

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. After silent prayer, Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed the bad debt write-offs from the Ambulance Department. Marty Long made the motion to allow the \$7,708.72 ambulance write-offs. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented sealed bids for a 1989 Ford One Ton Pickup, Carlos Perez bid \$525; Gary and Cody Sams bid \$605.25, and Mario Rodriguez bid \$576. Marty Long made the motion to accept the bid for \$605.25 from Gary and Cody Sams. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McCauley reported the two open positions at the Road Department have been filled. Luie Diaz has decided to step away from the shop foreman position and will be working in the field; Randy Klein is the new shop foreman. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, explained the Fire Department has five radios that are not compatible with narrow banding. Mr. Crosby presented quotes for purchasing five new radios, Snyder Radio quote \$2,200; and Mobile Radio quote \$2,325. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the low quote from Snyder Radio for \$2,200, and for this expense to be taken from the fire fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, Treasurer, give an update on the new State Motor Vehicle Program that went live May 8th. The public has been patient, but there have been long lines in the Treasurer's Office because the system is functioning slowly and her staff must work around program glitches. Ms. Gee was disappointed; her office had to turn people away at five o'clock for the first time since she has been Treasurer.

De De Lane, Purchasing Agent, thanked the commissioners for permitting her to attend the CivicPlus Website Conference in Wichita. Ms. Lane once again reviewed the contract from CivicPlus to redesign Grant County's website. The redesign will have a onetime cost of \$4,933.60; and the new site will have an annual hosting increase of \$966.60 per year, bringing the new hosting cost per year to \$3,546.60. Commissioner Long asked if other sites were researched for a price comparison. Ms. Lane had looked at one other site. Marty Long made the motion to allow CivicPlus to redesign the website for a onetime development fee of \$4,933.60, and for this expense to be taken from the general fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, Ms. Lane asked permission to renew the Sam's Club Card. The commissioners had no problem with renewing the card.

Mike Gray, Citizen, discussed two concerns with the Senior Center management. The Senior Center would not allow him to use their wireless internet. Mr. Gray said he was walking around at 4

o'clock in the morning trying to use the Senior Center wireless internet and was unable to log on because it is password protected. Mr. Gray also believes LaVonne Michael is a bully and he would like the county nepotism policy enforced or ask her to retire. No action was taken.

Mary Sullivan and Joe Liebbrandt, County Extension Agents; Dennis Leighty, Mandy Fox, and Leslie Mangels, Extension Board Members, presented their 2013 budget request of \$185,000, which is an increase of \$11,000 from the 2012 appropriation. Mandy Fox explained the increase will help cover the cost of 4-H and other programs. The 4-H participants are up from 58 to 102 this year. They also have two full time extension agents on staff and would like to keep them. Mr. Liebbrandt updated the commissioners on the community garden and stated they have eight participants this season.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the commissioners on the engine replacement for his emergency management vehicle. It was the consensus of the commissioners to take the expense out of the special equipment fund. In other business, the cost to reprogram 57 radios, 146 mobiles and 5 repeaters will be approximately \$5,000. Mobile Radio will start May 22nd narrow banding the radios and Blue Valley will re-band the sirens starting May 23rd. It was the consensus of the commissioners to take the reprogramming cost from the general fund.

David Graber, Transfer Station Manager, submitted Terracon's supplemental proposal of \$19,000, to prepare a design for the new C-D pit. Marty Long made the motion to accept the proposal to prepare an engineering design for the new C-D pit at a cost of \$19,000, to be taken out of the transfer station fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

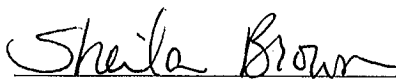
Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to a land acquisition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

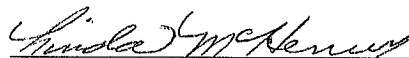
The commissioners recessed for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Janet Stewart, Tim McCauley, Larry Velasquez; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

After lunch the commissioners held a work session. No decisions were made as a result of the work session.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to meet again in regular session June 5, 2012.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Linda McHenry, Chairman