

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Chairman 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: JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; De Lane, Purchasing Agent; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

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

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved. Mr. McCauley voiced concern with letting landowners put gas lines in the road easements due to the safety issues. The commissioners noted the concern. The Road Department crew will start elevating and stabilizing Road S.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, presented requests for three improvements; item 1-replacing two windows in the office of the Civic Center building; item 2-in the South Room remove tin, insulate, build stud wall and sheetrock; item 3-replace rusted metal on the outside of the main Civic Center building. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase two office windows from Ulysses Office Supply at cost of \$640 for materials, 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 accept the bid from Ulysses Building Supply at a cost of \$2,247.62 for materials to insulate and replace drywall in the South Room, and for the expense to be taken from the county building fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was taken on Mr. Neufeld's third item request until additional quotes could be presented.

Commissioners reviewed the Escrow Agreement between Buffalo Dunes Wind Project, Grant County, and the Escrow Agent Deutsche Bank National Trust Company. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the Escrow Agreement as written. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the 2014 Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month and expressed the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$9,229.19. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Dan Widder, City Council Member, and visitors Tom Vick, Steve Kinsey, and Jeff Fowler, discussed a joint resolution between Grant County and the City of Ulysses to preserve and defend the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. Jessica Akers, County Attorney, sat in on this portion of the meeting. Mr. Widder had an issue with the words "God given rights" being removed from the original resolution and deliberated the importance. After discussion, the group compromised on the words "unalienable rights" as the replacement for "God given rights". Linda McHenry made the motion to accept Resolution 13-01, a Resolution to Preserve and Defend the United States Constitution, with the change of "unalienable rights" replacing the word "pre-existing rights". Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, reviewed the County Tax Sale scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and shared questions she had been asked from interested buyers. Commissioner Long agreed to be present at the sale.

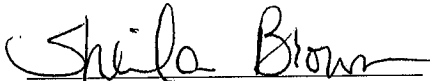
Linda McHenry made the motion recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Those attending from the hospital were: Mary Moyer and David Higgs, Trustees; Art Frable, Administrator, and Robert Jacobi, Director of Finance. Because of the rejection from St. Catherine Hospital to affiliate with Grant County, the group had a lengthy discussion on what direction to take. David Higgs stated the burden was now on the commissioners to make a decision. Commissioners wondered if the medical staff completely understands the future hospital funding tax concern. The commissioners were disappointed the staff had been against the affiliation but offered no solution to the problem. Dr. Gerstberger agreed to meet with the doctors and get their perspective on the future of the hospital and to ask them to work together to better serve this community. The luncheon ended at 1:15 p.m.

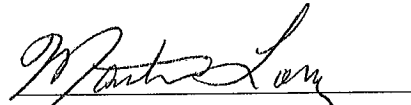
Darrin Figgins, Airport Board Member, requested permission to repair the Airport building electric hangar door. The Airport Board would like to have a structural engineer look at the door due to the stress break. Mr. Figgins had contacted Stan Smyth and his company could repair the door. Linda McHenry made the motion to have Smyth Oil and Gas Services repair the hangar door at a cost of \$2,200, and for the expense to be taken from the Airport fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the commissioners Mr. Figgins could contact an engineer if still needed after the repairs.

Commissioner Long discussed his desire to apply for funding from KDOT's Rail Service Improvement Program. The Main Street railroad tracks are in need of repair and if the application was accepted the city and county could do the project together. It was the consensus of commissioners to make the application a joint venture with the City of Ulysses and when the program opens in July apply to redo the Main Street tracks.

Carl Higgs made the motion to adjourn for the day at 2:30 p.m., to meet again as the Board of Canvassers on April 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Martin Long, Chairman