

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. Janet Stewart joined the meeting to observe.

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; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector; and Rita Gee, County Treasurer. After department reports, two recommendations from the Pay Plan Committee Meeting were presented to commissioners for consideration. No action was taken on the recommendations.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a bid to replace a 2009 walking floor trailer at the Transfer Station. The commissioners requested the next trailers be put on a longer schedule for disposal. Mr. McCauley agreed with proper care they could keep the trailers longer. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the trailer bid of \$58,384.00 with trade in, from Wilkens Trailer, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McCauley presented quotes for a tire cutter for the Transfer Station. Cut up tires can be disposed of with regular transfer trash going to Seward County Landfill without additional costs. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the tire cutter bid of \$24,570.00, from 4U Distributing, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Commissioners discussed the benefit versus costs of composting; it was the consensus of commissioners to forego the compost program at the Transfer Station. Mr. McCauley presented quotes for a large fan at the Road Department. Commissioner Long requested a bid from a local dealer. Mr. McCauley was not aware of the dealer and agreed to get the quote and return at a later date. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session with Mr. McCauley for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes, the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:00 a.m. the public hearing for the 2015 budget hearing was held. Lance Babcock, Sheriff, attended the meeting to voice concern over the \$18,314.00 budget cut to the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff was concerned this would not allow him enough budget to operate the jail. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow inmate medical expenses to come from the Courthouse General fund in 2015. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt the 2015 budget in the amount of \$19,168,304.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, discussed the possibility of combining the drainage area project with a new information booth/Civic Center office project. Commissioners reviewed a drawing and discussed alternative options. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow Ms. Honstead to pursue the drainage project along with the proposed information booth/storage building that could be located under the covered arena.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with the County Attorney for consultation,

which is deemed attorney client privileged. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes, the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve Ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$753.40. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 15 and July 17, 2014 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,328.22 date July 23; voucher numbers ending 145057 totaling \$1,622,014.25. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Darrin Figgins, Airport Board Member, presented bids for a multi-use tractor and new carpet in the airport terminal. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the best bid for carpet tile from L&L Floor Covering at a cost of \$7,786.05, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the best bid from American Implement for a John Deere 5075M Utility Tractor, at a cost of \$37,130.54 with trade in, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Figgins requested the County mow the field around the airport. Commissioner Long asked Randy McCauley to join them to discuss the mowing. The Road Department will mow as soon as time allows for it.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, discussed a backhoe at the Transfer Station and presented two road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session with Mr. McCauley for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued. Linda McHenry made the motion to raise the wage of Rick Klein, Road Department Mechanic, to \$17.50 per hour starting immediately. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

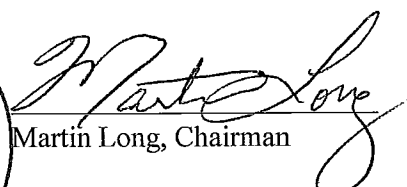
Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reconvened for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy at Park View Board. Those attending were: Care Home Board Members, Greg Davis, Kathy Olson, and Terry Maas; Care Home Administrator, Kim Doty; Care Home Director of Nursing, Alisha Beims; and Assisted Living Operator, Lou Ann Gray. General discussion was held.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in special session at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital on August 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., to conduct business in executive session under the confidential data relating to financial affairs of individual proprietorships exception.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman