

March 26, 2018

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners convened in Special Session for a Road Tour at 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2018, at the east parking lot door of the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

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

Also present were County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, Public Works Director Bill Ring and Road and Bridge Supervisor Curt Hoffman.

Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes took minutes of the Road Tour.

Chair Dean F. Haselhorst convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. in the east lobby of the County Administrative Center.

They traveled in two vehicles to tour the following sites:

- 1) Ellis County Landfill.
- 2) 230th Avenue between 55th Street and Feedlot Road. They stopped at Hess Services to view a box culvert that they manufacture.
- 3) Viewed the new Caterpillar RM500 with the reclaimer operating.
- 4) The new boxed culvert located at the 600 block Saline River Road.
- 5) Viewed the flooding issue at the Love Farms located at 140th and Saline River Road.
- 6) Bridge Number 120 on the Ellis blacktop over the Saline River.
- 7) The new Tomcat Creek Bridge on North County Line Road.
- 8) Viewed the Saline River Road which has been lifted and reworked.
- 9) Viewed the asphalt conditions on Buckeye Road.
- 10) Right-of-way issues with blocked views at 260th Avenue and Hopewell Road.
- 11) Condition of Catharine Road.
- 12) Trees along Catharine Road, located on the County right-of-way, which blocks the road views.
- 13) Cathedral Avenue through Victoria City.
- 14) Vincent Bridge on Old Highway 40.
- 15) Road issues in the town of Walker.

The group then proceeded to lunch at Whiskey Creek restaurant in Hays. Discussion during Lunch was a letter to federal representatives regarding big trucks. Commissioners agreed that Chair Haselhorst should sign the letter. Also, discussed were the current prices the County is paying for rock, water and sand.

After lunch, the group proceeded to Ellis. Mr. Hoffman and Chair Haselhorst left the meeting at approximately at 1:20 p.m. The remaining Commissioners, Public Works Director Ring and Administrator Smith-Hanes toured the following sites:

16) Washington Street, which is the responsibility of the County, through the City of Ellis.

17) Viewed the condition of Antonino Road which had been a 2017 recycling project.

Public Works Director Ring shared materials on the Landfill, a photograph and cost estimate of a boxed culvert replacement in the 1600 block of 230th Avenue, 1.25 miles north of Fairground Road.

They returned to the Administrative Center where Vice-Chair Wasinger adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Commission Meeting will be held after the 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2018, Public Building Commission, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

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