

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

Linda McHenry made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$131,182.06 date January 8; voucher numbers ending 143265 totaling \$488,770.66. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs nominated Marty Long to be Chairman of the Commission for 2014. Linda McHenry seconded the nomination, and it passed unanimously.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve items 1-16 of the organizational agenda for county business. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

1. Meeting dates and times for the 2014 are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month, start at 9:00 a.m.;
2. Designate Official Depositories - Grant County Bank, Western State Bank, Bank of Ulysses;
3. Designate Official Newspaper - Ulysses News;
4. Give the Treasurer authority to invest County Funds to the best interest of the County;
5. Appoint the Clerk as Chief Purchasing Agent, Federal & State Withholding Tax Agent, Social Security Agent, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Agent and Insurance Agent for the County, as well as Public Information Officer, Freedom of Information Officer, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator;
6. Appoint Randy McCauley as Public Works Supervisor
7. Appoint Ramon Clinesmith as Noxious Weed Director
8. Appoint Marilea Honstead as Civic Center Building and Grounds Manager
9. Appoint Kristy Frazee as Health Department Administrator
10. Appoint Dr. Douglas Johnson as County Health Officer
11. Appoint Don Button as Emergency Management Coordinator
12. Appoint Jerry Jo Deckert as Emergency Medical Services Director
13. Appoint John Crosby as Fire Chief
14. Appoint O'Lavonne Michael as Senior Center Director
15. Mileage is paid at current IRS rates throughout the year when using your personal vehicle for county business.
16. Appoint the Following Administrative Heads for Approving Claims Against the Various Funds of the County:
  - a. Lance Babcock for the Sheriff's Department, 911 and Juvenile Justice Funds
  - b. Jerry Jo Deckert for Ambulance and Ambulance Equipment Funds
  - c. John Crosby for Fire Department and Fire Equipment Funds
  - d. Randy McCauley for Road & Bridge, Special Highway Improvement, Road Machinery, Noxious Weed, Noxious Weed Equipment, and Transfer Station Funds
  - e. Greg Wellbrock for the Appraiser Fund
  - f. Dana McDaniel for the Register of Deeds and R.O.D. Technology Funds

- g. Rita Gee for Treasurer and Motor Vehicle Funds
- h. Jessica Akers for Attorney, Prosecutor Training and Division Funds
- i. Don Button for the Emergency Management Fund
- j. Kristy Frazee for the Health Department Fund
- k. Marilea Honstead for the Park Maintenance Fund
- l. Chairman of the Fair Board for Fair Fund
- m. O'Lavonne Michael for the Senior Center Fund
- n. Chairman of the Airport Board for the Airport Fund
- o. Sheila Brown for all Other Funds

17. Board Appointments.

- a. Linda McHenry made the motion to appoint Larry Rumburg to the Airport Board to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Tom Hauser. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- b. Linda McHenry made the motion to reappoint George Bushnell and Greg Davis to the Care Home Board; and to appoint Terry Maas to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Larry Gustafson on the Care Home Board. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- c. Carl Higgs made the motion to reappoint Bill Stewart, Charles Hacker and Ray Velasquez to the Board on Aging; and appoint Pam Gindlesberger to fill the vacant position made by the resignation of Neta Grimes on the Board on Aging. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- d. Linda McHenry made the motion to reappoint the entire Fair Board, Daron Cowan, Kevin Shapland, Terri Trotman, Dennis Deyoe, Tony Cavasos, Lorrie Munsell and Lucy Vanderpool-Altis. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- e. Carl Higgs made the motion reappoint Chris Wagner to the Economic Development Board. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- f. Linda McHenry made the motion to reappoint Lance Babcock to the Advisory Board of the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rita Gee, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

The parking spaces behind the Courthouse were discussed. It was the consensus of commissioners to ask all staff in the Courthouse, Library and Law Enforcement Center to leave the parking spaces along the wall directly behind the Courthouse open for public parking. The clerk was directed to send a memo.

The commissioners reviewed the bad debt write-offs from the Ambulance Department. Linda McHenry made the motion to allow the \$1,673.30 ambulance write-offs. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Commissioners reviewed and approved Airport Hangar Lease Agreements with Matt Orth for hangar unit 8-11; Kevin Moyer for hangar unit 8-7; and a Land Lease Agreement with Jack Kincaid for private hangar #1.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, and Greg Wellbrock, County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Carl Higgs made the motion to adopt Resolution 01-2014, a Resolution urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee, as provided in K.S.A. 79-3102, and reject any legislative proposals abolishing such fee. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, gave an update on economic development activities and invited the commissioners to one of the three upcoming stakeholder meetings for the Grant County housing needs assessment.

Sealed bids were accepted for a vacant lot located at NW/4 section 27-28-37, formerly the location of Western Prairie Care Home. The sole bid from Builders Development Corporation was considered. Later in the meeting the County Attorney reviewed the bid to see if it met conditions of sale. After approval from the County Attorney, Linda McHenry made the motion to accept the bid for \$110,000.00 from Builders Development Corporation for the purpose of developing senior housing units. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Neighborhood Revitalization application from Roy and Delessa Lane. Jessica Akers, County Attorney, joined the meeting and updated commissioners on the status of the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program, which has not been approved by the Attorney General. Since the tax rebate program is not in place, it was the unanimous decision of the commissioners to refund the \$25.00 application fee and to deny the tax rebate.

Rita Gee, Greg Wellbrock, and Bob Dale Passini left the meeting.

The Buffalo Dunes Wind Project Contract for road maintenance was discussed. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session with the County Attorney for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing matters of attorney-client privilege. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 15 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Jen Hittle, Communities in Schools (CIS) Executive Director; Jessica Akers, CIS Attorney; and staff members, Sandy Duran and Astacia Diaz, gave an update on CIS activities. They have worked with 1,098 students in the first semester of the school year. Grant funds were used to add a staff member and CIS extended their services to work with high school students. Ms. Hittle thanked the Commissioners for supporting their programs and looked forward to a continued partnership.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Grant County Emergency Operation Plan. Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt the local Emergency Operation Plan. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The local LEPC members were reviewed and approved by commissioners. Mr. Button requested a new pickup for his department to pull the trailer for disasters assistance. After discussion the request was tabled.


Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor, presented road crossing permits for approval; and a quote for crushing concrete. Carl Higgs made the motion to accept the quote to crush concrete at a cost of \$12.00 a ton from S&S Rock Crushing to crush approximately 4,500 ton. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

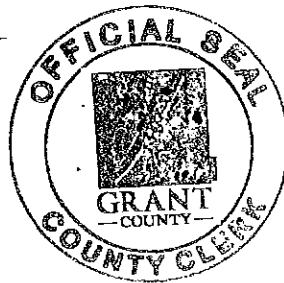
Adrian Caro, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Representative, presented a reserve refund check in the amount of \$88, 514.52 to the county. The check will be deposited into the employee benefits fund.

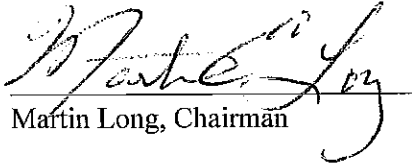
Carl Higgs made the motion for adjournment at 11:24 a.m. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The commissioners reconvened at noon for lunch at Park View Assisted Living with the City of Ulysses Officials. Those attending from the city were: Council Members, Janet Stewart and Tim McCauley; City Clerk, Sarah Britton; and Interim Administrator/Police Chief, Alan Olson. General discussion was held.

The commissioners adjourned at 1:15 p.m., to meet again in regular session on January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk



  
Martin Long, Chairman