

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

John Crosby, Fire Chief presented quotes to replace the water supply hose on Unit 222; and purchase a new confined space gas monitor kit. Carl Higgs made the motion to purchase a LDH Pro-Flow water supply hose for \$5,623.80 from Weis Fire and Safety Equipment; and to purchase a confined space gas monitoring kit for \$5,950.56 from Durawear Glove and Safety, and for the purchase to come out of the Fire fund. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 regular meeting and the December 5, 2012 special meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Marty Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator and Randy Klein, Shop Foreman, presented two quotes for a portable truck lift. Marty Long made the motion to accept the quote from P.B. Hoidale for a set of four battery operated wireless control columns with axle support stands at a cost of \$41,185, and for the expense to come out of the Road Department fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ashley Herk with Russell Child Development presented the commissioners with candy for their continued support.

Barry Ungles and Ron Hartman met with commissioners to propose a joint venture and bring a Daytona race track back to Grant County. John Alig, Economic Development Director attended this portion of the meeting. Mr. Hartman requested the County provide 20 to 30 acres of land and suggested the race club run the facility. Mr. Alig told commissioners the Economic Development Board is supporting the race track. A draft plan was reviewed and Mr. Ungles estimated \$250,000 for the land, concession stand, restroom facilities, and the construction of the dirt track. The commissioners will consider the venture at the next budget planning work session.

John Alig, Economic Development Director, remained and gave a brief update on Economic Development projects.

Alan Olson, City Administrator; John Crosby, Fire Chief and Jeff Baier, Fire Fighter, met with commissioners to review the City of Ulysses Ordinance No.1216. The group proposed the County adopt a resolution to limit the days fireworks can be sold, and the day's discharge of fireworks is permitted. The commissioners were in agreement and Mr. Olson will work with the County Attorney in drafting a resolution for the County. Mr. Crosby gave a brief update on the countywide burn ban.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, informed commissioners the Grant County Ambulance Agency Account through the Grant County Community Foundation received over \$18,500 from the Grant County Gives Program. The foundation account has met the \$10,000 requirement and the account will start receiving interest payments. The EMS received donations from Columbian Chemicals and Linn Energy

with no designation, and Ms. Deckert requested permission to put it in the Grant County Ambulance Agency Foundation Account. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow Ms. Deckert to put the donations into their agency account. Commissioner Long thanked the EMS for their dedication.

Richard Banes, City/County Inspector, presented a plat for the Romero Addition. The commissioners approved a re-plat of the Romero Addition, rezoning Block 1, Lots 1,2,3 Romero Addition from A-L (Agricultural) to R-S (Rural Subdivision).

Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property for 15 minutes. 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.

Reid Richardson, Clerk of the District Court, requested five computers and a scanner for the Clerk of the District Court Office. Marty Long made the motion to approve the purchase of five Dell Optiplex 7010 processors, five wireless mouse and keyboards, and a Fujitsu 6130z scanner from Thomson Reuters, at a cost \$6,731, plus installation and mileage, to be taken out of the District Court fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Marty Long made the motion to transfer the unexpended balances of the various funds to special equipment funds as allowed by statute. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

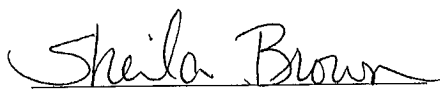
Marty Long made the motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk informed commissioners of a phone conversation with Steve Rice, Airport Manager. The Airport Board has hired two contractors to lower the light poles on the runway at the Airport due to the exorbitant rate being charged for replacing lights on the present poles. Smyth Oil and Gas Services will lower the poles at a cost of \$2,135; and Alltech Electrical will rewire the lowered light poles at a cost of \$800. The Airport tractor is in the shop at American Implement for repairs.

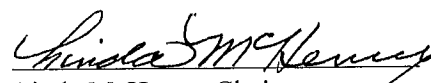
The commissioners adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioner Long and Commissioner Higgs reconvened at noon for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Mayor, John Battin; Council Members, Janet Stewart, John Duran; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

Commissioners' Long and Higgs adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m. to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2013.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Linda McHenry, Chairman