

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Pastor Sam Bynum provided prayer, and Chairman Marty Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Laci McCarter, Ulysses News; and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

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

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, presented grant applications which were reviewed and approved.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved.

David Graber, Transfer Station Manager, presented a bid to replace a 2008 walking floor trailer. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid of \$58,382 with trade in, from Wilkens Trailer, and for the expense to be taken from the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, Mr. Graber informed commissioners Pioneer Electric had disposed of numerous power poles at the Transfer Station. He requested permission to give the poles to a person wanting to build a fence with them. This person would not be able to load the poles himself unless he was allowed to cut them down. The commissioners made the unanimous decision not to allow the person to cut up the poles on county premises, but instead help the person load his trailer.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, received one bid for the 2013 season of county lawn care spraying and aeration. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the bid from Gray's Yard Service in the amount of \$4,479. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, Mr. Neufeld requested replacing the Walker Auditorium lights with a higher efficiency T5 light. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve a bid for materials only from Ulysses Building Supply in the amount of \$5,828.63 to change out the lighting in the Walker Auditorium, and for the expense to be taken from the county building fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 regular meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner McHenry made the motion to proclaim March 19th as Kansas Agriculture Day and March 12th – March 19th as Kansas Agriculture Week in Kansas and urged all citizens

residing in Grant County to join this celebration and to know that our strong agricultural tradition benefits Kansans and all Americans. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Terry Maas to a three year term on the Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Board to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Jose Olivas. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$5,418.95. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners announced they will have a special meeting to tour county facilities on March 12th starting at 9:00 a.m.

Terry Maas, Deputy Sheriff, informed commissioners he is a certified pyrotechnic and has agreed to take over the July 4th Fireworks Display for the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Maas requested the County donate to the 2013 July 4th Fireworks Display. After discussion, Linda McHenry made the motion to donate \$3,000 to the 2013 July 4th Fireworks Display. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Darrin Figgins, Cemetery Board Chairman, met with commissioners to discuss a cemetery building project. Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, was present for this portion of the meeting. The sexton has outgrown the shop and the board has plans to build a 40' X 60' metal building on the west side of cemetery property. Mr. Figgins stated the cemetery would purchase the dirt and asked if the Road Department could prepare the dirt pad for the site. The group discussed the ability of the Road Department dump trucks to get to the site since there is no highway access. Mr. McCauley will consult with KDOT for access and Mr Figgins will consult with the adjacent landowner for permission to enter across his land. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Road Department to build the dirt pad.

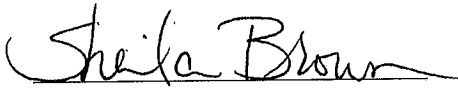
With no further business for the morning the commissioners recessed at 11:15 a.m. and will resume at 1:15 p.m.

Tom Fuhrmann, County Appraiser, informed commissioners he had called several counties that have the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program. Rita Gee, County Treasurer, attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Fuhrmann explained the plan is intended to promote the revitalization and development of property by stimulating new construction in a county. If the county adopted neighborhood revitalization the program would apply to any new construction in the county and could be adapted to fit Grant County needs. The commissioners were interested in finding out more details, Mr. Fuhrmann will return at a later date with additional information.

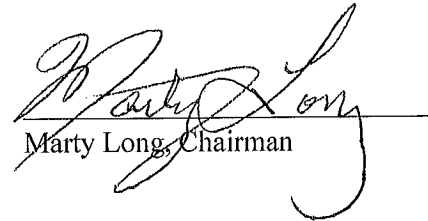
Lance Babcock, Sheriff, gave an update on the Next Generation of 911 Systems Meeting hosted by Grant County. The next level of 911 will be IP based and will accept text messaging. Sheriff Babcock will be coordinating with 19 other counties to apply for a grant and upgrade to the new system.

Linda McHenry 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.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 2:45 p.m., to meet again in special session on March 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Marty Long, Chairman