

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; John Crosby, Fire Chief; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Shanda Holm, Deputy Register of Deeds; Holly Hagerman, EMT with the EMS; and Rita Gee, County Treasurer.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits for approval. The permits were reviewed and approved.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$126,207.17 dates February 19; voucher numbers ending 143641 totaling \$349,680.92. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, presented the sole bid for cleaning at the Health Department. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid from Elva Salas to clean the Health Department at a cost of \$900.00 monthly starting April 1, 2014. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners reviewed and approved the State Aid to Local Health Grant Applications.

Linda McHenry made the motion to proclaim March 25th as Kansas Agriculture Day and March 23rd - March 29th as Kansas Agriculture Week in Kansas, and urged all citizens residing in Grant County to join this celebration and to know that our strong agricultural tradition benefits all Kansans. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the Ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$3,572.50. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners moved to recess at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened in the Lawson Room of the Civic Center. Jeff Sommer, Director of Stroudwater Associates, joined commissioners to host a public informational meeting concerning the future of Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital (BWMGCH). There were 72 citizens in attendance.

The commissioners recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at noon in the Cooper/Clark Room of the Library. Jeff Sommer joined commissioners to present the Rotary Club information concerning the future of BWMGCH.

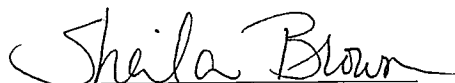
The commissioners and Jeff Sommer reconvened in the Commissioner Room at 1:15 p.m. to meet with the Hospital Board of Trustees: Mary Moyer, Bob Ward, Mark Gerstberger, David Higgs, and Hospital Administrator, Art Frable. The group discussed public comments and the planning process of marketing the hospital. The vacant position on the Board of Trustees was discussed and Mike Brewer's name was submitted for consideration. Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Mike Brewer to a four year term that would fill the vacant position made by the death of Jeff Porter on the Hospital Board of Trustees. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

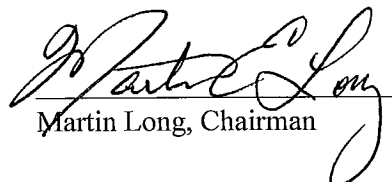
Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Attorney for 10 minutes for consultation, which is deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. The commissioners asked if there could be additional action taken on the Ambulance write-offs since there were over \$58,000.00 in write-offs in 2013. The County Attorney will research the possibilities and return at a later date. Ms. Akers requested permission to use the Diversion fund for publications fees, out of state Sheriff's costs, dues and subscriptions and some office supplies. The Diversion fund would be used to supplement the County Attorney fund. It was the consensus of the commissioners to approve using the Diversion fund as needed by the County Attorney.

The commissioners moved to recess at 3:50 p.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. for another informational meeting.

The commissioners reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in the Cooper/Clark Room of the Library. Jeff Sommer joined commissioners for a public informational meeting concerning the future of BWMGCH. There were 81 citizens in attendance.

The commissioners adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to meet again in regular session on March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Martin Long, Chairman

