

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; 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; Tom Fuhrmann, Appraiser; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, requested permission to use the small office at 408 S. Court for storage of child car seats used in the Health Department car safety program. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Health Department to use the space.

Tom Fuhrmann, Appraiser, and Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with commissioners to discuss development of the Grant County Geographic Information System (GIS). The commissioners agreed there is economic and strategic value in GIS and would like to see a foundation layer completed this year. Don Button will seek bids to do the parcels and landowner boundaries layer of GIS and present them at the next commissioner meeting.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 21 and the February 28, 2012 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

David Black, County Attorney, met to confer with commissioners. Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for 30 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes, the meeting continued, with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Larry Sharp, Member Service Representative for Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), presented the Kansas Loss Ratio Report. The statewide loss ratio was 48 percent in 2011. Mr. Sharp stated 2011 was an unusual year because the property claims were higher than liability claims as a whole. Mr. Sharp shared details and encouraged the County to take advantage of KCAMP's \$2,000 Risk Avoidance Grant. The commissioners requested KCAMP provide some training for the county department heads on employment laws. Mr. Sharp will get the training scheduled.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, presented bids for a new heat/cooling unit for the South Room of the Civic Center Complex. It will take up to \$3,000 to repair the existing unit and its 35 years old. Marty Long made the motion to accept the bid from Ross of Ulysses for \$5,784.80 to replace the existing unit and the expense will be paid out of the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, bids were reviewed for two furnaces in the 4-H building.

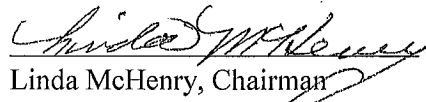
Marty Long made the motion to accept the bid from Ross of Ulysses for \$14,022.54 to replace two furnaces and the expense will be paid half from the park fund and half from the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, discussed cold mix for roads and presented bids from Eastern Colorado Aggregates, Carder, and Klotz Sand and Asphalt Paving. Marty Long made the motion to accept the low quote from Eastern Colorado Aggregates to purchase 7,000 tons of 1/2" crushed rock at \$13.50 a ton; 1,500 tons of 1/2" round rock at \$9.00 a ton; and 4,000 tons of 3/8" 3A rock at \$6.50 a ton, half of the materials will be used and paid for by the City of Ulysses. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McCauley presented bids for a flatbed trailer. Marty Long made the motion to purchase a flatbed trailer with a car hauler tilt from Stanton County Implement at a cost not to exceed \$5,529. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Road crossing permits were reviewed and approved by commissioners.

A support letter for the Nexsun Ethanol Project in Grant County was reviewed and signed by commissioners.

Marty Long made the motion to adjourn at 12:17 p.m., to meet again in regular session March 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk

  
Linda McHenry, Chairman

