

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. Media representatives were: Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio, and Laci McCarter, The Ulysses News.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Area Mental Health Center, Ric Dalke, LSCSW; Marshall Lewis, LMLP, LCP; and Don Button, Area Representative, presented their 2013 appropriation request of \$114,206. Grant County had 392 individuals use services from AMHC for a total of 6,172 hours.

Fair Board Members, Kevin Shapland and Dennis Deyoe, presented their 2013 budget request of \$68,325.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, enlightened the commissioners on the condition of some trees at 315 E. Maize and around the Civic Center. Mr. Neufeld presented a service contract from Treeworks to trim trees and remove dead trees and stumps. Carl Higgs made the motion to cut down 13 dead trees, remove 11 stumps, and trim 34 trees on the parking lot west of the fairgrounds and on the former care home site at a cost not to exceed \$6,867, and to take the expense out of general fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, Mr. Neufeld presented his 2013 budget request of \$290,100.

Robert Moore, Moore Agency, discussed the Prudential Life Insurance plan participants. It was the consensus of commissioners the Library will need to be on their own policy by the end of the year. Commissioner Long suggested taking up the participants issue with the Library Board.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, and Loren Wright, County Surveyor, met with commissioners. Mr. Wright explained the survey equipment he uses is old and the data controller memory is limited. Two quotes were submitted, Victors for \$5,220 and Seiler for \$5,650. Marty Long made the motion to allow the road department to purchase a Trimble Access Data Controller from Victors at a cost not to exceed \$5,220. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Wright presented a quote to upgrade the AutoCAD software. Marty Long made the motion to purchase updates for the AutoCAD software at a cost of \$3,898.51. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. In other business, Mr. McCauley discussed the road department budget and the possibility of purchasing a year ahead on the road materials. The commissioners were supportive of this idea. Randy will make adjustments to his budget and present it at the next meeting. Mr. McCauley discussed trading three pickups. The commissioners concur and Randy will return at a later meeting with sealed bids.

Loren VonLintel, Nex-Tech Sales Representative, discussed the Technology as a Service (TAAS) lease contract which is set to expire next year. Mr. VonLintel will review the current needs of each office and suggested changing the five year contract to a three year commitment due to the value of the computers. Nex-Tech will return with a contract proposal by the end of July.

Tom Fuhrmann, County Appraiser; and Terry Lawhon, Landmark Appraisal, updated commissioners on the appeal with BP/Linn, which is not getting any better. In the appraisal of gas companies, BP/Linn represents 24% of the oil and gas total for Grant County. Next, Terry Lawhon presented the Landmark Appraisal contract for renewal. Mr. Lawhon explained the Director of Taxation, David Harper, is reinstating the review process for appraisal contracts and Landmark Appraisal will be sending in this contract along with their resumes for approval by the state.

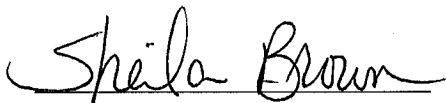
Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 30 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to a land acquisition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioners recessed for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Warren Devore, Dan Widder, Janet Stewart, and Larry Velasquez; City Court Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.


The Legacy @ Park View Board of Trustees, Larry Kepley, Greg Davis, Larry Gustafson; and Administrator, Kim Doty, presented their 2013 appropriation request of \$1,010,676 for the Care Home and \$121,237 for the Assisted Living. The board is exploring ways to be cost efficient and they are considering sharing the staff between the two facilities. The commissioners expressed their desire to see these type of actions taken to save tax dollars.

Three names were submitted to replace two vacancies on the Economic Development Board. Carl Higgs made the motion to appoint Monty Teeter to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Mandy Fox and to appoint Robert Passini to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Cathy Tyler. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion for adjournment at 2:15 p.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners will meet again in regular session July 3, 2012.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Linda McHenry, Chairman