

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Pastor Phillip Hayes provided prayer and Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance. Media representatives were: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News.

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 regular meeting along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$138,841.27 dates August 7; voucher numbers ending 141973 totaling \$659,222.21. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 13-06, a Resolution that adopts principals, practices and policies of the Natural Resource Coordination Plan of the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt Resolution 13-07, a Resolution that adopts the principals, practices and policies of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan and promotes the conservation recommendations to residents, landholders, agricultural interests and industry. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Long presented checks to O'Lavonne Michael, Senior Center Director, and David Higgs, Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital Trustee, in the amount of \$104,436.26 each, from the Floadene Hertel estate.

The fiscal year 2013 Year-End Outcome Report for Cimarron Basin Community Corrections was reviewed and approved by commissioners.

The commissioners discussed the County Wellness Program and made the unanimous decision to continue the program.

JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session. Mari Honstead, Civic Center Office Manager, and Kevin Shapland, Fair Board Member, joined the meeting after the executive session. Commissioner Long announced JD Neufeld will retire in December. The group discussed changes to comply with the 2014 Civic Center and Fair budget reductions: 1) move Ms. Honstead to Civic Center Manager and change the office manager position to part time; 2) discontinue the free hamburger feed, ice cream social and entertainment on the first Saturday of the Fair; 3) pay only one employee from the Extension Office for extra hours during the Fair.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, visited with commissioners and shared his plans to have the industrial park ready for a business to start building.

Carl Eymann, Kansas Workers' Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) Representative, presented information on the county's workers compensation experience rating. Mr. Eymann pre-warned commissioners the premium will go up in 2014 due to a loss ratio of 29%.


Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented road crossing permits, which were reviewed and approved by the commissioners. Next, Mr. McCauley presented three bids for a new vehicle. Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the bid from Riley Ford to purchase a 4 wheel drive 3/4 ton pickup at a cost of \$39,545.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Randy shared information on the Caterpillar rebuild program for road graders to get the maximum life and value from the equipment. No action was taken on the program. Randy McCauley returned later in the day to request permission to replace four windows in the office of the Road Department building. It was the consensus of the commissioners to allow the Road Department to replace the windows.

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 Linda McHenry made the motion to recess for an additional 5 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

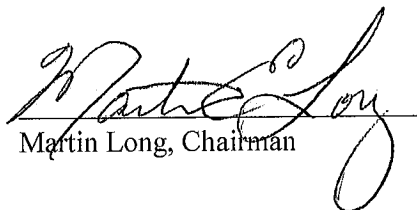
Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for 40 minutes for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 40 minutes the meeting continued, no action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The commissioners recessed for lunch with the City of Ulysses Officials at Park View Assisted Living. Those attending from the city were: Council Members, Janet Stewart, John Duran, and Tim McCauley; City Clerk, Margaret Perez; and Administrator and Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned for the day at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session on September 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Martin Long, Chairman