

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Father Dale Lumley provided prayer and Chairman Linda McHenry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio, and Michalynn English, Ulysses News.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: David Graber, Transfer Station Manager; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; De De Lane, Purchasing Agent; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; Tom Fuhrmann, County Appraiser; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 regular meeting and the June 28, 2012 special meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 40 CFR Part 26 for the Ulysses Airport. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the need to have regular maintenance on the roof of the courthouse. The leaves falling on the roof and in the gutters, along with the pigeons nesting and defecating cause buildup and issues with leaking and air conditioning units malfunctioning. Commissioners advised the clerk to contact roof contractors to see if they could provide this kind of service.

Lorine Myers, Grant County Conservation District Manager, and Steve Johnson, Board Member, presented their request for a \$25,000 appropriation in 2013, which is the same as last year. Ms. Myers told commissioners although it was not included in the budget, the state has recommended putting quick books on a secure computer due to the sensitive information that is included in the application for cost share monies.

Holly Mathes, Library Director; and Board of Trustee Members, Gloria Battin, Tammy Oliver, Robert Thompson, and Warren Baldwin, presented their 2013 appropriation request of \$459,600.11 for operating expenses and \$119,686.28 for employee benefits.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented his 2013 budgets of \$3,235,100 for the Road Department and \$197,141 for the Noxious Weed Department. In other business, bids were reviewed to purchase three new pickups at the Road Department. Bids were: Riley Chevrolet Buick, Hugoton \$92,227.50; Burtis Motor Co., Garden City \$86,757; Riley Ford, Ulysses \$93,831; G&G, Dodge City \$88,833; Lewis Automotive, Garden City \$99,896.55; J&R, Scott City \$97,867.41; Stu Emmert, Liberal \$111,400; Western Motor, Garden City \$95,298. Marty Long made the motion to accept the bid from Riley Ford to purchase three 2012 Ford F250 pickups at a cost not to exceed \$93,831. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of land. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Shanda Swinehart, Economic Development Chairman, presented their 2013 budget and requested \$100,000 appropriation for operating expenses. Ms. Swinehart updated the commissioners on the resignation of the part time interim director. She will be leaving in August and they have started looking for a replacement.

David Black, County Attorney, met with commissioners. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes for consultation under the attorney-client relationship. 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 recessed at noon for lunch with the Hospital Board of Trustees at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the hospital were: Jeff Porter and Dr. Mark Gerstberger, Trustees; and Art Frable, Administrator. The group discussed the newly passed Obama Health Care Reform Bill and the changes the hospital will be forced to make.

Sarah Nagel, Communities in Schools Executive Director; Sandy Duran, Youth Friends Volunteer Coordinator; and Jen Kittle, Site Coordinator, presented their 2013 request for a \$14,000 appropriation.

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; and Board on Aging Members, Ray Velasquez, Betty Burns, Ronnie Young, Janet Stewart, Mary Cott, and Bill Stewart, requested \$390,174 for their 2013 budget.

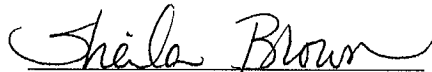
The commissioners discussed the auditor concerns with the use and balance of the Health Department checking account. Marty Long made the motion to dissolve the Health Department checking account due to diminutive use. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Health Department will refund client overpayments through the county accounts payable system.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, asked permission to compensate seminar registration fees of \$250 per individual for employees who attend the KEMSA Seminar in Wichita. Carl Higgs made the motion to allow the ambulance to pay registration fees of \$250 for employees who attend the seminar. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next business, Ms. Deckert presented her 2013 budget request of \$579,406, which is 4% higher than last year. Jerry Jo plans on increasing the on call pay from \$1 to \$1.50.


Ken and Judy Keusler, Grant County Community Foundation members, joined Ms. Deckert, and together they presented an application to commissioners to establish an agency fund with the Grant County Community Foundation for the Emergency Medical Service. Jerry Jo asked commissioners to consider providing an initial gift of \$5,000 to establish the fund and offered to use ambulance funds, if needed. To build the fund the ambulance would use donation money that is not ear marked for special

use. Another way she would build the fund is to use the CPR training revenue until the endowment fund reached \$12,500. Marty Long made the motion to give an initial gift of \$5,000, to be taken from the general fund, to establish an endowment fund between Grant County Community Foundation and the Grant County Emergency Medical Service. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Keusler presented a personal check in the amount of \$500 to be put into the EMS endowment fund. Mr. & Mrs. Keusler presented the commissioners with a Certificate of Appreciation plaque for outstanding support to the Grant County Community Foundation.

The commissioners adjourned at 2:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session July 17, 2012.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Linda McHenry, Chairman