

January 15, 2018

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:04 p.m., Monday, January 15, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

Chair Dean F. Haselhorst called the meeting to order.

The meeting opened with everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present: Chair Dean F. Haselhorst, Commissioner Martha L. McClelland and Commissioner Barbara K. Wasinger.

Also present were County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Donna J. Maskus.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were given to the order of business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the Draft Minutes of December 18, 2017. Since no updates were given, Chair Haselhorst stated that the December 18, 2018 minutes stand approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented, items A-G, including the following:

Accounts Payable Claims

Accounts Payable Claims dated January 16, 2018, at \$1,195,743.51.

Solid Waste Claims dated January 10, 2018, at \$15,324.70.

Tax Roll Adjustments

Tax Roll Adjustments included numbers 2018000006, 2018000008 through 2018000011. Tax Roll Adjustment numbers 2017000024 and 2017000025 were voided.

Disposition: Motion passes by a voice vote of three to zero.

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

No issues from persons not on the Order of Business.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly department reports were presented.

2018 DEPARTMENTAL INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

2018 Departmental Inventory of Personal Property was presented. Commissioners signed the inventory report.

SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

County Administrator Smith-Hanes presented a School Choice Week Proclamation.

Commissioners felt that we do have good schools that families can select from.

Chair Haselhorst read the School Choice Week Proclamation.

Commissioners were all in favor to support the School Choice Week Proclamation recognized on January 21 through 27, 2018.

Ellis County School Choice Week 2018

WHEREAS all children in Ellis County should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS Ellis County recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Ellis County to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Ellis County; and

WHEREAS Ellis County is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and

WHEREAS educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as ELLIS COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK, and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chair
/s/ Martha L. McClelland, Commissioner
/s/ Barbara K. Wasinger, Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

FIBER OPTIC CONNECTION FOR 2507 CANTERBURY

Informational Technology Director Mike Leiker stated that fiber optics is needed at the new location for the Health Office at 2507 Canterbury, Hays, Kansas. The connectivity would be from the Emergency Service Building at 1105 East 22nd Street, to 2507 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kansas. They received two local bids for this service:

Nex-Tech Solution	12 strand fiber and materials	\$ 6,100
	Nex-Tech certified installation, configurations, and testing	<u>\$27,500</u>
	Term of contract	permanent
	Total	\$33,600

Eagle Communications fiber connectivity from Emergency Services location to

new Health Office, 2507 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kansas	\$40,000
monthly maintenance fee	\$ 250
Term of contract	<u>20 years</u>
Total	\$40,250

Motion: McClelland Second: Wasinger

To accept the bid from Nex-Tech Solutions at \$33,600 for the installation of fiber optic cabling from the Emergency Services building to the new Health Office at 2507 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kansas.

Disposition: The motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

KLPG (KANSAS LEGISLATIVE POLICY GROUP) LETTER TO COMMISSION REGARDING OIL COMMERCIAL SALT WATER DISPOSAL VALUATIONS

Appraiser Lisa Ree reported on the valuation of oil commercial salt water disposal well where the Appraisers use the Kansas Department of Revenue’s Oil and Gas Appraisal Guide, per the Kansas Statute, to determine the classification and value of the wells and considers these types of wells to be profitable. But representatives with the state Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) consider that the values are too high and are ruling against those values through the claims process.

In 2016 Ellis County had approximately 56 commercial saltwater disposal leases with approximately \$33,500 in tax revenue which was less than two-percent (2%) of the County’s entire valuation.

Currently five counties have consolidated in appealing their cases through a Topeka law firm. These counties have requested that KLPG counties assist with these legal expenses and contribute a minimum of \$300.

County Counselor Jeter recommended that the County consider contributing to show support to this issue. We do not need to participate in the appeals process since we do not have a claim. It was hoped that the State’s Oil and Gas Appraisal Guide for 2018 and the Kansas Legislature would address some of these issues with oil commercial salt water disposal valuations. Appraiser Ree stated that the 2018 oil and gas state guide is not out yet.

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

To contribute \$300 to the KLPG Oil and Gas Committee Fund in support of the KLPG Oil and Gas Support Policy.

Disposition: The motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

Wasinger stated that they need to ask for redesign of the State’s Oil and Gas Valuation Guide and get some support from the State representatives on the salt water disposal wells.

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE GAAP STANDARDS

County Administrator Smith-Hanes discussed a resolution to waive the generally accepted accounting principle standards (GAAP) that is done annually. It is typically less expensive to prepare

financial statements on a cash basis than on a GAAP basis.

Motion: McClelland Second: Wasinger

Moved that the Commission adopt Resolution Number 2018-2 and direct the Clerk to publish the same.

Disposition: The motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

RESOLUTION 2018-2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Ellis County is required under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) to utilize accounting and fiscal procedures in preparation of financial statements and financial reports that conform to generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and adopted by rules and regulations of the Director of Accounts and Reports, and

WHEREAS, Ellis County is permitted under K.S.A. 75-1120a (c) (1) to request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) and the Director of Accounts and Reports shall grant the waiver to the extent requested by the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Ellis County Commission has determined that financial statements and financial reports required under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash-basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the County Commission or the members of the general public of the County, and

WHEREAS, Ellis County does not have any revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances of the County that require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) for the year ended December 31, 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that a request be made to the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) as they apply to Ellis County for the year ended December 31, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Ellis County Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Ellis County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash-basis and budget laws of the State.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chair
/s/ Martha L. McClelland, Commissioner
/s/ Barbara K. Wasinger, Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/ Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas asked to approve their annual agreement of 2018 subsidy at \$240,000.

Motion: _____ Wasinger _____ Second: _____ McClelland

To approve the annual agreement with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas for 2018.

Disposition: The motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORT

County Counselor Bill Jeter had no report to present.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Smith-Hanes had no report to present.

COMMISSION REPORTS

McClelland reported that she had attended a strategic steering committee and has another one scheduled for this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called for.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Commission Meeting will be held after the 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2018, Public Building Commission, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

MARTHA L. MCCLELLAND, COMMISSIONER

BARBARA K. WASINGER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK