

January 4, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, January 4, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas. Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer called the meeting to order. Commissioners present: Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer and Commissioner Dustin G. Roths. Commissioner Dean F. Haselhorst was absent. Also present were Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter, and Deputy County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling. The meeting opened with saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

There were no changes to the order of business.

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of December 14 and December 21, 2020. No changes were given, the draft minutes were approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Roths **Second** Schlyer

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

##### **Payment Voucher Claims**

Payment Voucher Claims dated January 5, 2021 for \$134,376.26

Payment voucher claims for EllisCares dated December 30, 2020 for \$17,174.04

Payroll claim #27 dated December 31, 2020 for \$520,481.61

Payroll claims on health insurance for January includes both County and employees share dated December 31, 2020, for \$192,144.68

##### **Tax Adjustments**

Tax roll adjustment number 2020000276-2020000283. Void 2020000261.

**Disposition:** The motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero

#### **ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

#### **INDRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Public Works Director Bill Ring introduced Brendan Mackay. Mackay started his duties as the new Public Works Director on January 4, 2020.

#### **TOWNSHIP OFFICERS**

County Clerk Donna J. Maskus asked the Commissioners for names to fill the still vacant position for the Ellis Township Treasurer. All the candidates that were write-ins from the 2020 General election were contacted and all have declined the position. Commissioners Schlyer and Roths both stated they would start checking on possible individuals to fill the position. Commissioner Roths discussed how the townships could be combined in the future. County Counselor Jeter was asked to check into combining Townships again.

#### **RESOLUTION TO WAIVE GAAP STANDARDS**

**Motion:** Schlyer **Second:** Roths

To approve Resolution 2021-1 Waive GAAP Standards.

#### **RESOLUTION 20 21-01**

##### **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, 2021,

**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, 2021, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.  
COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY

Robert "Butch" Schlyer, Chair  
Dustin G. Roths, Commissioner  
Dean F. Haselhorst, Commissioner

ATTEST  
Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

**Disposition:** Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Darin Myers, Interim County Administrator, announced the Kansas Association of Counties is requesting a Commissioner, if interested, to serve on the State's Noxious Weed Advisory committee for a four-year term. Projects at the LEC: 1) There are skylights on the jail floor that are safety issues with the inmates. The State Fire Marshall has advised of a variance to put up. The project is under \$5,000 and will come out of the sales tax money from the remodel project. 2) A project that was removed from the remodel plan was one of the Judge's chamber door was to have an exit into the hallway. The bids came in at \$9,700. This would come out of the sales tax money since it has to do with the LEC remodel. Schlyer and Roths were both in favor of the projects. 3) A statement from Health Services Director Jason Kennedy was read. 4) The first month for the sales tax shows the collections were just over \$218,000 for Ellis County's portion.

#### COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Roths announced his was his last meeting. He thanked everyone he has met and worked with. He stated the future of Ellis County is in good hands and he was proud of his attendance in never missing a meeting. We have amazing employees in Ellis County. Schlyer commented that he enjoyed sitting on the board with Roths. He expressed gratitude for the service of Clerk Maskus. Roths thanked her as well.

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2021, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

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DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT  
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DEAN F. HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:  
  
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BOBBI L. DREILING  
DEPUTY ELLIS COUNTY CLERK