

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Janet Stewart, Kevin Shapland and media representative Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News, were present. Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; and Lance Babcock, Sheriff. During the department head meeting Carl Higgs wished Janet Stewart and Kevin Shapland the best in their endeavor as incoming commissioners starting in January.

Commissioner Long presented the Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Ambulance Department donation checks of \$2,000.00 each from LINN Energy.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented Order of Resolutions for approval by commissioners. Carl Higgs made the motion to adopt Order of Resolution #1, a Resolution to install a yield sign on Road 4 at the Road L intersection; Order of Resolution #2, a Resolution to install a yield sign on Road 4 at the Road L intersection (opposite side of road). Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$126,743.94 dated November 26; voucher numbers ending 146005 totaling \$549,102.90. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, met with commissioners to discuss her departments' revenue decrease in 2014. Compared to 2013 the ambulance runs are down 140 calls. Ms. Deckert also relayed it was difficult to predict revenue when the bad debt write-offs are increasing and insurance is paying less on claims. Commissioner Long requested the EMS Director follow the revenue trends and keep the commissioners informed for budgeting purposes.

The commissioners reviewed the bad debt write-offs from the Ambulance Department. Carl Higgs made the motion to allow the \$3,640.06 ambulance write offs. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Larry Sharp, Member Service Representative for Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), presented the 2013 Grant County and Kansas Loss Ratio Reports.

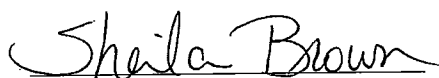
The County Clerk presented three quotes on a printer and a copier for the Clerk's Office. The 2005 printer is breaking down despite all the internal parts being replaced. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the quote from Thomson Reuters for a Lexmark MS810DN printer at a cost not to exceed \$1,468.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Clerk relayed she has other offices using the copier along with her office, and the high volume of copies, scans and faxes has worn out the 2007 copier. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the quote from Southern Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$9,395.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

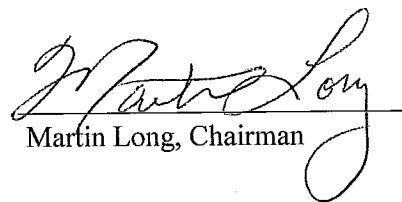
Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 14-04, a Resolution waiving the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) as they apply to Grant County, and resolving the financial statement and reports of the County be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to enter into a Cash Farm Lease Contract with Garry and Merlene Spencer, for the SE/4 of Section 7, Township 28 South, Range 37 West, 129.75 total acres. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Darrin Figgins, Airport Board Member, called to extend an open invitation to commissioners for a tour of the updated Airport Main Building.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 11:51 a.m., to meet again in regular session on December 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk

  
Martin Long, Chairman

