

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the Deputy County Clerk present. Pastor Jon Becker provided prayer and Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representative present: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$131,211.62 date December 11; payable voucher numbers ending 142977 totaling \$299,031.89. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

A public hearing amending the 2013 Board on Aging budget from \$390,174.00 to \$440,174.00 was held. No one from the public attended the hearing. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the amended budget. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to the special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Charles Hacker, Board on Aging Member, represented the Senior Center concerning several issues. O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director, and Janet Stewart, Board Member, were also in attendance. Mr. Hacker reported that he visited with Tom Job, KCAMP, about the out of state travel restriction due to insurance, and one suggestion is for the Commissioners to consider leasing the bus for the travel of seniors citizens. Additional insurance could be purchased by the group to cover the additional risk. Commissioners asked Mr. Hacker to get with the advisory board and come back with a recommended plan and lease amount. He also reported that Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator was satisfied with the 10'x16' space provided in the Senior Center backroom for Health Department storage. He requested permission to purchase an additional treadmill, like the ones purchased in 2012, at a cost of \$4,299.00; and a 47" LED television that costs around \$600. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the treadmill and television, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chairman Long also encouraged implementation of the 5-Year Plan for the Senior Citizen Department in the upcoming year.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, discussed the need to crush the concrete that has accumulated at the landfill, approximately 7,500 ton. Mr. McCauley obtained a verbal quote of \$12 per ton from Gerald Stoppel. The commissioners asked him to return in 2014 with a recommendation since there are no funds available at this time. Randy advised that KDHE is now requiring an engineer prepares the estimate of landfill closing costs, it was a KDHE routine report. Randy also reported that he is revising the fuel system so that each individual will have their own codes and individual usage will be tracked. Randy is seeking quotes for a new band saw and is planning to replace the office manager desk with a larger desk due to increased paperwork.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met to discuss a personnel issue with the commissioners. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for discussion of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chairman Long reconvened the regular session after 10 minutes. Linda McHenry made a motion to set the salary for the Civic Center Manager at \$36,000 per year effective for 2014. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, updated commissioners on the storage room solution for the Health Department. Commissioners agreed to see if Randy McCauley or Albert Wood would be able to add two walls and make the space efficient. Ms. Frazee also presented minutes she had written for the December 10, 2013 Board of Health meeting. Linda McHenry moved that the Board of Health minutes were approved as written and attached as a matter of record to the December 17th regular commissioner minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed the letter from Nelson Mullins Law Firm explaining the fee schedule for working on the hospital sale transaction. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the fee schedule for legal services pertaining to sale of the hospital. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners briefly discussed upcoming appointments. No action taken.

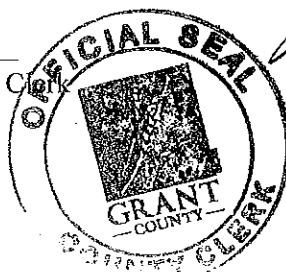
Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, returned to the meeting at the request of the commissioners. They visited briefly about the remodeling needed at the Health Department and Mr. McCauley agreed to look at the area so he can determine if his department has time to do the work. He also reported that he has an old red truck that he would like to sell. He was asked to publish the notice at least one time and have sealed bids delivered to the Clerk's Office.

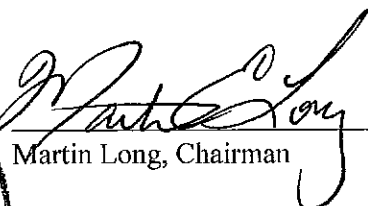
The Deputy Clerk asked for a clarification on holiday pay for part-time employees who routinely work three hours per day five days per week and are not currently scheduled for holiday pay. It was the consensus of the commissioners employees are not eligible for holiday pay unless they work four or more hours per day (20 hours per week) on a regular scheduled basis. Holiday pay is based on working for the county at least one year and working enough hours to receive holiday pay.

The commissioners then joined the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living for lunch. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Janet Stewart and Jerry Jo Deckert; Interim City Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson.

The commissioners adjourned at 10:50 a.m., to meet again in regular session on January 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.


Paula Shapland, Deputy County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman