

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

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; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Deputy Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

The commissioners welcomed Dana McDaniel as the new Register of Deeds. Ms. McDaniel explained she had not officially received notification from the Governor, but thanked the commissioners.

Linda McHenry made the motion to authorize Lance Babcock, Sheriff, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Kansas 911 Coordinating Council and Grant County Law Enforcement Center, to lead the design and implementation of a Next Generation 911 system. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director, met per the commissioners to discuss electrical issues in the Health/Senior Center building and the Senior Citizen round top building.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented bids for repair to the South Room floor; and exterior lighting on the Civic Center building. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the quote for itemized supplies and tile, with the Civic Center staff doing the work, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve LED lighting for the main building at the Civic Center, at a cost of \$4,455.29 from Kriz-Davis Co., and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Discussion was held on the \$2,500.00 donated from Linn Energy; and \$461.00 donated from Grant County Tourism for a new projector. It was the consensus of the commissioners not to use the Linn Energy donation for lighting, but instead apply it towards fixing an issue with a program for slide shows.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$208,529.85 dates December 23 and December 24; voucher numbers ending 143122 totaling \$569,149.55. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners acknowledged the first PILOT payment of \$423,187.50 from the Buffalo Dunes Wind Project.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, and Randy Klein, County Shop Foreman, presented a quote for floor repair in the Road Department building. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase 777 square foot of vinyl tile from Floors To Your Home, at a cost of \$2,091.74. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed and signed a letter of support for the development of a 24-unit senior housing project proposed by Builders Development Corporation.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, visited about businesses who are struggling to stay open. Economic Development will look for solutions to help keep the doors open if the business is interested.

Scott Nichols, Grant County Recreation Director, updated commissioners on the recreation facilities. Mr. Nichols shared a video on the new pool cover for the indoor pool.


It was the consensus of the commissioners to table Resolution 01-2014, a Resolution urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee, as provided in K.S.A. 79-3102, and reject any legislative proposals abolishing such fee.

The commissioners reviewed and signed an engagement as counsel letter for matters pertaining to the sale of Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital from David Winkle, Attorney, with the Nelson Mullins Firm.

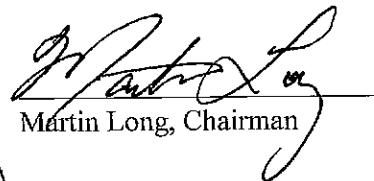
Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Those attending from the hospital were: Art Frable, Administrator; and James Forrest, Director of Finance; no Trustees were in attendance.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session on January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman