

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner McHenry, Commissioner Higgs and the County Clerk present. Pastor Janet Hernandez provided prayer and Commissioner McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Laci McCarter, Ulysses News; and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 7 and the May 14, 2013 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,335.97 dates May 15; voucher numbers 141127 – 141234 totaling \$265,282.68. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, gave a Road Department update.

Area Mental Health Center (AMHC), Ric Dalke, Executive Director; Marla Lira, Ulysses Office Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert and Don Button, Grant County Representatives, presented their 2014 appropriation request of \$114,000.00, the same as last year. Grant County had 343 individuals use services from AMHC for a total of 4,427 hours.

Commissioner Long joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Christopher Lund, President, and Minnie Fischer, Counselor, with City on a Hill, explained the rehabilitation program they provide. Melinda May, Probation Officer, attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Lund requested an appropriation of \$4,000.00 in 2014. Melinda May reported she has recommended 16% of her clients to the outpatient care at the women's intermediate center. Ms. Fischer gave testimony on behalf of Mr. Lund and his accomplishments. The commissioners will consider this request at budget time.

Bob Dale Passini introduced himself as the new Economic Development Director and turned in his resignation as a County appointed Economic Development Board Member. The commissioners welcomed him and they will look for a replacement for the board position.

Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital, Art Frable, Hospital Administrator; Board of Trustees, David Higgs and Jeff Porter, presented a 2014 appropriation request of \$1,050,000.00, the same as last year. Commissioner Long questioned the board on the recent newspaper article concerning potential new revenue streams for the hospital. They explained the local doctors would like to change and add services to secure financial stability instead of looking at affiliating with another hospital. The board is looking into the doctors' suggestions for additional revenue sources.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, met with commissioners to report on their request for information concerning matters associated with the sale of a county owned hospital. Mr. Frable, Mr. Higgs and Mr. Porter remained for the presentation. The County Attorney told commissioners they must determine what the goal of the sale is to accomplish: Option one – If the goal is to sell the real/personal property of the hospital then the procedures as outlined in KSA 19-111 will need to be followed. Option two – If the goal is to sell the hospital's business operations then the sale must be approved by the hospital board. Option three – If the goal is to close

the hospital then the commissioners can sell it under KSA 19-4625. The commissioners requested additional information concerning the possibilities of leasing and how the hospital bonds could be handled. Ms. Akers will return at a later date with the information.

Joe Leibbrandt and Mary J. Sullivan, Grant County Extension Agents; and Keith Wood, Extension Board Member, presented a 2014 budget request of \$184,888.00 which is up \$4,888.00 from last year. In an effort to hold the budget down the extension will no longer have a summer internship, employ any part time help, and will not be giving raises this year. Ms. Sullivan clarified they have 118 kids out for 4-H and they are not planning on cutting any programs.

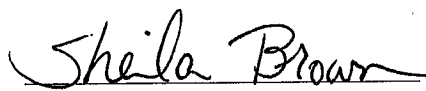
Douglas Little, Sales Manager with Air Medical Group Holdings, met with commissioners to request the county purchase an employee membership for each employee to EagleMed Air Ambulance Service. EagleMed submits an invoice to the insurance and then holds the patient responsible for any amount that was not considered by the insurance. The membership would erase the out of pocket expense. The commissioners will consider the coverage at budget time.

The commissioners discussed department budgets and employee raises. It was the consensus of the commissioners to put off giving raises and look at a lump sum payment at the end of the year, if funds were available. It was the consensus of commissioners the departments should budget 2% for raises next year. The county clerk was directed to give departments the information for budgeting.

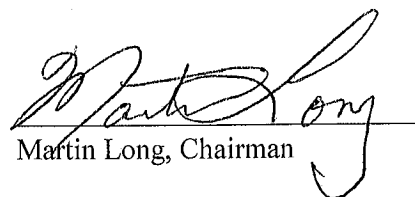
The commissioners adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The commissioners reconvened 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, Jerry Jo Deckert; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session on June 4, 2013.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman