

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; De Lane, Purchasing Agent; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 regular meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$145,715.49 dates July 24; voucher numbers ending 141818 totaling \$1,087,533.86. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve Ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$11,598.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to nominate Carl Higgs to be the Grant County Voting Delegate for the November business meetings of Kansas Association Counties (KAC); Kansas County Association of Multiline Pool (KCAMP); and the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC), and for Linda McHenry to be the Alternate Voting Delegate. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to appoint Jeanie Dixon and Nancy Smith to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sub-Regional Council. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, visited with commissioners concerning the old care home property owned by the County at 300 E. Maize. Commissioner Long requested Mr. Passini visit with the County Attorney to research the process to sell the property.

At 10:00 a.m. the public hearing for the 2014 budget hearing was held. No one from the general public attended the hearing. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt the 2014 budget in the amount of \$18,027,375.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A quote for the resurfacing of the commercial building floor was opened from Skylite Construction for \$33,250.00. Mike Anderson, Skylite Construction Owner, attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Anderson spoke to commissioners about a more economical method of repairing the floor and submitted an estimate with a two year warranty for \$16,000.00. The floor

would need to be adhesion and color tested and then a urethane coating could be used to repair the floor. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the repair quote from Skylight Construction at a cost of \$16,000.00, and for this expense be paid from the County Building fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners to discuss the 2014 budget for his department. The Sheriff requested an executive session to discuss selected personnel cuts. 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. Sheriff Babcock returned later in the day to further discuss his budget cut options. It was the consensus of the commissioners if the department head had a plan that could get the budget to the adjusted amount, they would not interfere with their decision.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, discussed what his department would change to comply with the 25% budget cut in 2014. Grant County has 171 miles of asphalt roads and 627 miles of gravel roads. Mr. McCauley requested the commissioners give him direction on what roads have priority to them. The commissioners asked Randy to use his best judgment for priorities and send citizen complaints to them. Discussion was held on truck mounted salt spreaders, road graders and pickups. Commissioners requested the Road Department reduce road graders to a fleet of nine. It was the consensus of the commissioners the Road Department could seek bids for a new truck mounted salt spreader, road graders and one new pickup. Mr. McCauley presented a Resolution Stanton County adopted for prohibiting the use of county roadways for commercial vehicles. The commissioners wanted Randy to contact other counties to see how effective the Resolution was in counties that had adopted similar ones.

At 11:15 a.m., the commissioners held a conference call with Jeff Sommer and Rob Kirsch, of Stroudwater Associates, to discuss the advisory firm's qualifications and their view of affiliation options for the hospital. No action was taken.

Joe Leibbrandt, Extension Agent; Extension Board Members, Shelley Alexander, Gene Shore, and Dennis Leighty, met with commissioners to explain how the Extension will handle their reduced budget in 2014. Plans include selling the suburban; dissolving the cleaning contract for the building; no longer mailing newsletters and email as many as possible; and cut travel for agents unless a grant can pay the expense. Extension plans on keeping agriculture the priority and will continue the 4-H Program.

Amy Orosco and Shayla Jacquez, with The Ulysses News, invited Grant County to participate in the "Experience Grant County" publication. A half page ad is \$349.00 and a full page ad is \$698.00. Linda McHenry made the motion to sponsor a full page ad in the "Experience Grant County" publication for \$698.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

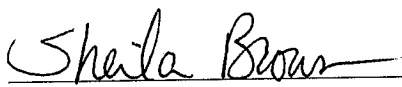
The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy @ Park View Board. Those attending were: Board Members, Larry Gustafson and Larry Kepley; Alisha Beims, Care Home Nursing Director; and Lou Ann Gray, Assisted Living Director. General discussion was held.

Judy Keusler, Kristy Frazee, Jerry Jo Deckert, and Marieta Hauser, Healthy Lifestyle Initiative Group Members, informed commissioners they are donating time for the health and fitness of the community. The group was concerned when Grant County ranked 54th in healthy outcomes in the Robert Wood Johnson Health Survey. The mission is to find out if Grant County has deficiencies, and how do they address them. They are conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment Survey in Grant County from July to September; the group has 421 responses to date.

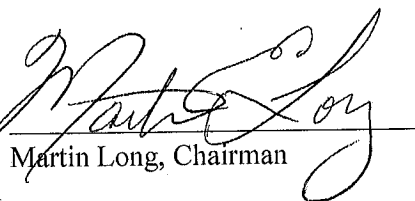
Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, requested funding to purchase two monitors for the vaccine storage units. The monitors would alert staff if the temperature rises or falls in the units and would cost approximately \$1,000.00 each. Lynette Metcalf, RN, attended this portion of the meeting. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase monitors for the refrigerator and freezer the vaccines are stored in, and for the cost to come from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 20 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioner adjourned at 3:10 p.m., to meet again in regular session on August 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman