

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; and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Commissioners announced Mary K. Sullivan's retirement date of December 31, 2013 and thanked her for 19 ½ years of dedicated service as the Register of Deeds.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a project change order to construct storm water controls for additional stockpile area, west of the composting area at the Transfer Station. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve construction Change Order #1, an addition to the original C&D Trench Project, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Later in the day Mr. McCauley returned to the meeting to review the numbers of tires brought into the Transfer Station at cleanup time. He explained the expense and method of tire disposal for the County. No action was taken.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19 and November 20, 2013 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$140,069.58 date November 27; voucher numbers ending 142839 totaling \$345,069.61. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, updated the commissioners on a media kit being developed for Grant County. The commissioners suggested including the Airport in the kit. The viewpoints program, a promotional video for Grant County is completed and Mr. Passini will send each commissioner a copy. Mr. Passini will be meeting with Henry Hale owner of Cimarron Valley Railroad and invited the commissioners to attend.

The commissioners reviewed the bad debt write-offs from the Ambulance Department. Carl Higgs made the motion to allow the \$6,010.70 ambulance write-offs. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 13-13, a Resolution approving an assessment by the WEKANDO for its obligations under an Amendment to Contract to Rehabilitate Railroad Line and extending the Contract to Rehabilitate Railroad from a period of ten years to thirteen years. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Larry Sharp, Member Service Representative for Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), presented the 2012 Grant County and Kansas Loss Ratio Reports.

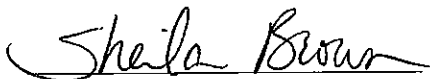
Commissioners discussed options for a onetime lump sum pay out for employees in lieu of raises for 2013. Linda McHenry made the motion to give a onetime bonus of \$750.00 to elected and full time employees who have worked for the County one year or more; and to give a onetime bonus of \$250.00 to part time employees who qualify for holiday pay, and have worked for the County one year or more; and for this expense to be paid from the Employee Benefit fund with the last pay period of 2013. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

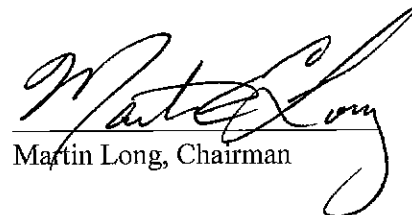
Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the Permitting Certificate as presented regarding the continuation of prior agreements with Buffalo Dunes Wind Project. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A transaction council recommendation from Stroudwater Associates was discussed. It was the consensus of commissioners to contact Nelson Mullins as a transaction council firm for the hospital and to request a fee schedule for budgeting purposes.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, joined the meeting per request of commissioners. The room offered by the Senior Center that is directly behind the Health Department was discussed, Kristy was agreeable to the area. Commissioners requested Ms. Frazee measure the room and decide if she needed additional space. Ms. Frazee will return at the next meeting with figures for the room size.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 11:52 a.m., to meet again in regular session on December 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Martin Long, Chairman

