

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.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$125,895.64 date July 9; voucher numbers ending 144879 totaling \$184,475.97. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 9:00 a.m. the public comment for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was held. No one from the general public attended. It was the consensus of commissioners the plan was ready, pending approval from the Attorney General.

At 9:10 a.m. Janet Stewart, City Council Member, joined the meeting to observe.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adopt City of Ulysses Ordinance 1235, an Ordinance rezoning Block 20, Lot 6 of Ulysses from I-2 Heavy Industrial to C-1 Central Business District. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Tom Fuhrmann, Landmark Appraisal, met with commissioners to discuss a letter received from a taxpayer. The letter requested Grant County refund an overpayment of ad valorem taxes. Mr. Fuhrmann informed commissioners the Payment Under Protest was being reviewed and the Appraiser's Office will respond to the taxpayer when the process is completed. Commissioners instructed the clerk not to pay the invoice.

Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez and Alyssa Hammond with the Ulysses News, asked if the County would participate in the new issue of "Experience Grant County" visitors guide. Linda McHenry made the motion to participate in the advertisement at a cost of \$698.00. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

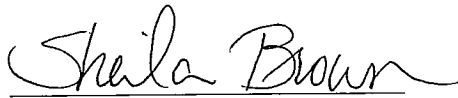
After reviewing quotes, Carl Higgs made the motion to purchase for the Museum, two new Dell computers from the Computer Alchemist at a cost of \$850.00 each. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

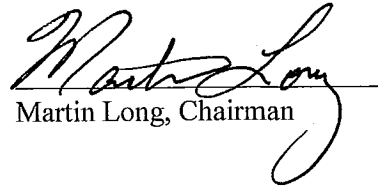
The commissioners discussed the Cash Farm Lease Contract between Joyce Klein and the County. After studying all the information, it was the consensus of the commissioners to terminate the contract with Joyce Klein. The clerk was directed to contact the county attorney and request Ms. Klein be notified immediately of their decision.

The commissioners discussed whether to retain an Economic Development Board Member if they ran a business but no longer were a resident of Grant County. Commissioner McHenry and Commissioner Higgs expressed their desire to have the position filled by a resident of Grant County. It was the consensus of commissioners to replace Shanda Swinehart's position with a Grant County resident. The clerk was instructed to contact Ms. Swinehart with their decision and then contact the Economic Development Director to start looking for a replacement.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m., to meet again in special session on July 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Sheila Brown, County Clerk



Martin Long, Chairman

