

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Linda McHenry, Commissioner Carl Higgs, and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Marty Long was unable to attend due to illness. 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: Kristy Frazee, Health 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; John Crosby, Fire Chief, Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

After explanation was given on several vouchers, Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 regular meeting and the July 24, 2012 special meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, presented bids to replace two sets of exit doors in the Civic Center Auditorium. Rick's Lumber bid \$1,905.99 for a pair of metal doors, and Ulysses Building Supply bid \$2,013.75 for a pair of metal doors. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the bid from Rick's Lumber at a cost of \$1,905.99 for each of the two sets of doors, and for this expense to come out of the county building fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed.

The Great Plains Development semi-annual report was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, requested in writing to have a wall built in the main room of her office and to place a vent in the ceiling of her workroom. The letter was requesting materials only for the wall and the vent would be under \$500. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the changes to the Treasurer's Office.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met as requested by commissioners to discuss the way prisoner room and board is paid. The Sheriffs' have always paid from their personal monies for the prisoner room and board, then voucher a flat rate per prisoner request to each county they are holding prisoners for. It has been called to the commissioners' attention the IRS is questioning the process. The auditor recommended the Sheriff stop this method and voucher bills for prisoner room and board directly to Grant County. Sheriff Babcock had no problem charging the expense of prisoner care directly to the County. Carl Higgs made the motion to stop paying room and board of prisoners to the Sheriff and start paying the vendors directly. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, informed commissioners the revenues are up and they continue to bill insurance for services. She shared some of the activities they have participated in for health awareness. Ms. Frazee requested the commissioners allow her to purchase promotion items to enforce awareness, such as T-shirts and jackets for employees. After discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners the Health Department may purchase jackets for employees to wear.

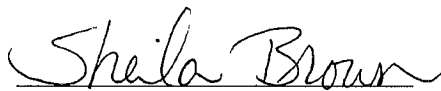
Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with Ms. Deckert to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed. After 10 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session. In other business, Jerry Jo informed commissioners of an issue caused by the alignment of an ambulance and assured them it has been repaired. Also, two employees are in paramedic school and they will graduate in December.

John Crosby, Fire Chief, submitted a quote from Weis Fire and Safety Equipment for \$6,613.70 to upgrade the existing air compressor to high pressure. The quote covers re-piping and the installation of a four cylinder cascade air bottle system. Carl Higgs made the motion to purchase the cylinder cascade air bottle system at a cost not to exceed \$6,613.70, and for this expense to come out of the fire equipment fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed.

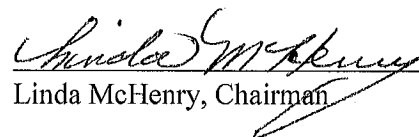
Tom Fuhrmann, County Appraiser, met to update commissioners on the status of the COTA tax appeal. Mr. Fuhrmann has talked to all five counties involved and they are willing to share an attorney.

De De Lane, Purchasing Agent, requested permission to seek bids for a laptop computer. The laptop would be in addition to the new desktop computer she is receiving through the lease contract with Nex-Tech. Commissioner McHenry said there was no harm in getting bids. The clerk will check on the price to add a laptop to the lease contract.

Carl Higgs made the motion for adjournment at 11:50 a.m. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed. The commissioners will meet in special session to canvass ballots at 9:00 a.m. on August 13, 2012.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Linda McHenry, Chairman