

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Pastor Gary Gregory provided prayer and Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives, Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio, and Laci McCarter, The Ulysses News, were in attendance.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; David Graber, Transfer Station Manager; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; DeDe Lane, Purchasing Agent; and Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented road crossing permits. The permits were reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed a written request from Rita Gee, Treasurer, to add a cash draw to each employee motor vehicle station with \$150 to start the day in each draw. Marty Long made the motion to allow the Treasurer's Office a cash drawer at each station and the necessary money to fund the draw. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Vivian Button, Emergency Management Secretary, informed commissioners Mobile Radio will start re-banding all emergency radios Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Button was concerned they have not coordinated with Blue Valley to upgrade the sirens at the same time. This would make the sirens nonfunctional until they were upgraded. The commissioners requested Emergency Management try and schedule the two companies to come at the same time and not leave the community without adequate alerts at this time of the year. Later in the day, Vivian Button returned to confirm the sirens would be down a day or two, but it was necessary because the sirens cannot be programmed until the radios are finished. Ms. Button told commissioners Emergency Management will take extra precautions during this time to ensure the safety of citizens.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director, and Charles Hacker, Board on Aging member, presented sealed bids to replace two roof top air conditioning/heating units on the Senior Center/Health Department Building. The bids were from Weber Refrigeration and Heating for \$21,233; Tatro Plumbing of Ulysses for \$22,346; and Ross of Ulysses for \$17,283.76. Marty Long made the motion to accept the low bid from Ross of Ulysses for \$17,283.76 and to have this expenditure taken out of the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Charles Hacker, Board on Aging member, remained to discuss personnel matters with the commissioners. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed

unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioners reviewed a sick leave donation request from a County employee. It was the consensus of the commissioners not to grant the request at this time. The request did not meet the criteria in the sick leave donation policy and this employee had not exhausted their accumulated time.

Lori Deyoe, Ulysses Bit and Spur Club, discussed the deterioration of the concession stand at the rodeo arena. Ms. Deyoe told the commissioners the Bit and Spur members would like to replace the building by next spring, or this year if the funds are available. The commissioners discussed the concession building size and needs. The club members will seek bids and return at a later meeting.

Mario Ortega, Dance Promoter, would like to have a Spanish dance at the Civic Center. Mr. Ortega requested the commissioners allow him to sell beer at the dance. The Civic Center contract prohibits the sale of liquor and it was the consensus of the commissioners not to change the contract for this event.


Tom Fuhrmann, Appraiser, shared a report addressing valuation methodologies used in valuing gas properties in Southwest Kansas. The Landmark Appraisal staff used public published data to illustrate the effects of the various valuation methods. This report was sent to David Harper, Director of Property Valuation, to address issues that arose in prior discussions. Mr. Fuhrmann also informed commissioners the gas and oil protest hearings will start next week.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy @ Park View Board. Those attending were: Administrator Kim Doty; Park View Assisted Living Director, Marsha Flummerfelt; Director of Nursing, Alisha Beims; Board Members, Larry Gustafson, Kathy Olson, Larry Kepley, and Greg Davis.


The commissioners asked the City of Ulysses Officials, Economic Development Board, and the Airport Board to meet and explore the idea of having an industrial park area ready for future businesses locating in Grant County. Those attending were: *Airport* - Steve Rice, Airport Manager; Airport Board Members, Darrin Figgins, Tom Hauser, Mark Faulkner; *City Officials* - John Battin, Mayor; City Council, John Duran, Warren Devore, Janet Stewart and Tim McCauley; Daron Hall, City Administrator; Alan Olson, Chief of Police; Ruben Flores, City Public Works Director; Richard Banas, City/County Inspector; *Economic Development Board* - Directors, Robert Kreutzer, Tim Cantrell, and Shanda Swinehart; *County* - Randy McCauley, Road & Bridge Administrator; and Loren Wright, County Surveyor. The group discussed the land owned by the County located on Highway 25 on Airport ground. The City was receptive to putting water and sewer up to this area, and the Airport Board had an industrial park in their Federal Aviation Administration Long Range Plan. A committee was formed to organize and develop this project. Members will be: Marty Long, Ruben Flores, Loren Wright, Darrin Figgins, Alan Olson, Shanda Swinehart, and Warren Devore. The first meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse.

Ryan Keck, Pella Window and Doors Sales Representative, met with commissioners to discuss new windows in a couple of years for the courthouse. Discussion was held on the style of window and Pella installation contractors in the area. Mr. Keck will return with quotes at a later date.

Marty Long made the motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m., to meet again in regular session May 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Linda McHenry, Chairman