

February 12, 2018

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:03 p.m., Monday, February 12, 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 noted to the order of business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the February 5, 2018 Draft Minutes. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst stated that the minutes stand approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

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

Accounts Payable Claims

No accounts payable claims.

Payroll Claims

No payroll claims.

Purchase Order

Purchase Order Number 7400, KHP Partners, Topeka, dated February 9, 2018, on a 2018 Dodge Durango SUV at \$30,668.65 for the Sheriff's Department.

Tax Roll Adjustments

Tax Roll Adjustments included numbers 2018000020 through 2018000021.

Disposition: Motion carried 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 FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioners had no questions on the monthly financial report.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Options representatives Rachel Chambers and Jennifer Hecker presented a Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month 2018 Proclamation for February. Chair Haselhorst read the Proclamation.

The Proclamation was signed by the Commissioners.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month 2018

WHEREAS intimate partner relationships are often counted among life's greatest blessings, and tragically, many relationships are tarnished by violence and fear. Although the dynamics of teen dating violence are similar to adult domestic violence, the forms and experience of teen dating violence, as well as the challenges in seeking services, make the problem of teen dating violence unique; and

WHEREAS females between the ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence, experiencing abuse at a rate almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

WHEREAS violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further dating violence; and

WHEREAS only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed believe teen dating violence is not an issue; and

WHEREAS by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 2018, as **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month** in ELLIS COUNTY, Kansas, and encourage all citizens to speak out against teen dating violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make teen dating violence prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at schools and to provide training for teachers, counselors, school staff and parents so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence and by working with our local victim service providers.

DATED this 12th day of February 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

EXTENSION REPORT

Cottonwood Extension District 4-H and Youth Agent Susan Schlichting reported on current activities. Forty-six individuals attended fair judges training which was held in Hays. Agent Schlichting was pleased to announce that 4-Her Jacob Schmeidler had his Space Tech and Ag Advocacy Project advance onto State competition. Four Ellis County 4-Hers took honors at the Kansas Horse Panorama in the public speaking competition. The first 4-H market beef weigh-in had 53 animals. Agent Schlichting

is very pleased with the SPIN 4-H Club that continues with teen leadership development. 4-H Club Day is on March 4th at Ellis. Ellis County had two 4-Hers involved in a trainer workshop in Ames, Iowa. They will be sharing their skills with the Monarchs on the Move Project in teaching 50 youth. Activities will include planting seeds to attract more butterflies and in identifying the insects. Real World 101 through the Leadership Class at Fort Hays State University will be providing opportunities in preparing college students with life skills after college. The last session they had 115 students participating in this class. Agent Schlichting shared that the upcoming 4-H Fiber Fun Days is for 4-Hers to see wool spinning, color dying and techniques in working with wool.

SERVICE AWARDS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The following County employees were honored for their years of service to Ellis County:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

40 YEARS

Verlin Hammerschmidt	Volunteer Firefighter
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35 YEARS

James Yunker	Solid Waste
Susan Taylor	Sheriff
Curt Hoffman	Road and Bridge

25 YEARS

David Hoffman	Road and Bridge
Robbi Graf	Appraiser
Karen Purvis	Environment

20 YEARS

Claudine Richmeier	Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Donnetta Pfeifer	Road and Bridge
Bruce Hertel	Sheriff
Mike Leiker	Information Technology (IT)
Scott Braun	Sheriff

15 YEARS

Wilmer Dinkel	Sheriff
Roy Ashenbrenner	Road and Bridge
Judith Werth	Clerk
David Richardson	Volunteer Fight fighter

10 YEARS

Dale Hickey	Road and Bridge
Daniel Dreher	Road and Bridge
Chris Cline	Volunteer Fight fighter

5 YEARS

Kevin Krause	Road and Bridge
Amber Lang	Solid Waste
Charles Gipson	Sheriff
Pamela Pfannenstiel	Register of Deeds
Michelle Tholen	Treasurer
Adam Comeau	EMS
Chelsea Sells	EMS
Russtin Weese	EMS
James Braun	Sheriff
Robert Schmidt	Volunteer Fire Fighter

Doug Kuhn	Volunteer Fire Fighter
Kody Niblock	Volunteer Fire Fighter
Matt Grabbe	Volunteer Fire Fighter
Kyle Zimmerman	Volunteer Fire Fighter
Clayton Schneider	Volunteer Fire Fighter

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (KAC) AWARDS:

Creta Ann Leiker	EMS	24 yrs.
Kerry McCue	EMS	24 yrs.
Phillip Murray	EMS	24 yrs.
Lillian Slater	EMS	24 yrs.
Kurtis Wolfe	EMS	24 yrs.
Michaela Dreiling	Public Works	24 yrs.
Jamie Summers	EMS	24 yrs.
Yvonne Braun	Treasurer	16 yrs.
Carla Hearld	Health	16 yrs.
Dennis Pfannenstiel	Sheriff	16 yrs.
Robert Meyers	EMS	16 yrs.
Lucy Hutchison	Appraiser	16 yrs.
Eugene Rupp	Appraiser	16 yrs.
Randall Newton	Sheriff	16 yrs.
David Fitzhugh	EMS	8 yrs.
Kirsten Stoecklein	Attorney	8 yrs.
Katelyn Johannes	Sheriff	8 yrs.
Mary Streit	Health	8 yrs.
Daniel LaBarge	EMS	8 yrs.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

County Administrator Smith-Hanes reviewed a five-year financial forecast. He presented a power point presentation showing a County spreadsheet and showed different scenarios in regarding the financial budget for the next five years.

He shared budget projections in planning for the future budget years. He said it is hard to project with factors such as the property tax rate, property and oil values, and cost of employee salaries and benefits. Health insurance has shown an increase.

Through his projections, the 2020 Budget could be the challenge. Factors that could influence budget increases, would be by increasing property taxes and reducing spending.

It was noted that the Register of Deeds will collect less revenues as this year ends the mortgage registration tax.

Commissioners clearly wish to get a handle on upcoming budgets.

County Administrator Smith-Hanes stated that he needs direction from the Commission to share in preparing for the upcoming 2019 Budget.

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORTS

County Counselor Jeter stated that he had no report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Smith-Hanes had no report but requested a ten minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel matters with EMS Director Kerry McCue, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Commissioners and himself.

COMMISSION REPORTS

No Commissioner had a report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

Moved that the Commission recess into Executive Session along with County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Counselor Bill Jeter and EMS Director Kerry McCue to discuss individual employee rate of pay pursuant to the Open Meetings Act exception for personnel matters of nonelected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1), with the Open Session to resume at 6:05 p.m.

The Executive Session began at 5:55 p.m.

The Open Session resumed at 6:05 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Commission Meeting will be held after the 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 19, 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