

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

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,629.40 dates November 13; payable voucher numbers ending 142728 totaling \$178,864.58. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners. Road crossing permits were reviewed and approved. An agreement was reviewed between the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Grant County to participate in the federal funds exchange. Linda McHenry made the motion to participate in the Federal Fund Exchange Program through KDOT, banking \$51,637.62 in Federal Funds. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. McCauley requested the County pay for the Road Department and Transfer Station employees to get the hepatitis vaccine series. Linda McHenry made the motion to allow any Transfer Station and Road Department employee needing the hepatitis vaccinations to receive them. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the Road Department and Transfer Station internal policies were studied by commissioners. After wording was clarified, it was the consensus of the commissioners the policies could be instituted. To conclude Randy's visit, commissioners deliberated and decided not to renew the Sam's Club credit card.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, explained a proposal from RDG Planning and Design for \$8,000.00 to conduct a community housing assessment study. Carl Higgs made the motion to pay a third of the \$8,000.00 to conduct a housing needs assessment. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The bid opening for the construction and demolition trench at the Transfer Station was held. Those attending this portion of the meeting were: Anthony Mellini, Project Manager for Terracon Consultants; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; and Gary Hessman, Stoppel Dirt. Stoppel Dirt was the only bidder, with a bid of \$77,766.00. Later in the day Mr. Mellini and Mr. McCauley returned and reported the company met the specification requirements. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid from Stoppel Dirt to construct the C&D trench, at a cost of \$77,766.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Office Manager, met with commissioners to discuss the Civic Center budget; Civic Center Manager appointment; and to consider changing her hourly wage to salary at her current rate of pay. After discussion, Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Mari Honstead as Civic Center Manager effective immediately, and to set

the pay base from an hourly wage to a salary at her current 40 hour rate of pay. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, updated commissioners on the progress of the committee for the Next Generation 911 System. Law enforcement is being told the State will use their money from telecomm fees for mapping and will not offer grants for the Next Generation 911 System. Sheriff Babcock is weighing the options to either maintain his \$90,000.00 worth of 911 system equipment here, or pay a contractor to host a system along with eighteen other counties at a monthly cost to each.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners for guidance on a Condition of Sale for the former care home property. A reversionary clause would allow the property to revert back to Grant County in the first year after purchase if no construction had occurred, or if it was intended to be used for something different than a senior housing facility. The commissioners approved the clause. The property will be sold by sealed bids and is scheduled for disposition at the January 21, 2014 commissioners' meeting.

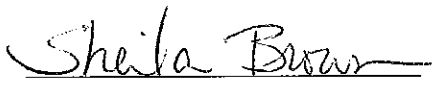
Bob Moore, Moore Agency, presented the Principal's new dental and vision rates. There was no rate increase for vision, but dental went up 4.5%, partly due to the affordable care act. Linda McHenry made the motion to continue offering Principal dental and vision insurance to county employees. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

O'LaVonne Micheal, Senior Center Director; and Board on Aging Members, Charles Hacker, Ray Velasquez, Bill Stewart, and Janet Stewart, met with commissioners. The center is seeing 3,500 clients every month and the board requested permission to hire a part time nurse to assist with the client load and reduce overtime. It was the consensus of commissioners the center could hire another nurse. Next, discussion was held on the email from KCAMP insurance requesting county owned vehicles not travel out of state. Janet Stewart stated the out of state restriction is not something they wanted to follow. The trips taken by the seniors are considered therapeutic and not pleasure trips. Mr. Hacker debated the Kansas Tort Claims Act and thought additional insurance could be purchased for the trips. The commissioners suggested Mr. Hacker talks with KCAMP insurance concerning the out of state travel and bring a solution back to them for consideration. Next, the board requested the commissioners amend the Board on Aging budget to increase budget authority. The commissioners agreed the costs for operating the center were not going to cover the remaining year. To conclude the board visit, the commissioners toured the Senior Citizen facility. The board explained the need to keep a room wanted by the Health Department and purposed a different room that is located directly behind the Health Department. No action was taken on the room. After lunch, Charles Hacker returned with a figure to get the Senior Center through to the first of the year. Linda McHenry made the motion to amend the 2013 Board on Aging budget, increasing budget authority by \$21,683.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

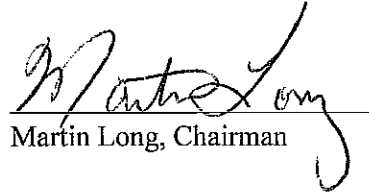
Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the purchase of a new vaccine refrigerator from Helmer at a cost of \$3,954.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

The commissioners adjourned at 1:22 p.m., to meet again in regular session on December 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Martin Long, Chairman

