

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. JD Neufeld provided prayer and Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives, Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio, and Laci McCarter, The Ulysses News, were in attendance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; De De Lane, Purchasing Agent; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Marty Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Supplemental Proposal No. 6, Trench No. 3, a contract with Terracon Consultants to design the new C&D pit at the Grant County Transfer Station was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Art Frable, Hospital Administrator; Robert Jacobi, Hospital Director of Finance; and Board of Trustee Member, David Higgs, presented their 2013 appropriation request of \$1,050,000.

Mark Hinde, CEO of Southwest Development Services, Inc. (SDSI), and Mary Gleason, Grant County Representative, presented their 2013 appropriation request of \$47,093.

Deanna Berry, Executive Director for Russell Child Development Center (RCDE), presented her 2013 appropriation request of \$35,000. Ms. Berry commented 91.44% of their overall agency expenses went to program services.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; and Board on Aging Members, Charles Hacker, Ray Velasquez, Betty Burns, Ronnie Young, Janet Stewart, Mary Cott, and Bill Stewart, met with commissioners for guidance on several issues. First, the board requested direction on the handling of senior fund raising monies and private donations. The board would like confirmation the money will stay separate from tax dollars in the senior citizen fund or could it be put into a 501c account. Carl Higgs made the motion to allow a separate account for private donations and senior fund raisers. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Second, discussion was held on insurance coverage for volunteers; on buildings; and how to budget for the expenses. Commissioner McHenry explained the budgeting process. Third, the Senior Center owns a round top garage that is on the same block as the center. The board told commissioners the building was purchased with donation money. The board asked the commissioners if the county should take ownership of the property. Commissioner Long advised Mr. Hacker to consult with the county attorney. Fourth, the duties of the nurse were reviewed. Also, the commissioners were informed the public donations made in the nurses' station are used to offset the cost of medical supplies. The Board on Aging thanked commissioners and invited them to lunch at the Senior Center.

De De Lane, Purchasing Agent, informed commissioners she bought the Adobe Photoshop Program and discussed the website project. Ms. Lane requested permission to have another purchasing meeting with department heads. The commissioners had no problem with the request.


Henry Helmke, Southwest Kansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Foundation (SKADAF), presented a request of \$6,000 for the 2013 appropriation. SKADAF had four referrals from Grant County last year. Mr. Helmke reported they will be hiring a licensed addiction councilor due to a new state regulation.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, explained the Road Department has five mobile radios that are not compatible with narrow banding. Marty Long made the motion to allow the purchase of radios for the Road Department at a cost not to exceed \$2,200 from Mobile Radio located in Great Bend. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, 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.


Mandy Fox accepted the Economic Development Interim Director position and submitted her resignation as a board member. A name was proffered as a possible replacement and will be contacted to verify their interest. Ms. Fox is cleaning out the back room at the office and requested permission to have the dumping fee waived at the Transfer Station. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow Economic Development to dump a roll off at no charge at the Transfer Station.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to a land acquisition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioners adjourned at 12:50 p.m., to meet again in regular session June 19, 2012.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Linda McHenry, Chairman