

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; JD Neufeld, Civic Center Manager; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator; De Lane, Purchasing Agent; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; Lance Babcock, Sheriff; and Mary K. Sullivan, Register of Deeds.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 20 and the August 28, 2013 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$132,698.25 dates August 21; voucher numbers ending 142088 totaling \$366,314.63. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Randy McCauley, Road Department Administrator, presented quotes for road graders; salt/sand spreaders; and a power broom. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase two Caterpillar Road Graders from Foley Equipment, the first grader for \$165,527.00 with trade in, and the second grader for \$176,527.00 with trade in. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Carl Higgs made the motion to purchase a 2013 Broce Power Broom from G.W. Van Keppel, at a cost of \$38,181.80 with trade in. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase two salt/sand spreaders from Truck Parts and Equipment for \$12,080.00 each. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested four new computers for the Emergency Management Office. Linda McHenry made the motion to purchase four computers from Tech-USA, at a cost of \$1,119.98 each, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. The 2014 Safety Committee Members are Jessica Akers, Ramon (Pete) Clinesmith, and Teresa Ochoa. Mr. Button asked commissioners to review the commissioners' duties on the Emergency Support Function Plan (ESF). It was the consensus of the commissioners the ESF preparedness actions could be carried out.

Board on Aging Members, Bill Stewart, Ray Velasquez, Chuck Hacker, Ron Young, Janet Stewart, Betty Burns; and Senior Center Director, O'LaVonne Michael, met with commissioners to explain how the Senior Center will meet their reduced budget in 2014. Plans include curtailing all overtime; limit part time employees to below 30 hours; all senior citizen trips be self-funded; Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Banquets will be funded totally by non-county funds. The group explained the budget projections reflect an

under-funding total of \$39,368.00. The board will review this problem with commissioners in 2014.

At 10:00 a.m. the bid opening for a new concession/restroom building at the Rodeo Arena was held. Those in attendance were: Lorie Deyoe, Bit and Spur; Anita Wendt, Pioneer Electric; JD Neufeld and Mari Honstead, Civic Center; Randy McCauley and Loren Wright, Road Department; Ashley Fiss, Fiss Architecture; and Emily Peterson, McBride Construction. The only bidder, McBride Construction submitted a bid for \$258,900.00. The bid met the requirements for proper bonding and insurance coverage. The commissioners held a conference call with Tony McBride and asked for ways the total dollars could be reduced. Mr. McBride will contact his subcontractors and discuss possible ways to reduce the bid, and get the information to commissioners by September 17th. Ms. Wendt requested a cost for the additional items needed to complete this project. Mr. Wright will work on the request.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, visited with commissioners concerning the need for a Grant County housing assessment survey. It was the consensus of the commissioners our community would benefit from the survey. The Grant County Economic Incentive Policy was reviewed. Mr. Passini will work on changes to enhance the policy.

De Lane, Purchasing Agent, requested wireless internet and/or a WIFI card for her office. Ms. Lane was encouraged to track the times she needed a WIFI card and get with the commissioners at a later date for the request to be considered. After discussion, it was the consensus of the commissioners Ms. Lane could purchase a wireless router. Ms. Lane requested permission to attend customer service training through Pioneer Electric. It was the consensus of the commissioners she could attend the training.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, informed commissioners the Health Department received \$83,595.00 from the Floadene Hertel estate and the money will be put in the Grant County Community Foundation Agency Endowment Fund for the Grant County Health Department. Ms. Frazee also informed commissioners the Health Department budgeted \$3,000.00 of county monies for the endowment fund and would like permission to transfer the money. The commissioners explained they gave the first \$5,000.00 to start, but would not expend additional county funds for the endowment.

Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director, requested permission to seek quotes to fix the roof at the Ambulance Station. The roof has numerous leaks and they are getting worse. The commissioners expressed the roof is a priority and encouraged Ms. Deckert to pursue quotes for repair immediately. Ms. Deckert gave copies of the revised 2014 Ambulance budget to commissioners.

At 11:55 a.m. the commissioners held a conference call with David Graber, Transfer Station Manager. Mr. Graber informed commissioners he is ready to retire as

soon as a replacement can be named to his position. Mr. Graber reported the Transfer Station CD pit is almost full and the engineering for the new pit has been completed.

The commissioners adjourned at 12:29 p.m., to meet again in regular session on September 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Sheila Brown

Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Martin Long

Martin Long, Chairman