

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. Janet Stewart and Kevin Shapland joined the meeting to observe.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 4 and November 10, 2014 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$127,861.05 date November 12; voucher numbers ending 145901 totaling \$132,301.99. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, presented a contract and requested commissioners' approval to purchase a demo fire truck. Linda McHenry made a motion to accept the contract from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment on a 2015 fire truck, built to Grant County specifications, at a cost not to exceed \$208,795.00, and for this expense to be paid from the Fire Equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager, presented Teeter Irrigation's quote and plan for a drainage system to alleviate flooded areas around the arena, sidewalks and livestock barns. Ms. Honstead explained she had received no other bids for this project. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve a bid from Teeter Irrigation to fix the drainage at a cost not to exceed \$14,888.60, and for this expense to be paid from the General fund. Next, Ms. Honstead shared an issue of uneven pavement on the walk island in the large Civic Center parking lot. The commissioners advised Ms. Honstead to get local cement contractor recommendations and return at a later date.

Linda McHenry made the motion, on the recommendation of the auditors, to amend the 2014 Ambulance budget, increasing the budget authority by \$50,000.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners requested the Ambulance Director be put on the next Commissioner Agenda to review the \$40,000.00 revenue loss this year in the Ambulance fund.

The clerk presented information on the Airport's T-hangar and Taxilane project. The project estimated cost will be \$880,000.00; the County could have a potential exposure of \$250,000.00 if future Federal Entitlement funds are discontinued. Linda McHenry made the motion to proceed with the project and budget in 2015 for a potential exposure not to exceed \$250,000.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to allow the disposal of surplus equipment on Purple Wave Auction, a web based auction site. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The items were: Road Department - 1991 Dodge Power Ram 25LE Flatbed Pick-Up with 132,058 miles; 2002 Ford F150 XLT Super Crew Pick-Up with 246,078 miles; 1998 John Deere 6310 Tractor with 2500 approximate hours; 1983 John Deere 4650 MFWD Tractor with 7566 hours; Sheriff's Department - 1998 Jeep Cherokee

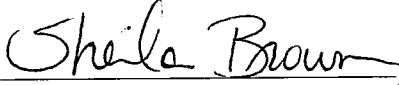
SE SUV with 69,468 miles; and Fire Department - 1981 International S1800 Fire Truck with 19,937 miles.

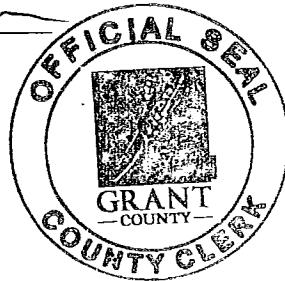
Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road permits, which were reviewed and approved.

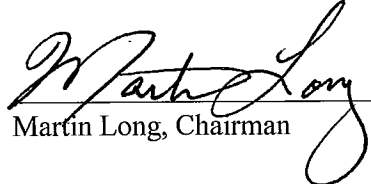
Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session. Linda McHenry made the motion with the successful completion of her year probation period, to raise Marilea Honsteads' salary to \$40,000.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., to meet again in regular session on December 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Martin Long, Chairman