

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

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the County, payroll total \$126,326.42 dated December 10; voucher numbers ending 146156 totaling \$194,388.04. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, shared the new Treasurer's Office hours and transaction times starting January 1, 2015. The Treasurer's Office will process Monday through Friday, property taxes from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; motor vehicle transactions from 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.; commercial vehicle transactions from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, driver's license transactions from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed the Solid Waste Committee Members. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the 2015 Solid Waste Management Committee Members noting the commissioner slate should be changed after the new commissioners take office. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Long relayed a representative from Buffalos Dunes Wind Farm Project called him to report a wind turbine broke in half. There were no injuries and the area is roped off pending an investigation and repairs to the wind turbine.

The County Clerk requested permission to carry part of the vacation time to the next calendar year for an employee hired after August 31, per the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Linda McHenry made the motion to grant special permission for Lora Foresman to carry over two vacation days to 2015 as provided by the policy manual. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to enter into a Grant Agreement with Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Moderate Income Housing Project Agreement will grant up to \$350,000.00 for construction of six rental units in the form of duplexes. Builders Development Corporation will construct the units with a deadline of December 31, 2015.

The commissioners reviewed the bad debt write-offs from the Ambulance Department. Linda McHenry made the motion to allow the \$6,047.68 ambulance write-offs. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

An employee sick leave donation request was reviewed. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the request. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to the special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing amending the 2014 Ambulance fund budget from \$301,127 to \$351,127 was held. No one from the general public attended the hearing. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve amending the Ambulance fund, increasing the budget from \$301,127 to \$351,127. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Janet Stewart, Council Member; Sara Britton, City Clerk; and Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned 1:15 p.m.

The commissioners reconvened at 5:30 p.m. to conduct a conference call with Jeff Sommers, Stroudwater Associate; David Winkle and Jonathan Kendall, Attorneys with Nelson Mullins. The conference call was to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Centura Health. In attendance for the conference call were: Art Frable, Hospital Administrator; Hospital Board of Trustees, Mary Moyer, Mike Brewer, David Higgs, Bob Ward; and Jessica Akers, County Attorney. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for an hour and a half with the County Attorney, Hospital Board of Trustees, and Hospital Administrator, for consultation with Stroudwater Associates and Nelson Mullins, which is deemed confidential data relating to financial affairs of the County. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After an hour and a half the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

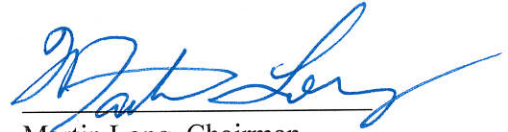
The County Clerk requested commissioners review an employee situation that had been brought to her attention. The commissioners deliberated whether a full time employee using vacation time in one department of the County could then work in

another department on the same days. The commissioners asked the County Clerk to contact KCAMP Attorney Assist for a legal determination.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., to meet again in regular session on January 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Martin Long, Chairman

