

March 5, 2018

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:02 p.m., Monday, March 5, 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 Draft Commission Minutes of February 12 and 19, 2018. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst stated that both minutes stand approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: McClelland Second: Wasinger

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

Accounts Payable Claims

Accounts Payable Claims at \$412,663.25, dated March 6, 2018.

Reissued Claims at \$228.20, dated February 23, 2018.

Purchasing Card Claims at \$41,219.74, dated February 21, 2018.

Payroll Claims

Payroll Claims at \$387,468.40, dated March 2, 2018.

Payroll Deductions at \$155,055.70, dated March 2, 2018.

Health Insurance Claims at \$215,087.03, dated February 28, 2018.

Tax Roll Adjustments

Tax Roll Adjustments included numbers 2018000025 through 2018000066.

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.

EXTENSION REPORT BY COTTONWOOD EXTENSION DISTRICT #17 DIRECTOR DONNA KRUG

Cottonwood Extension District #17 Director Donna Krug presented an update on extension activities that are currently going on in Barton and Ellis Counties. She shared a quarterly newsletter which listed some of these activities. She asked that the Commission keep them informed on the 2019 Budget process, and with the building project at 601 Main Street, Hays.

Commissioners thanked Agent Krug for all they are doing through the new extension district.

CITY OF HAYS PAVING ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Public Works Director Bill Ring introduced City of Hays Project Manager John Braun. The City of Hays is requesting the County Public Work's Department to assist in applying 28,000 square yards of pavement to be chip sealed. The City of Hays will pay the cost of materials, reimburse labor and equipment costs, and assist with manpower and equipment during the application of the chip seal.

Commissioners were in favor in assisting the City of Hays with this chip seal project.

SCRAPER RE-BUILD

Foley Equipment Production Support Keith Backman and Sales Representative Jay Wade discussed a certified power train rebuild option that the County is considering on a 1987 Caterpillar 623C Scraper Unit 1-419. A brand new 623K Scraper Unit 1-419 would cost \$743,505. A certified power train rebuild on the 1987 Caterpillar 623C Scraper would cost \$346,726 and include a warranty on the power train and hydraulics. Public Works Director Bill Ring stated that this is a big benefit in getting a warranty on the rebuild like on new equipment.

Chair Haselhorst asked if the rebuild option is a trend that is being used more. Backman stated that "yes" it is becoming more of a cost savings to rebuild the machine, and they average doing 40 rebuilds a year. Foley representatives stated that all new wiring would be replaced on the rebuild. They said that the rebuild project would take nine to ten weeks and will be like a new machine when completed. Funding is available through the Capital Improvement Fund 16.

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

To approve the proposal from Foley Equipment to do a Certified Power Train Rebuild on the 1987 Caterpillar 623C Scraper Unit 1-419, in the amount of \$346,726. This includes Caterpillar warranty on power train and hydraulics for a 3-year 5,000 hour warranty.

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

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES -EMS)

Health Services Administrator Kerry McCue requested replacing a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe with approximately 93,000 miles. McCue stated that they usually would have more miles on a vehicle but on

emergency vehicles they are usually replaced earlier. The County is currently considering a vehicle for mail fleet and other uses, and this Tahoe could meet those needs.

They would like to replace this EMS vehicle like the Appraiser's recently purchased Tahoe. The cost of a new Chevrolet Tahoe is \$49,017.67 from NJPA. Commissioners tabled any action so McCue could check the cost through local vehicle dealers.

McCue stated that this is a planned vehicle replacement through their Capital Improvement Fund 16.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Director of Fire and Emergency Management Darin Myers presented his 2017 Annual Report on the Ellis County Fire Department.

Commissioner Wasinger stepped out of the meeting for a minute to take a phone call.

Myers reported that currently they have 85 firefighters. Some of the 2017 accomplishments were a Victoria Fire Truck, training classes, updated equipment in Communications Center, responded and assisted with four of the large fires in the State of Kansas, assisted with a fire on the Codell Road involving an estimated 7500 acres, updated computer records system and new radios.

Myers stated some of their future goals are completing payment on leases of the breathing apparatus and Engine 20 in Catherine. To purchase a new computer dispatch software to include records management system.

Myers stated that in 2018 firefighters will receive a \$20 monthly stipend for attending monthly trainings.

Commissioners complimented Myers for the work that he does. Myers thanked the Commissioners for their support to the County Fire Department.

COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT PAYMENT

County Administrator Smith-Hanes asked to release an additional \$20,000 to Kansas Granite for the granite and limestone that is needed on the restoration project of the Courthouse Project. He noted that funds have been raised by private contributions to cover this cost through the Ellis County Historical Society special bank account and approval from the County.

All Commissioners were in favor in going forward with the payment of \$20,000 to Kansas Granite.

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORT

County Counselor Bill Jeter reported that he had no report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Smith-Hanes reported that they current have a vacant office that Court Services is not currently using. Juvenile Services has asked to use this vacant office space in the Courthouse. Counselor Jeter will draft a letter on this request.

He was pleased to report that Commissioner Wasinger did have someone interested in the Central Kansas Library Board position.

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

To appoint Becky Rogowski to the Central Kansas Library Board.

Disposition: Motion carried on a voice vote of three to zero.

Rogowski will serve a four-year term on the Central Kansas Library Board.

Administrator Smith-Hanes noted that the Annual Road Tour is scheduled for March 26, 2018. They will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Administrative Center.

The Annual Northwest Kansas County Officials Meeting will be held at the Colby Community College on April 18, 2018. He asked that Commissioners let him know if they will be attending.

The Kansas Commission Association Conference will be held on May 1 through 3, 2018 in Wichita this year. If a Commissioner is interested in attending to let County Administrator Smith-Hanes know so he can process the registration.

To mark your calendar for Thursday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m. for the Hays Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at the County's Health Office at 2507 Canterbury Drive, Hays, Kansas.

COMMISSION REPORTS

McClelland reported that she had attended a flood plan meeting, strategic planning session, participated in a radio show, High Plains Mental Health Center Meetings, Youth Force Committee Meeting in Great Bend, Kansas, One Oak Pipeline Meeting and the Legislative Coffee in Ellis, Kansas.

Wasinger reported that she had attended the solar farm report at Sunflower Electric which Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer was in attendance, the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Governing Board Meeting, FSA Meeting and a watershed meeting.

Chair Haselhorst reported that he had attended the FSA Meeting, watershed meeting and will be on the upcoming radio program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

Moved that the Commission recess into Executive Session along with Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, Counselor Bill Jeter and as requested Darin Myers, Kerry McCue, Michael Leiker and Bill

Ring, to discuss evaluations of appointed department heads pursuant to the Open Meetings Act except for personal matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) – with the executive session to begin at 5:45 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m.

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

Motion: McClelland Second: Wasinger

Moved that the Commission recess into Executive Session along with Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, Counselor Bill Jeter and Emergency Medical Services Director Kerry McCue to discuss individual employee's rate of pay pursuant to the Open Meetings Act exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) – with the executive session to begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 6:35 p.m.

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

The Executive Session began at 5:45 p.m.

The Open Session resumed at 6:35 p.m. Chair Haselhorst stated that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Commission Meeting will be held after the 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, 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