

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

Mark Hinde, CEO of Southwest Development Services, Inc. (SDSI), and Mary Gleason, Grant County Representative, presented the SDSI 2015 appropriation request of \$47,409.00. Mr. Hinde and Ms. Gleason thanked the County for their continued investment in the program.

Jill Reagle, Tiny-K Coordinator for Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), presented the RCDC 2015 appropriation request of \$35,000.00. Ms. Reagle thanked the County for the continued support of child development programs.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a Emergency Management Performance Grant application, which was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Jessica Akers, County Attorney, presented a new Interlocal Agreement for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, Greg Wellbrock, Appraiser, and Rita Gee, County Treasurer, attended this portion of the meeting. A lengthy discussion was held on the dates to place in the revised plan. It was the consensus of commissioners: (1) the plan should take effect May 20, 2014 for a period of five years ending September 1, 2019; (2) applications could be accepted after the plan was approved by the Attorney General. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 14-03, a Resolution adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and designating the City of Ulysses and a three mile area surrounding the city limits as a neighborhood revitalization area. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Wetmore, Executive Co-Director of Great Plains Development, Inc. (GPDI), gave a 2014 service update and explained the benefits of renewing membership with them. Bob Dale Passini remained for the presentation. Linda McHenry made the motion to renew the 2014 Membership Agreement with Great Plains Development, Inc. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Wetmore also invited the commissioners to appoint a second member to the GPDI Membership Board. Mr. Passini agreed to serve on the board. Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Bob Dale Passini to an at-large position on the Great Plains Development Membership Board. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, met with commissioners. Road crossing permits were presented, which were reviewed and approved. The Transfer Station was notified Seward County Landfill will increase \$1.50 a ton for transfer trash tipping fees starting January 1, 2015. Linda McHenry made motion to increase rates from \$47.50 to \$49.00 per ton starting January 1, 2015. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed

unanimously. Mr. McCauley requested permission to seek bids for two new loaders at the Road Department. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow bidding for two loaders. Commissioner Long requested John Deere, Volvo, and Caterpillar all be offered the opportunity to bid. After lunch Mr. McCauley returned to give a department update. He reviewed plans for merging the Transfer Station with the Road Department for better administration and budgeting. He also reported the Road Department helped Stevens County with a project in exchange for road materials. Mr. McCauley requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Linda McHenry 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. Carl Higgs made the motion to lengthen the executive session 20 minutes. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 50 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Marty Long made the motion to amend the hours of operation Monday through Friday at the Transfer Station starting May 21, 2014; the Transfer Station will open for business at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented quotes for a chest freezer for the main kitchen; and new sound system quotes for the Lawson and South Room. Bob Dale Passini joined this portion of the meeting to answer questions on the sound system requirements. The sound systems in the Lawson and South Room have amplifiers that are broken. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the quote for amplifiers at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Honstead reported the sound system in the 4-H building needed replaced and it would cost \$2,800.00. Her plans were to replace the system with donation monies. It was the consensus of commissioners the donation monies could be used for the 4-H building. Ms. Honstead reported the compressor had gone out on the chest freezer in the main kitchen, and the cost to repair it exceeded the cost of a new one. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the chest freezer from Sears at a cost of \$711.61, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, updated the commissioners on the Builders Development Corporation, the successful bidder of the County property located at 315 E. Maize. The development group was turned down for federal and state program funding this year. Mr. Passini relayed they will not abandon the project and still plan to pursue it with other methods of funding. Commissioner Long directed the clerk to notify the Civic Center staff mowing will be needed on the property until further notice.

Ric Dalke, Executive Director, and Missy Martinez, Regional Director with Compass Behavioral Health Center (formally Area Mental Health Center), presented their 2015 appropriation request of \$114,206.00. They explained the services and reported Grant County had 370 residents served, and the average age of someone wanting services is 31. Mr. Dalke thanked the County for the continued support of Compass Behavioral Health Center so they may serve individuals with brain and emotional disorders.

The commissioners recessed at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the City of Ulysses Officials. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Janet Stewart, Jerry Jo Deckert, John Duran, Tim McCauley; City Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the Airport T-Hangar Lease Agreement with Daniel Lyle for Lease Parcel #8-2.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$125,134.42 date May 14; voucher numbers ending 144396 totaling \$269,407.18. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

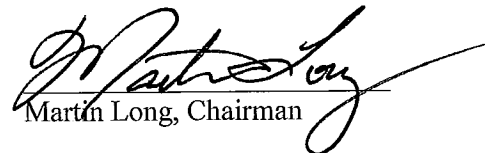
The commissioners reviewed the resignation letter from Dr. Mark Gerstberger from the Hospital Board of Trustees. It was the consensus of the commissioners to accept the resignation and pursue recommendations for a new member.

Commissioners discussed the 2015 budgets and how much should be allowed for employee raises. It was the consensus of the commissioners that department heads should allow 3.5% increases in the personal services line of their budgets for employee raises. Commissioners directed the clerk to send a memo to department heads with the information.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session on June 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman