

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Marty Long, Commissioner Carl Higgs and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Marty Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Linda McHenry was delayed and joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for a conference call with an attorney, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for 25 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed. After 20 minutes the meeting continued, Marty Long made the motion to resolve the pending Grant County and Board on Aging law suit. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed.

Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds, presented copier quotes from the National Cooperative Program for \$9,460; Office Solutions, Inc. for \$9,445; and Southern Office Supply for \$9,270. Discussion was held on the funding of the copier. Marty Long made the motion to purchase the copier from Southern Office Supply for the Register of Deeds Office at a cost not to exceed \$9,270, and the expense would be paid from the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and the Non-regulated Workplace Substance Abuse and Testing Policy were reviewed by commissioners. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the February 2012 policy revision updates for DOT and Non-regulated testing. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to designate the Grant County Clerk's Office as a free form transmittal site to provide assistance to voters for citizenship documents. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Scott Nichols, Grant County Recreation Director, Jeff Rawlins, Local Contractor, and Randy McCauley, Road & Bridge Administrator, met with commissioners to discuss using some of the county's stockpile crushed concrete for backfill on the new outdoor pool slide. Mr. Rawlins requested 200 yards of the bigger concrete and 2 truckloads of the fine concrete. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the recreation to have the crushed concrete needed to complete their project.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, informed commissioners Grant County had \$37,182.46 currently available through the Federal Exchange Fund Program. The commissioners reviewed and signed an agreement for engineering services between Grant County and Kirkham, Michael and Associates for the survey, design and bidding services on the Highway Intersection Improvement Project. Mr. McCauley asked for permission to hire a replacement for a retiring employee in his department. The commissioners agreed an employee would need to be hired.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Vivian Button, Emergency Management Secretary, presented a software maintenance quote from Esri, Inc. for GIS, and discussed the different maintenance options. It was the consensus to pay the entire maintenance quote.

Marty Long made the motion to give an appropriation to the Chamber of Commerce of \$12,500 for general operations. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations for 25 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 25 minutes the meeting continued, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

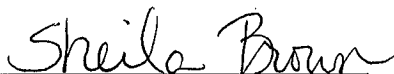
Peggy Alford, District Magistrate Judge, expressed concerns with three proposed Senate Bills. Judge Alford relayed to commissioners if these bills pass it would reduce the number of judges per district, and the county would be held financially responsible for the judges instead of the State of Kansas.


Commissioner Long and Commissioner Higgs recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the City of Ulysses Officials. Those attending were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Tim McCauley, Janet Stewart, Warren Devore; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Administrator, Daron Hall. Discussion was held on the benefits of GIS and the possibility of making it a joint city/county project.

Leslie Mangels, Economic Development Director; Shanda Swinehart, Economic Development Board Member; and Daron Hall, Administrator City of Ulysses, met briefly with commissioners to discuss the incentive package for new business in Grant County.

The commissioners made plans to have a work day meeting on Tuesday, February 28th starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Corporate East Hotel Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to meet again in special session on February 28, 2012.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Linda McHenry, Chairman

