

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 and Pastor Kelly Gindlesberger provided prayer. Media representatives present: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News. Janet Stewart, Kevin Shapland and Mike Stein joined the meeting to observe.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$129,956.65 dates October 15; voucher numbers ending 145686 totaling \$180,631.39. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed a letter from the Museum Board itemizing costs for property, liability, automobile, workers' compensation, and surety insurance. Due to the 2014 budget cut they requested reimbursed for the premiums. Linda McHenry made the motion to reimburse the 2014 premiums paid by the Museum in the amount of \$7,676.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Vaughn Lorenson, Kansas Emergency Management Association President, presented Vivian Button with the Leon H. Mannell Outstanding Emergency Management Support Professional Award. The award is given to recognize an individual who provides critical support and that goes above and beyond routine responsibilities.

Garry, Merlene and Levi Spencer met with commissioners. They discussed the Cash Lease Contract sent to them by the County Attorney. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Cash Lease Contract to be reduced to \$844.58 for this year. The Spencer's also requested the irrigation sentence be removed. Commissioner Long advised them to visit with the County Attorney to get the Contract in order.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented a motor grader bid. Commissioners discussed whether to take sole-source procurement on a motor grader. Caterpillar is offering a rebuild program that no other company is offering and the rebuild option would ensure the motor grader could be retained for 20 years. It was the opinion of Commissioner Long and Commissioner McHenry the rebuild program made the bid unique in nature and met the Purchasing Procedures Policy exception for sole-source procurement. Commissioner Higgs expressed the desire to hold off on this purchase. Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid from Foley Equipment for a 2014 Caterpillar 12M2 Motor Grader at a cost of \$167,778.57 with trade in of a 2006 John Deere 770D Motor Grader, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Machinery fund. Marty Long seconded the motion. The motion passed with two for and Commissioner Higgs voting against.

Judy Keusler, Ken Keusler, Kristy Frazee, Teri Christian, and Scott Nichols, Grant County Community Foundation, presented a Proclamation for the 3rd Annual Grant County

Gives Week. Commissioner Long hereby proclaimed November 3 through November 8, 2014, as Grant County Gives Week and expressed the hope that this year's observance will promote community betterment throughout the County.

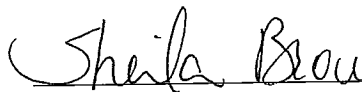
Scott Nichols, Grant County Recreation Director, met to visit about pool improvements. They have repainted the locker rooms and hallway of the building and the Recreation Board would like to replace the sliding glass doors that go from the indoor to the outdoor pool in the next year. Mr. Nichols also updated the commissioners on swimming programs and pool hours.

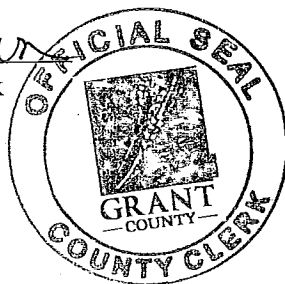
At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Higgs left the meeting due to an unavoidable commitment.

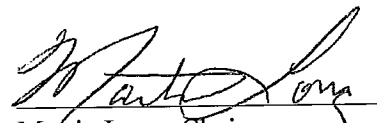
The County's health insurance renewal information for 2015 was reviewed by commissioners. Linda McHenry made the motion to continue with BlueCross and BlueShield of Kansas Health Insurance and accept the rates for 2015; and further motioned to remove the Advance Life Insurance part of the coverage effective January 1, 2015. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the commissioners, because it was at no additional cost to the County, to allow same sex marriage coverage in the health insurance policy.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., to meet again in regular session on November 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman