

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 and Pastor Kelly Gindlesberger provided prayer. Media representatives present: Lydia Kautz, Ulysses News. Janet Stewart and Kevin Shapland joined the meeting to observe.

The monthly department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Dana McDaniel, Register of Deeds; O'LaVonne Michael, Senior Center Director; John Crosby, Fire Chief; Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator; Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor; Richard Banes, City/County Inspector; Marilea Honstead, Civic Center Manager; Jerry Jo Deckert, EMS Director; Rita Gee, County Treasurer; Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator; and Lance Babcock, Sheriff.

Commissioner Long presented service awards to the following employees: Road Department - Daniel Bynum, 30 years; Senior Center - Armandia Franco, 15 years; Appraisers Office - Dana Kennedy, 10 years; Ambulance - Julie Talbert, 10 years; John Crosby, part time 20 years; and Tawnya Foutch, part time 10 years.

Carl Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 21 and October 27, 2014 meetings, along with the claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$125,965.78 date October 29; voucher numbers ending 145793 totaling \$1,234,563.05. Linda McHenry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

After reviewing a letter from the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), Linda McHenry made the motion to participate in the Kansas County Compensation Study conducted by KAC at a cost of \$175.00, and for this expense to be paid from the General fund. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

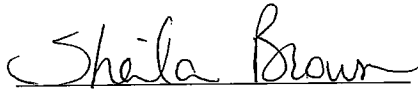
John Crosby, Fire Chief, reviewed the Insurance Services Office (ISO) analysis of Grant County fire suppression services. The Public Protection Classification Summary Report gave the Fire Department a 04/4Y. ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry and Grant County residents should see a premium reduction as a result of the program analysis.


Lance Babcock, Sheriff, met with commissioners and requested an executive session. Linda McHenry made the motion to recess into executive session for discussion of non-elected personnel for 30 minutes. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 30 minutes the meeting continued in open session, with no action taken.

Kristy Frazee, Health Department Administrator, updated commissioners on her progress with the Electronic Health Records Project. Ms. Frazee also reviewed the Grant County Community Health Assessment Improvement Plan.

Bob Dale Passini, Economic Development Director, stopped in to visit with commissioners.

Linda McHenry made the motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m., to meet again in special session on November 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the General Election. Carl Higgs seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

  
Sheila Brown, County Clerk

  
Martin Long, Chairman

