

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

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

LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director and John Crosby, Ross of Ulysses, met with commissioners to request a new ice machine for the Senior Center. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase a Scotsman Ice Machine at a cost of \$3,175 from Ross of Ulysses, and for the expense to be taken from the special equipment fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, Treasurer, presented the information requested by commissioners, to waive convenience fees when paying for county services with a debit/credit card. For 100% use at 2.5% fee, it was estimated \$736,975 tax dollars would need to be levied to cover the convenience fees for the services provided by the Treasurer's Office. Presently the customer pays all convenience fees when they use debit/credit cards. The commissioners will take the information into consideration at budget time. In other business, the Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and the County Clerk, discussed the proposed pay plan ranking for Deputy Assistant positions in each of their departments. They requested permission to have The Austin Peters Group reexamine the job description and change the education and experience needed to perform the job. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the needed changes.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, requested permission to dispose of two computers and a copier. Linda McHenry made the motion to destroy the computers and copier, and dispose of them at the Transfer Station, taking precautions to discard according to e-waste rules. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Other business, Mr. Neufeld is moving to Big Bow and would like clarification on the use of the County owned vehicle. The County Clerk was instructed to research the IRS commuting laws before commissioners will make a decision.

John Alig, Economic Development Director, reported 40 people attended the housing meeting in January. The housing needs are balanced, but for the community to grow the available housing must grow. Wichita State University statistics indicate on a normal migration Grant County could gain 10 to 40 people per year. Mr. Alig suggested doing a housing survey costing \$5,000 through Wichita State University. It was the consensus of the commissioners to support a housing survey.

Tom Fuhrmann, Appraiser, requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Linda McHenry 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.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented four road crossing permits which were reviewed and approved. Earlier in the day, Commissioner Long voiced his safety concern on the proposed route Trade Wind Energy is planning to use for hauling materials to the Buffalo Dune Wind Project. Mr. McCauley conveyed he had informed Trade Wind Energy the commissioners requested they use the bypass truck route and avoid using the route past a school zone. In other business, Mr. McCauley requested permission to insulate and update the Road Department Offices. It was the consensus of the commissioners the Road Department could update their offices. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 5 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Larry Sharp, Member Service Representative for Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP), presented KCAMP's Annual Meeting Report. KCAMP encourages event coverage for county owned public use facilities. Mr. Sharp shared details and encouraged the county to take advantage of KCAMP's \$2,000 Risk Avoidance Grant.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 regular meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the Airport Hangar Lease Agreement and it was the consensus not to make any changes to the contract at this time.

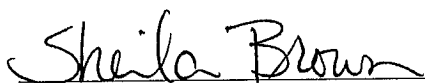
The Federal Airport Improvement Program pre-application for 2014 was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

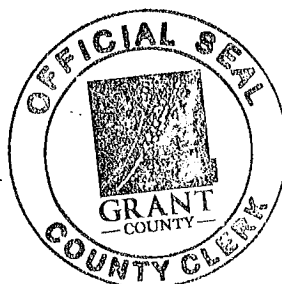
The commissioners reviewed and approved the Semi-Annual Report for the Community Development Block Grant Loans as submitted by Faye Trent of Great Plains Development.

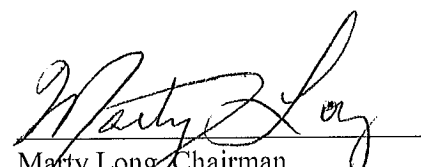
The commissioners reviewed and approved a Cash Farm Lease Contract between Grant County and Joyce Klein, for the SE/4 of Section 7, Township 28 South, Range 37 West.

The commissioners recessed for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with The Legacy @ Park View Board. Those attending were: Board Members, Larry Gustafson, Kathy Olson, and Larry Kopley; Kim Doty, Administrator; and Alisha Beims, Director of Nursing. General discussion was held.

Commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:30 p.m., to meet again in special session on February 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Marty Long, Chairman