

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 Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News; and Kellie Euliss, KULY Radio.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 15 and the July 16, 2013 meetings along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,220.89 dates July 10; voucher numbers ending 141685 totaling \$171,759.59. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners joined Nikki Schwerdfeger, Hamilton County Commissioner, for a conference call concerning the extension of the contract with Stillwater Technical Solution. Stillwater proposes Phase III, implementation of a Kansas Natural Resource Coalition Coordination Program to assist in preventing the listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened species. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow Stillwater Technical Solutions contract to extend two months at a cost of \$1,000.00.

Lance Babcock, Sheriff, discussed the recent Seward County Commissioners decision to overrule the Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Advisory Board. It was the consensus of the commissioners to write a letter to the Seward County Commissioners in support of the Cimarron Basin Community Corrections Board. Later in the day Sheriff Babcock called to inform commissioners the matter had been resolved.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, submitted a letter to commissioners thanking them for their support. Mr. Passini informed commissioners a developer was interested in building single family and duplexes if the City of Ulysses was in the Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID) Program. The RHID is a state program designed to aid developers to build housing within communities by assisting in the financing of public improvements. Districts are defined by the city and must be based on a housing needs analysis. Economic Development would be pursuing the program with the City of Ulysses.

Darrin Figgins, Grant County Cemetery District Chairman, met with commissioners to discuss millings for their new maintenance building located at the Ulysses Cemetery. Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, attended this portion of the meeting. After discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Road Department to give the Cemetery larger crushed cement for the project.

Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 25 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 25 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Great Plains Development semi-annual report for the Community Development Block Grant Micro Loans was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, requested two ceiling fans in the main area of her office. Two quotes were submitted: Dave's Electrical for \$980.00; and Goossen Electric for \$1,100.00. Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the quote from Dave's Electrical at a cost not to exceed \$980.00, and for this expense to come from the County Building fund. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The fiscal year 2013 Carryover Reimbursement Plan Budget Summary for Cimarron Basin Community Corrections was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

Commissioner Long read Grant County's position concerning the proposed RV Park on property across the highway for the Ulysses Airport. After correspondence with the Chris Flageolle, Airport Engineer, it was determined the Airport will not be affected by the RV Park unless something is constructed that rises above 50' in height. Anything constructed above 50' in height must have FAA approval due to air space restrictions.

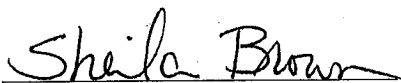
The clerk was instructed to contact three advisory firms that specialize in healthcare and large-scale change. It was the consensus of the commissioners to go forward with either selling or leasing Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital.

The clerk was instructed to send an email to departments with their approved budget for 2014. Each department head will be asked to make adjustments in their line items to reflect the budget amount approved. A draft email explaining the mill levy increase and the necessity of budget reductions was critiqued and approved.

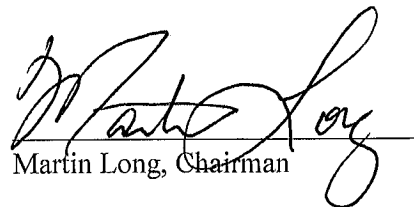
The Cooperative Agreements for Services between the City of Ulysses and Grant County were reviewed. No action was taken on the agreements.

The commissioners recessed 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, Jerry Jo Deckert, Warren Devore; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. The City of Ulysses held a five minute business session prior to the luncheon. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session on August 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman