

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Pastor Steve Swann provided prayer and Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; Rita Gee, Treasurer; David Graber, Transfer Station Manager; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; DeDe Lane, Purchasing Agent; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; John Crosby, Fire Chief; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, informed commissioners the KEMTA seminar is in March at Hutchinson and she would like to send some of her staff. Ms. Deckert requested permission to compensate the seminar registration fees of \$260 to any employee attending. Marty Long made the motion to pay \$260 per individual to employees who attend this seminar. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented three road crossing permits and the Noxious Weed State Report, which was reviewed and approved by the commissioners.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented a plat map for Meadow View Estates Addition, Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 1 from the City of Ulysses. The plat map was reviewed and approved by the commissioners.

Scott Nichols, Recreation Director, told commissioners the new roof is holding and is showing no signs of leaking. The recreation board has restructured the swimming pool fees to break according to age. The lease agreement for the new slide is finished and the recreation board will be making their first payment this month.

Carl Higgs made the motion to appoint Don Button to the Mental Health Board of Directors to replace Robert Passini, who did not accept his appointment. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to adopt Resolution 12-02, a Resolution providing for and the collection of registration fees as pursuant to HB2312, a bill requiring every business in Grant County and not otherwise in an incorporated city, that purchases any regulated scrap metal to first register to the Board of County Commissioners, setting the fees of \$100 for a new application and \$25 for a renewal application. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to appoint Lance Babcock, Sheriff, to the Southwest Region Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board, replacing Loy Henderson. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the County Treasurer's request to stop refunding overpayments that are mailed in with refunds of \$5 and under owed back to sender, and this also applies to refunds on abatement orders \$5 and under. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

De De Lane met with commissioners to further discuss her bulk ordering idea. Ms. Lane requested approval to start giving her bid sheet out to vendors. Commissioner Long would like for De De to talk to the different department heads one on one to gain their support before she moves ahead on this project. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of nonelected personnel. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Brice Barton, Project Manager and Rod Northway, Development Manager, with Trade Wind Energy, met with commissioners to negotiate the Buffalo Dunes Wind Project PILOT Agreement and the Road Maintenance Agreement. David Black, County Attorney; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; John Crosby, Fire Chief; and Bob Dale, KULY Radio Station Manager, also attended this portion of the meeting. The commissioners and county attorney discussed necessary changes to the contract. Mr. Northway will return later in the day with the updated agreements for the commissioners' approval.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy @ Park View Board. Those attending were: Interim Administrator Buck Fischer; Park View Assisted Living Director, Marsha Flummerfelt; Board Members, Larry Gustafson, George Bushnell, Kathy Olson, and Larry Kepley. The board announced the hiring of Kim Doty as the new Assisted Living and Care Home Administrator; she will begin on March 6th.

Immediately following lunch, Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for a conference call with an attorney, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for 25 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 25 minutes the meeting continued, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Marty Long made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 17 and the February 6, 2012 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county. After discussion, Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the Semi-Annual Report for the Community Development Block Grant Loans as submitted by Faye Trent of Great Plains Development.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, submitted a list for commissioners to approve the 2012 Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee membership. Marty Long made the motion to accept the 2012 new members and continuing members list for the Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed a letter requesting a new copier for the Register of Deeds Office. The commissioners wanted to meet with the Register of Deeds concerning the copier before action will be taken.

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Rod Northway, Development Manager, with Trade Wind Energy, returned to present the updated Buffalo Dunes Wind Project PILOT Agreement and the Road Maintenance Agreement. After discussion on the changes, the contracts were approved and signed by the commissioners.


A sick leave donation request for a county employee was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

The commissioners approved an Airport Hangar Lease Agreement for hangar #8, A-2 with Brent Barlow, for \$840 per year.

Marty Long made the motion to adopt the Wireless Communication and Driving Policy as recommended by KCAMP. The policy will apply to all county employees while operating county-owned vehicles, and includes a non-county owned vehicle if it is being used to conduct county business. The policy sets procedures for wireless communication use while driving. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to adjourn at 3:17 p.m., to meet again in regular session February 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Linda McHenry, Chairman

