

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Long, Commissioner Martin and County Clerk present. Commissioner McGaughey was absent due to being out of the country. Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Willy Banza provided prayer.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Terri Trotman, County Treasurer; Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director; Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor; Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator; Denise James, Health Department Administrator; John Crosby, Fire Chief, and James Biddle, Sheriff.

Frank Hernandez, owner of Frank's Service Center, and Jill Smith, Secretary, complained the County is not using the Service Center and wondered why they are not allowing them to bid tires. Mr. Hernandez stated he had spoken with Treads and Warner's, and neither of them are doing County business but he looks down the street and Carlos Tire and Service has County vehicles all the time. He asked commissioners to spread out business and allow all tire dealers in the County a chance to bid. Discussion was held on government rates for the tires and if all dealers were offering that rate. Commissioner Long stated he would talk to department heads and relay Mr. Hernandez grievances.

Ludivina Gonzales, Senior Center Director, met with commissioners per their request. Commissioner Long relayed during the budget process changes were made in the Senior Center fund. The decision was made to eliminate two positions from the Senior Citizen budget in personal services, handyman and housekeeper. Commissioners decided the positions were a liability and added expense to keep adequate equipment. The changes will start January 2024 with the new budget year to allow employees time to find other positions.

Jeff Baier, EMS Director/EM Coordinator, met with commissioners per their request. Commissioner Long inquired on how timely the patient billing is being processed. After discussion it was decided the billing is being delayed by insurance company procedures.

Denise James, Health Department Administrator, asked for permission to purchase T-shirts and jackets for herself and Health Department staff. Commissioners will look over the County Personal Policy for clothing and let the Administrator know their decision at the next meeting.

James Biddle, Sheriff, discussed disposing of old records for the Health Department. He needs Emergency Management to unload the Health Department enclosed trailer so he can use it. A conference call was held with the EM Coordinator and

arrangements were made to unload the trailer and get the trailer back to the Health Department.

Shaun Minks, Public Works Supervisor, joined the meeting via conference call to discuss the Fall Cleanup flyer. It was consensus of commissioners to have a 2,000-pound maximum on the free of charge debris; and to add no free commercial dumping to the flyer. Next, the Public Works Supervisor relayed Todd Honstead contacted him and would like to bail grass at the Airport. An agreement was made between the County and Honstead in 2019 and he wanted to make sure it would still be honored. John Martin motioned to continue the contract with Todd Honstead to bail grass at the Airport and he will take baled grass as payment for work. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

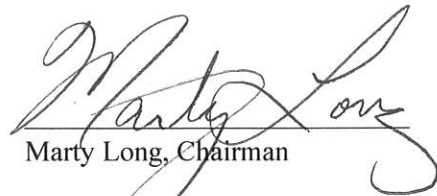
John Martin motioned to approve minutes for the July 18 and July 19, 2023, meetings along with claims against various funds of the County, payroll totals \$158,679.38 dated July 26, 2023, and voucher numbers ending 170257 totaling \$645,603.43. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The Kansas Department of Transportation 2023 federal funds distribution/federal fund exchange letter was reviewed. Marty Long motioned to move federal funds of \$71,535.84 to state transportation dollars at a 90% rate, exchanged funds \$64,382.26. John Martin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

John Martin motioned to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Commissioners will meet in special session on Tuesday, August 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Marty Long, Chairman