

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; De Lane, Purchasing Agent; LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; and Richard Banes, City/County Inspector.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 regular meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$136,427.70 dates June 26; voucher numbers ending 141566 totaling \$411,214.80. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the Appraisal Maintenance Program Contract between Landmark Appraisal and Grant County. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the Grant County Fair Parade and the request from Ginger Anthony. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Parade Committee to line up horses on the old care home property prior to the parade.

Holly Mathes, Library Director; and Board of Trustee Members, Warren Baldwin, Robert Thompson, and Jeryl Smith, presented their 2014 appropriation request of \$466,245.39 for operating expenses and \$120,881.70 for employee benefits. The Library serviced 7,759 patrons in June and has added a new play area in the child's section.

The Legacy @ Park View Board of Trustees, Larry Gustafson, Greg Davis, Larry Kepley; and Administrator, Kim Doty, presented their 2014 appropriation request of \$1,457,465 for the Care Home and \$295,105 for the Assisted Living. The Administrator has implemented a new staffing rotation which will reduce turnover and lessen Agency expense. The care home facility must maintain more than 85% occupancy in order to get Medicaid benefits. With an average of 46 residents, the Board re-licensed the facility from 60 bed occupancy to 52 bed occupancy.

The Master Agreement for Licensed Software, Hardware, and Services from Manatron for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was reviewed by commissioners. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase software and support for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program

from Manatron at a cost of \$2,300.00 for software and \$200.00 annually for ongoing support. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Economic Development Board Members, Shanda Swinehart, Greg Wartman; and Economic Development Director, Bob Dale Passini, presented their 2014 appropriation request for \$50,000.00, to be used for operating expenses.

Erik Berg with Builders Development Corporation (BDC), a non-profit affordable housing organization in Kansas City, informed commissioners they were looking at the property of the former care home as a potential site for low income housing that specializes in senior citizens. BDC sees a need for senior housing rentals in Grant County and they are thinking this site would be right for 12 duplex or triplex units. Mr. Berg explained the corporation looks for land in cities across Kansas and applies for low income tax credits from the State, and if they get the credit they build. When they apply for the credit the state will look at property purchased or a commitment to purchase. BDC would like a year to purchase commitment from the commissioners on the property. The commissioners will consider the offer at a later date.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, met with commissioners to join a conference call with Kathy McCune. Ms. McCune was representing Kansas Association of Counties in an effort to encourage commissioners to attend a Public Health and Local Governance Workshop. McCune invited commissioners to the workshop being held in Garden City, September 11th starting at 3:00 p.m. The commissioners made a commitment to attend the meeting. In other business, Ms. Frazee presented the Health Department 2014 budget request of \$483,609.00. A contract between WIC and Grant County was reviewed and approved.

Board on Aging Members, Bill Stewart, Neta Grimes, Betty Burns, Ray Velasquez, Charles Hacker; and Senior Center Director, LaVonne Michael, requested \$405,367.00 for the 2014 Senior Center budget. Mr. Hacker updated commissioners on the Senior Center round top building. The seniors plan to make improvements to the building with the revenues generated from fund raising activities. As soon as the building is cleaned and improvements are made, they will deed the building over to the County.


The letter from Kansas Association of Counties requesting \$1,000.00 per county for the Statehouse County Map Project was discussed. Linda McHenry made the motion to spend \$1,000 for Grant County's share of construction and installation of a marble floor state map in the Statehouse, and for this expense be taken from the General fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

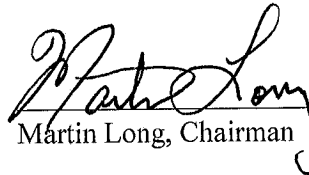
Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, presented the 2014 Ambulance Department budget request of \$608,620.00. Ms. Deckert also presented three quotes for a new color copier, Southern Office Supply for \$3,885.00; Key Office for \$5,777.80; SPC Office Products for \$6,697.30. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase a new Sharp digital color copier from Southern Office Supply at a cost not to exceed \$3,885.00, and for this expense to be taken from the Ambulance fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Deckert

informed commissioners the Kansas EMS Association Conference is August 7-11th at Wichita and the registration fee is \$285.00. She requested permission for EMS to pay the registration fee to any interested employees. It was the consensus of the commissioners' employees could attend this conference, so long as each employee only attends one conference per year.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, reviewed the Road Department Five Year Plan and informed commissioners' two new tractors were needed in his department. After discussion, Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase two new John Deere 6140D tractors at a cost of \$59,505.72 each, and for this expense to be taken from the Road Machinery fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McCauley voiced concern the black top roads are taking a beating due to excessive truck traffic without a Grant County destination. He inquired if the commissioners were interested in posting signs stating trucks must have a destination in Grant County to use County black top roads? The commissioners will consider the inquiry at a later time. Road crossing permits were reviewed and approved.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The commissioners will meet again in regular session on July 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk


Martin Long, Chairman

