

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 present: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News.

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

Service Awards were presented to the following employees: Noxious Weed - Ramon Clinesmith 15 years; Road Department - Luie Diaz, 30 years; Gabriel Flores 10 years; Randy Klein 10 years; Ambulance - Terry Crosby, 10 years; Robert Stamey, part time 10 years; Senior Center - Anthony Michael, 25 years; Sharon Davis, part time 10 years. Family and friends of the honorees attended this portion of the meeting.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$133,976.75 dates September 18; voucher numbers ending 142327 totaling \$870,684.82. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John McClelland, General Manager and Chris Wagner, Grain Manager with Garden City Coop, spoke of their intentions to build a new elevator station in Grant County. Randy McCauley attended this portion of the meeting. The facility will have five tanks and a weigh station; it will be located at the intersection of Road 5 and Road Q. Mr. Wagner requested an access road on Road 5. Discussion was held on the culvert size, turning lane and turning radius of the access road. The Road Department will accommodate the request. Mr. McClelland requested the County grant property tax abatement on the project. The commissioners were receptive and suggested meeting with Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director to begin the application for the incentive program.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners to request four new laptop computers for his officers to replace the 2006 laptops presently being used. Linda McHenry made the motion to allow the Sheriff to purchase four Lenovo ThinkPad Edge T430 laptops at a cost of \$1,036.99 each, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Sheriff Babcock also requested four new radios for his officers. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the purchase of four Astro digital handheld 800 megahertz radios with programming at a cost of \$6,283.56, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund.

The quote that was presented at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting from Bill Purnell to paint the west side of the old maintenance building behind the museum was revisited. After discussion, Carl Higgs made the motion to allow \$745.50 for paint to be added the original quote. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made motion to adopt the Notice of Privacy Practices Policy for Grant County. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The County Clerk will distribute to all of the County employees to meet a new HIPAA privacy compliance mandate.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve Resolution 13-08, approving the amended and restated Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) loss prevention analysis recommendations were reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, informed commissioners the Emergency Medical Services received \$39,894.06 from the Floadene Hertel estate and the money will be put in the Grant County Community Foundation Agency Endowment Fund for the EMS. Ms. Deckert will hold the check until the Grant County Gives Matching Funds Drive starts so matching dollars will be applied to her endowment fund.

Scott Strom, Business Development Manager for 360 Energy Engineers, gave a presentation on his company and their mission to help entities make public facility improvements.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, stopped by the meeting to give commissioners a community update.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Those attending from the hospital were: Dr. Mark Gerstberger, Trustee; Art Frable, Administrator; and James Forrest, Director of Finance.

Greg Soelter, GBS Enterprises, met with commissioners to discuss an alternative method to building a concession/restroom building at the Rodeo Arena. The commissioners thanked Mr. Soelter for the information and relayed they are not interested in doing the building this year but they will take a second look at the project next year.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, met with commissioners. Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes, Linda McHenry made the motion to continue in executive

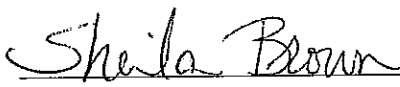
session for 20 additional minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 50 minutes the meeting continued in open session.

Commissioners requested De Lane, Purchasing Agent, meet with them. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session.

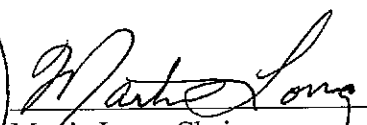
Commissioner Long stated the commissioners have hired a replacement for the Transfer Station manager position due to the retirement of David Graber. The commissioners hired and negotiated a salary package of \$75,000.00 with Randy McCauley to include in his duties the management of the Transfer Station. The salary and responsibilities will be effective immediately. Also, De Lane is assigned to the Transfer Station as the office manager and will keep the web site administration. Ms. Lane will be under the direct supervision of Mr. McCauley and receive a raise to \$16.00 an hour, effective immediately. Commissioners and Mr. McCauley also decided to rotate the Transfer Station truck drivers and the Road Department equipment operators as needed with the goal of blending the Transfer Station and Road Department together for future effectiveness. The commissioners held a conference call with David Graber to inform him of the hiring of Mr. McCauley. Commissioners thanked David for his dedication to the Transfer Station manager position and wished him the best in his retirement. The commissioners requested Martin Hernandez and Lee Wright meet with them. They were told Mr. Wright was unavailable but Mr. Graber would send Mr. Hernandez to the meeting. The commissioners informed Mr. Hernandez of the change in managers. Later De Lane and Randy McCauley returned to the meeting to ask questions concerning the position changes. The commissioners encouraged Mr. McCauley to get with Mr. Graber to work out details of the changeover.

Commissioners requested Rita Gee, County Treasurer, met with them. Discussion was held on Senate Bill No. 171 and the Kansas Department of Administration's preparation to issue the Oil and Gas Valuation Depletion Trust Fund (OGVDTF) disbursements. Linda McHenry made the motion to hire John Frieden as legal counsel to review County distribution payment percentages for the Oil and Gas Valuation Depletion Trust Fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Gee was asked to hold the OGVDTF check until the discrepancy is resolved.

The commissioners adjourned at 3:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session on October 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Martin Long, Chairman