Proclamation for the 2nd Annual Grant County Gives Week. Marty Long, Commissioner Chair, hereby proclaimed November 4 through November 9, 2013, as Grant County Gives Week; and expressed the hope that this year's observance will promote community betterment throughout the County.

De Lane, Transfer Station Office Manager, met with commissioners and requested executive session. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Linda McHenry seconded the motion,

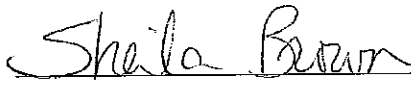
and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session, Commissioner Long requested De Lane and Randy McCauley return at 1:15 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. the commissioners recessed to view Road 9 east of Hwy 25 that turns into Road K (Stubbs) to Hwy 160, also known as the bypass road. The county blacktop road was used during the wind farm construction and both lanes were driven to assess damage. It was the consensus of the commissioners no damage is apparent.

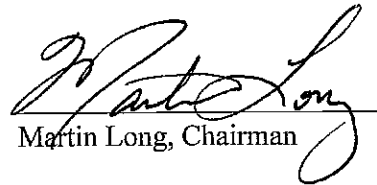
The commissioners then joined City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living for lunch. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Interim City Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson.

De Lane and Randy McCauley met with commissioners. The commissioners expressed their desire to clearly define job duty responsibilities. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:12 p.m., to meet again in regular session on November 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman