

January 10, 2022

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, January 10, 2022, 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, Commissioner Dean Haselhorst and Commissioner Neal Younger. Also present were County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be four executive sessions.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of January 3. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____ **Haselhorst** _____ **Second** _____ **Younger**

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Freedom Claims Management Inc invoice dated January 5 in the amount of \$6,363.47.

Tax Adjustments

Tax roll adjustment number 2022000002-000007 and 2022000008-000023

Disposition: _____ **Motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero**

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Commissioner Haselhorst read his letter of resignation. Chair Schlyer called up Republican Chair Dustin Roths. Roths spoke of the process of finding a replacement for Haselhorst. Jeter said they have 21 days to appoint an individual, and then the Governor has seven days to approve the appointment.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioners said reports looked good.

REORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENT OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSION

Annually the Commission makes various appointments. These include a selection of Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst the Commissioners and selection of various commission filled appointments, as well as appointments of other individuals to county service and selectin of office depositories, newspaper and meeting times.

Motion: _____ **Younger** _____ **Second:** _____ **Schlyer**

I move that the Commission appoint Butch Schlyer as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the next year.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** _____ **Second:** _____ **Younger**

I move that the commission appoint Neal Younger as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the next year.

Disposition: Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.

Motion: Younger Second: Schlyer

I move that the Commission appoint Neal Younger to the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board, Neal Younger to the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Service Board, Butch Schlyer to the High Plains Mental Health board, and Butch Schlyer to the WorkforceONE CEOB.

Disposition: Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.

Motion: Schlyer Second: Younger

I move that the Commission designate official depositories, County newspaper(s), regular meetings days/times and Ellis County Kanas Public Building Commission directors as recommended by staff.

Disposition: Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.

Motion: Younger Second: Schlyer

I move that the Commission approve all the recommended appointments as specified in the staff report

Disposition: Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.

Official Depositories: All federally insured banks in Ellis County

Official County Newspaper: Hays Daily News (and Ellis Review when published items impact the Ellis area directly)

Commission Regular Meeting Days/Times:

- Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 11, 2022, following Public Building Commission
- Monday, Apr. 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 25, 2022, 8:30 a.m. Road Tour
- Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 16, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jun. 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jun. 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jun. 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jul. 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jul. 11, 2022, following Public Building Commission
- Monday, Jul. 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, following Public Building Commission
Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, following Public Building Commission

Board of Directors of the Ellis County Kansas Public Building Commission: Robert "Butch" Schlyer and Neal Younger

Appointed Department Heads :

- County Administrator: Darin Myers
- Appraiser: Lisa Ree
- Fire & Emergency Management Director: Darin Myers
- Emergency Medical Services Director: Danita Schroeder (Interim)
- Health Administrator: Kim Reel (Interim)
- Information Technology Director: Mike Leiker
- Public Works Director: Brendan Mackay
- Environmental Services Director: Mason Ruder

Appointment of Non-Commissioner County Representatives :

- ADA Officer: Jackie Schumacher
- Affirmative Action Officer: Jackie Schumacher
- Central Kansas Library Board: Becky Rogowski
- Ellis County Historical Society Board: Brad Ricke
- EMS Medical Director: Dr. Jerod M. Grove
- Flood Plain Administrator: Mason Ruder
- High Plains Mental Health Board (alternate voting member): Bill Ring
- Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board: Vacant
- Public Health Medical Director: Dr. Tonya Knoll
- Public Health Officer: Jason Kennedy
- Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition: Mason Ruder (primary), Justin Craig (secondary)
- Zoning Administrator: Mason Ruder

Ellis County Fair Board :

- President: Jill Pfannenstiel
- Vice President: Justin Scheck
- Treasurer: Julie Miller
- Secretary: Norleen Knoll
- Members: Karlee Legleiter, Edna Hanson, Spencer Herrman, Brennan Pfannenstiel, Jerry Sonntag, Tessa Scheck, Steve Unrein, Eric Dexter

Fire District #1 Company Chiefs :

- Company 2: Justin Scheck, Chief; Will Montgomery, Asst. Chief; Ed Meis, Captain

- Company 4: Cole Dreiling, Chief; Scott Wellbrock, Assistant Chief; Dave Richardson, Dylan Kuhn, Grant Weber Captains
- Company 5: Rusty Lindsay, Chief; Adam Napell, Assistant Chief; Chris Muench, Charles Albers, and John Vaughn Captains; Trevor Stipe, Matt Lyon, and Ivan Robles Lieutenants
- Company 6: Steve Seefeld, Chief; Brandon Pfeifer, Assistant Chief; Shaun Burd and Chris Cline Captains
- Company 8: Cole Dinges, Chief; Matt Grabbe, Asst. Chief; Kyle Zimmerman Captain
- Company 9: Rustin Weese, Chief; Brandon Zimmerman, Assistant Chief

Local Emergency Planning Committee :

- Local Official: Scott Braun, Sheriff
- Law Enforcement: Don Scheibler, Hays Police
- Firefighting: Shane Preston, Hays Fire Department
- Emergency Management:
 - Lyle Pantle, County Fire & Emergency Management
 - Toby Prine, Kansas Department of Emergency Management
- Health:
 - Danielle Windholz, First Care Clinic
 - Carol Coleman, Angel Care Home Health
- Hospital:
 - Shawn Hoss, Hays Medical Center
 - Lance Smith, Hays Medical Center
- Communications/Media:
 - Becky Kiser, Eagle Communications
 - Jeff Ridgway, Ellis County PSAP Center
 - John Begler, Amateur Radio Club
- Transportation:
 - Kevin Zimmer, KDOT
 - Jesse Rohr, Hays Public Works
 - Wade Kruse, ACCESS Transportation
 - Jamie Salter, Hays Regional Airport
- Local Environmental Group: Mason Ruder, Ellis County Environmental Office
- Community Group:
 - Pete Peterson and Deb Tucker, Red Cross
- Facility Operator:
 - Rusty Lindsay, USD 489
 - Jeff Crispin, City of Hays Water Resources
 - Debra Staab, Epworth Towers
 - Nolan Schmeidler, Buckeye Wind Energy
 - Don Johnson, EnerSys
 - Brandon Taylor, Cross Manufacturing
 - Chuck Staab, Midwest Energy
- Emergency Medical Service: Danita Schroeder, Ellis County EMS
- Information Coordinator: Lyle Pantle, County Fire & Emergency Management

Ellis County Council on Aging Board : Oren Windholz - Chair, Ilona Patterson, Mary Sauer, Jolene Niernberger

CARE Council (County Representatives): John Braun, Gary Brinker, Lisa Keever, Jaden Richardson

REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS OF DEPUTY TREASURER AND ADDING NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT DEPUTY TREASURER

Treasurer Vern Ruder is requesting a change to the job description of the Deputy Treasurer and adding an additional job description of Assistant Deputy Treasurer. Ruder said these requests are part of an ongoing effort to achieve a chain of command for the Treasury office. This change in staffing would allow for realignment of the workflow in the office. The proposed job descriptions would have salaries and benefits taken out of the Motor Vehicle fund of around \$135,000, and the other treasury staff are budgeted out of Department 24 of around \$420,000. This is slightly less than what is budgeted for in both funds for 2022 salaries.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

I move to approve the revised job descriptions for the Deputy Treasurer and add the job description of Assistant Deputy Treasurer to the classification plan effective January 23, 2022.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

EXPANDING COUNTY COMMISSION SEAT TO 5 SEATS

Robert Readle with Hays Board of Realtors asked for consideration of adopting a resolution to put the five-member commission district on the ballot. The Hays Board of Realtors is requesting the Commission to pass a resolution to place a question on the ballot to expand the County Commission seat from 3 seats to 5 seats. Readle stated that with having 5 seats the commissioners would be able to collaborate with other commissioners in advance of a public meeting so they would be more predictable and efficient. Adding two more seats would also prevent the situation created by a commissioner recusing themselves which would only leave two Commissioners making decisions on sometimes controversial matters. The question to be listed on a future resolution which would place it on the general election ballot on November 8, 2022 would be: "SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED?" Shall the Board of County Commissioners change the number of County Commission Districts from three (3) County Commission Districts to five (5) County Commission Districts? Younger stated that he was not in favor of passing a resolution to allow this to be a question on the ballot. Schlyer said he was opposed to this on many levels. He doesn't think we need predictable outcomes; what we need is upfront and honest discussion amongst the Board of County Commissioners. He said he has no knowledge of any outcome of any discussion until it happens. He said the City of Hays has a 3-2 coalition. He said it is not very transparent to the public if the Commissioners are talking off-record and business is being conducted under the table. He said you can not take calls from someone and having the issues already decided, and you still have the opportunity to lobby with a commissioner individually. As well there will be costs associated with this change including the redistricting costs, salaries and benefits. He ended by saying that he was opposed to the Resolution and suggested Readle goes by Petition.

DECEMBER 15 WIND/FIRE DISASTER UPDATE

Assistant Fire and Emergency Management Director Lyle Pantel updated the Commission on the recovery efforts from the wind and fire disaster on December 15-17, 2021. The Emergency Manager has been working with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management on the disaster assessment. The current estimates of the impacted utility cooperatives has exceeded \$12 million dollars. Estimates are still being calculated within Public Works for burnt bridges, culverts, signs and guard rails. Emergency response costs are also being calculated for EMS and the Sheriff's office. The Ellis County Fire Department has about \$18,000 in firefighter pay and about \$7,500 estimated in apparatus repairs. There is a community meeting at the Emergency Services Building at 5:30 pm Tuesday, January 11.

WIC DIETICIAN CONTRACT FOR 2022 – KAY RIEDEL

Interim Ellis County Health Department Director Kim Reel asked the Commission to consider and approve the request for the WIC Dietician contract for 2022 for Kay Riedel. Riedel has been with the health department for over 10 years and she assists pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, as well as children up to the age of 5. The financial impact is projected to be approximately \$2400. This is a budgeted expense that will be reimbursed through WIC grant funding.

Motion: _____ **Younger** **Second:** _____ **Schlyer**

I move to approve the 2022 WIC Dietician contract for Kay Riedel.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (KDHE) AS A COVID TESTING PARTNER

Interim Ellis County Health Department Director Kim Reel asked the Commission to consider and approve the MOU from KDHE for COVID testing to continue in Ellis County to the residents free of charge. COVID testing began in Ellis County September 2021. Since then 569 residents have tested free of charge. So far in 2022 there have been 87 COVID tests. The Ellis County Health Department is currently the County's only source for free COVID testing. This contract provides revenue from KDHE in the amount of \$30 per test. This will lead to a projected revenue increase of \$60,000 in 2022.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

I move to approve the MOU from KDHE for COVID testing to continue for Ellis County residents free of charge.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN POSITION

IT Director Mike Leiker asked the Commission for approval for an IT Support technician position to address additional IT support needs, including support of the new TYLER-New World Safety Solution. During the initial states of the TYLER-New World Safety Solution project, Leiker identified the potential need for additional support staff after project Go Live. For the first 12-18 months after Go Live, the IT Support Technician will spend 80-90% of their time supporting the T-NW system and users. The Technician will work closely with technicians with the cities of Hays, Victoria, Ellis, Fort Hays State University and the Ellis County District Court. Additional duties would be to include the 23rd Judicial District's IT needs. The new position will require office space and equipment which has been identified in the basement of the law enforcement center. The salary is currently unbudgeted for 2022, however the salary has been identified as an allowable ARPA expenditure under the "lost revenue" category. The estimated salary for 2022 with benefits is \$75,241. If approved, this position will be budgeted for the IT department in the 2023 budget process starting later this spring

Motion: _____ **Younger** **Second:** _____ **Schlyer**

I move to approve the IT Support Technician position and allow HR to post the position opening.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

GLAZE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Appraiser Lisa Ree asked the Commission to consider and approve the Resolution for the request for abatement. The Glaze homestead was destroyed by fire on December 15, 2021. According to K.S.A. 79-1613 the homestead owner can apply for property tax relief due to the property being destroyed from the result of the fire. Since it was destroyed after August 15, 2021, the owners can request the Commission for the abatement of property taxes that have been paid. The owners have submitted an abatement application requesting the abatement of property taxes in 2021.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

I move to adopt Resolution 22-03 to recognize Ellis County as a Rural Opportunity Zone as designated by the State of Kansas.

Disposition: Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.

Resolution No. 22-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Ellis County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,222. As of July 1, 2021, the County population was 28,671 as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Section 3. Ellis County Commissioners hereby obligate Ellis County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Ellis County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Ellis County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Ellis County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Ellis County shall allocate \$0.00 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Ellis County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30th each year. Ellis County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of October each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 10th day of January 2022 by the Board of Ellis County Commissioners, Ellis County, Kansas.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chairman

ATTEST: Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk

ELLIS COUNTY BURN BAN

County Administrator Darin Myers asked the Commission to approve and sign the updated Burn Ban Resolution 22-04. After the fire/wind storm of December 15, 2021, the commission requested the burn ban be implemented in the rural, unincorporated areas of Ellis County. There was an update to the burn ban resolution to include that household waste being burnt no barrel larger than 55 gallons be used, and a protective screen must be in place.

Motion: _____ **Younger** _____ **Second:** _____ **Schlyer**

I move to adopt Resolution 22-04 to provide guidance establishing and/or relaxing a burn ban.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

Resolution 2022-04

A RESOLUTION TO ENACT AND/OR RELAX A BURN BAN IN ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, WITH DETAIL TO THE PROCESS FOR BURNING, AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the Ellis County Commission is authorized by K.S.A. 19-101(a) to perform power of local legislation, and

WHEREAS, The Ellis County Commission recognizes the need to establish a burn ban in rural Ellis County due to the drought conditions existing at the present time, and

WHEREAS, the Ellis County Commission recognizes that weather conditions may change from time to time making it a good plan to relax and/or re-establish a burn ban,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ellis County Commission that:

1. Based on precipitation, the Ellis County Fire Chief is authorized to establish or relax a burn ban in Ellis County whenever it is believed such actions are appropriate;
2. Anyone desiring approval to burn in the rural areas of Ellis County must contact the Ellis County Public Safety Communications Center at 785-625-1011 to learn if a burn ban is in effect before attempting to burn anything in the County. Based on the weather conditions, the Ellis County Public Safety Communications has the authority to deny controlled burns in the weather conditions during the burn to not meet the conditions stated in section 3 of this resolution. Weather conditions will be determined by a weather station located at the Ellis County Law Enforcement Center;
3. When approval is granted for controlled burning operations, it is necessary and in the best interest of the public that all controlled burning is subject to the following conditions pursuant to the Kansas Air Quality Regulations, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. The person conducting the burning shall stockpile the material to be burned, dry it to the greatest extent possible before it is burned, and assure that it is free of matter that will inhibit good combustion;
 - b. A person shall not burn heavy smoke-producing materials including heavy oils, tires, and tarpaper;

- c. A person shall not initiate burning during the nighttime, which for the purposes of this regulation is defined as the period from two hours before sunset until one hour after sunrise. A person shall not add material to a fire two hours before sunset;
 - d. A person shall not burn during inclement or foggy conditions or on very cloudy days, which are defined as days with more than 0.7 cloud cover and with a ceiling of less than 2,000 feet;
 - e. A person shall not burn during periods when surface wind speeds are less than 5 mph or more than 15 mph;
 - f. A person shall not burn within 1,000 feet of any occupied dwelling, unless the occupant of that dwelling has been notified before the burn;
 - g. A person shall not conduct a burn that creates a traffic or other safety hazard. If burning is to take place within 1,000 feet of a roadway, the person conducting the burn shall notify the highway patrol, sheriff's office, or other appropriate state or local traffic authority before the burning begins. If burning is to take place within one mile of an airport, the person conducting the burn shall notify the airport authority before the burning begins.
 - h. The person conducting the burn shall insure that the burning is supervised until the fire is extinguished;
 - i. The Ellis County Fire Chief may revoke any approved allowance of any controlled burn;
 - j. If any controlled burn begins to get out of control, any person involved with the burn should call 911 immediately.
4. When in effect, the burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning including fire pits, trash pits, ornamental fire chimneys, fields, and any other form of open burning not to include barbecue grills and household waste being burnt in a barrel no larger than 55 gallons with a protective screen;
 5. It shall be unlawful to violate this burn ban and anyone violating this burn ban may be charged with an unclassified misdemeanor and if convicted, will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately this 10th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chairman
Neal Younger, Member

Attest: Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Darin Myers asked the Commission if a Purchase Order for the Sheriff that was approved in December using the General Fund, could be corrected to use Fund 16 instead. Schlyer said this was fine. An RFP for the HVAC system for the Administrative Building has been sent out with a deadline of January 28, 2022. He hopes to have everything in order for the February 7 commission meeting. He asked if the Commissioners were interested in attending the Chamber banquet in January. Schlyer said he was not and Younger indicated he was invited by ITC. He asked if they were interested in attending the annual KAC policy meeting in Topeka. Schlyer was not interested in attending and Younger said he would let Myers know at a later date. He asked if February 14 from 2-5 pm was a good date and time for a special session on the Department Head evaluations. Schlyer and Younger both indicated it was.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Younger said he met with Danita Schroeder and Darin Myers and also went to an Ellis City meeting. Schlyer acknowledged Commissioner Haselhorst, and said he always admired him on his expertise and his knowledge of Ellis County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

To recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is potential land purchase. Those persons to attend Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, County Counselor Bill Jeter, County Administrator Darin Myers and Public Works Director Brendan Mackay.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

The Executive Session started at 6:12pm.

The Open Session resumed at 6:22 pm with no action taken.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

To recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is personnel issues. Those persons to attend Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Jackie Schumacher, Jason Kennedy, Kim Reel and County Administrator Darin Myers.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

The Executive Session started at 6:25 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 6:55 pm with no action taken.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

To recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is personnel issues. Those persons to attend Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Jackie Schumacher, Jason Kennedy, Danita Schroeder and County Administrator Darin Myers.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

The Executive Session started at 6:55 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 7:25 pm with no action taken.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

To recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is personnel issues. Those persons to attend Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Jackie Schumacher and County Administrator Darin Myers.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

The Executive Session started at 7:30 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 7:49 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK