

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 and Kevin Shapland 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; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser; and Rita Gee, County Treasurer. After department reports, three recommendations from the Pay Plan Committee were presented to commissioners for consideration. Later in the meeting commissioners made the unanimous decision to require department heads to update and finalize job descriptions in their department before two of the recommendations from the Pay Plan Committee will be considered. Commissioners also requested review of the Compensation section of the Grant County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve a Non-DOT Post-Employment Drug Screening Policy, to comply with a request for consistency from TMHC Services. The policy will read as follows: Drug screening will be required of all Non-DOT county employees taking a leave of absence from work for three months or longer. Return to work will be contingent upon a confirmed negative drug-screening test. The cost for drug testing will be paid by the department needing the returning employee. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners to discuss the County owned farm land located on the SE/4 of 7-T28-R37W. Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director attended this portion of the meeting. The commissioners requested the County Attorney set up particulars for the land sale and prepare a cash lease contract with the current tenants. Next, commissioners reviewed and approved the housing project proposed by Builders Development Corporation (BDC) to partner and apply for a Moderate Income Housing (MIH) Grant, with Grant County being the applicant. BDC applied for USDA 514/516 Farm Labor Housing funds and would use the MIH Grant for the 10% local match required by the USDA. Commissioners signed a letter of support for BDC to pursue the USDA funds. It was the consensus of commissioners to make the County owned vacant property located at 300 E. Maize available for the housing project. Last item, the County Attorney shared the Attorney General's comments on potential exposure to Grant County because an entire municipality was designated in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. It was the consensus of commissioners to proceed with the plan that encompasses the entire City of Ulysses and a three mile radius. The County Attorney will request the Interlocal Agreement be signed by the Attorney General.


Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented quotes for a flatbed and chemical sprayer for the new Noxious Weed pickup. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase a chemical sprayer from Fairbank Equipment at a cost of \$30,146.16; and a flatbed from Stanton

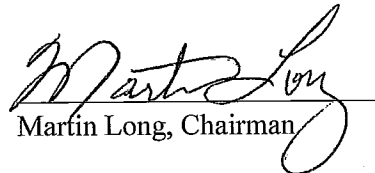
County Implement at a cost of \$1,775.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Noxious Weed Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McCauley shared a request for free debris disposal at the Transfer Station from Jeff Rollins. It was the consensus of commissioners to deny the request.

Darrin Figgins, Airport Board Member, presented three quotes for furniture at the airport terminal. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid from Grant County Furniture for chairs and a long table for the meeting room; tall table set, loveseats and table set for the sitting area; and lounge, recliner and sofa with end tables for the pilots room, at a cost of \$7,105.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Airport fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Figgins discussed the need for a sign identifying the airport terminal building. Commissioner Long recommended the Airport Board get two signs, one for the building and one for the highway turning into the Airport. The board will return at a later date with cost estimates for the signs.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$127,763.60 date August 20; voucher numbers ending 145302 totaling \$342,028.83. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 11:00 a.m., to meet again in regular session on September 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Martin Long, Chairman

