

January 11, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm, Monday, January 11, 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: Commissioner Dean F Haselhorst and Commissioner Neal Younger. Also present were Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, and County Clerk Bobbi L Dreiling. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was noted that they have one Executive Session on the fair lease agreement.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of January 4, 2021. No changes were given, the draft minutes were approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: Younger
Approve the Consent Agenda items A-G as presented, including the following.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Payment Voucher on wire transfers dated January 7, 2021, for \$72,600.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions were asked on the December 2020 Financial report.

TAX ADJUSTMENTS

Tax roll adjustment number 2021000001-2021000003.

YEAR-END PURCHASE ORDERS

2020 Year End Purchase Orders total encumbered at \$1,336,270.68.

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSION

The 2021 Reorganization was conducted by the Board of Ellis County Commissioners with the following action.

Appointment of Chair on the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: _____ Younger

Appoint Butch "Robert" Schlyer as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2021.

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

Appointment of Vice-Chair on the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Younger

Appoint Dean Haselhorst as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2021.

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

Appointment of Commissioners to Boards

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Younger

Appoint a Commissioner to serve on the following Boards:

Appoint Neal Younger to serve on the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board and the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Service Board.

Appoint Robert "Butch" Schlyer to serve on the High Plains Mental Health Board.

Appoint Dean F Haselhorst to serve on the Workforce ONE CEOB Board.

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

Official Depositories

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: _____ Younger

Appoint all federally insured banks in Ellis County as official depositories.

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

Official County Newspaper:

Hays Daily News; and use the Ellis Review when published items impact the Ellis area directly.

Commission Regular Meeting Days and times:

Monday, Jan 18, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Feb 1, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Feb 8, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Feb 15, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Mar 1, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Mar 8, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Mar 15, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Apr 5, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Apr 12, 2021 following Public Building Commission
Monday, Apr 19, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Apr 26, 2021, 8:30 am Road Tour
Monday, May 3, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, May 10, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, May 17, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Jun 7, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Jun 14, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Jun 21, 2021, 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Jul 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jul 12, 2021 following Public Building Commission
Monday, Jul 19, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Aug 2 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Aug 9 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Aug 16, 2021, 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sep. 7, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Sep. 13, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Sep. 20, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Oct 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct 11, 2021 following Public Building Commission
Monday, Oct 18, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Nov 1, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Nov 8, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Nov 15, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Dec 6, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Dec 13, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Dec 20, 2021, 5:00 pm
Monday, Jan 3, 2022, 5:00 pm
Monday, Jan 10, 2022 following Public Building Commission

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

Board of Directors of the Ellis County Kansas Public Building Commission:

Robert "Butch" Schlyer Neal Younger and Dean F. Haselhorst.

Appointed Department Heads:

Interim County Administrator: Darin Myers
Appraiser: Lisa Ree
Emergency Management Director: Darin Myers
Emergency Medical Services Director: Jason Kennedy
Fire District #1 Director: Darin Myers
Health Administrator: Jason Kennedy
Information Technology Director: Mike Leiker
Public Works Director: Brendan Mackay

Appointment of Non-Commissioner County Representatives:

ADA Officer: Darin Myers
Affirmative Action Officer: Darin Myers
Central Kansas Library Board: Becky Rogowski
Ellis County Historical Society Board: Tom Drees
EMS Medical Consultant: 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
Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission: Darin Myers
Public Health Medical Consultant: Dr. Tonya Knoll
Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition: Vern Ruder (primary), and Mason Ruder (secondary)
Zoning Administrator: Mason Ruder
Public Health Director: Jason Kennedy

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To appoint Jason Kennedy as the Public Health Director.

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

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 and Eric Dexter.

Fire District #1 Company Chiefs:

Company 2: Justin Scheck, Chief; Will Montgomery, Asst Chief; Ed Meis, Captain
Company 4: Tom Tholen, Chief; Cole Dreiling, Asst Chief; Dave Richardson, Scott Wellbrock, Dylan Kuhn, 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, Assistant Chief; Kyle Zimmerman, Captain
Company 9: Rustin Weese, Chief; Brandon Zimmerman, Assistant Chief

Local Emergency Planning Council:

Local Official : Scott Braun, Sheriff

Law Enforcement : Don Scheibler, Hays Police • Firefighting: Shane Preston, Hays Fire Department

Emergency Management:

Darin Myers, County Fire & Emergency Management
Toby Prine, Kansas Department of Emergency Management Health:

Health

First Care Clinic: Danielle Windholz,
Angel Care Home Health: Carol Coleman

Hospital

Hays Medical Center: Shawn Hoss
Hays Medical Center: Lance Smith

Communications/Media

Eagle Communications: Becky Kiser
Ellis County PSAP Center: Jeff Ridgway,
Amateur Radio Club: John Begler

Transportation

KDOT: Kevin Zimmer
Hays Public Works: Jesse Rohr
ACCESS Transportation: Wade Kruse,
Hays Regional Airport: Jamie Salter,

Local Environmental Group

Ellis County Environmental Office: Mason Ruder,

Community Group

Red Cross: Pete Peterson and Deb Tucker

Facility Operator

USD 489: Rusty Lindsay

City of Hays Water Resources: Jeff Crispin

Epworth Towers: Debra Staab

Buckeye Wind Energy: Shawn Braun

EnerSys: Don Johnson

Cross Manufacturing: Brandon Taylor

Midland Marketing: Doug Dreiling

Midwest Energy: Chuck Staab

Emergency Med Serv: Jason Kennedy Ellis County
EMS

Information Coordinator: Lyle Pantle, Co 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, Jaden Richardson, Lisa Keever

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

KWORCC CLASSIFICATION

Ellis County Appraiser, Lisa Ree, updated the Commissioners on the KWORCC classification she has been working on to get the worker's compensation rates lowered for the Appraiser's office. KWORCC has reclassified four appraisal staff to a lower rating to take effect January 1, 2020. This will result in a savings to the County of approximately \$12,805. She discussed the implementation of a new online filing system that can be accessed for personal property owners if there are no changes to their personal property.

COUNTY AGREEMENT TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEEDS FOR KDOT

Noxious Weed Control supervisor, Gary Haas, presented the 2021 County Agreement to treat noxious weeds for KDOT. It is expected to generate the same revenue as in 2020. Haas recommended approval of the contract with KDOT.

Motion: Younger **Second:** Haselhorst

Approve the 2021 Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance County Agreement to treat noxious weeds and authorize Commission Chair to sign.

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

PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE

Interim County Administrator, Darin Myers discussed the new health insurance and new implications that have come up with new employees, military leave employees and FMLA. The biggest impact is when to start the new employees on health insurance. He is asking the commission to update the personnel policy to add section 8.7 Health Insurance:

Full-time classified employees, as defined by the Affordable Care Act, shall be eligible for the County's group health care insurance program on the first of the month following a waiting period of 30 days which commences on the initial date of employment.

All costs of health care insurance may be paid by the employee during any period in which the employee is on a leave without pay (excluding provisions covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act or Military Leave), are on suspension without pay, are on unauthorized leave, or are participating in any unlawful work stoppage. Refer to Section 7.5 Workers Compensation and Section 8.5 Family Medical Leave regarding specific policies for injured or disabled employees and health care coverage.

Employees and their dependents who lose group health benefits with Ellis County due to a qualifying event as outlined by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), are eligible for continued health insurance coverage for a period of time as established by the Act.

An employee who has at least ten years of service with Ellis County and retires from employment are eligible to remain on the County's health insurance program until they either reach the age of 65 or fails to pay the monthly premium payments. The retiree may elect to have the same family members covered as during employment with the County. The retiree's monthly premium will be based on the retiree's rate which is established prior to each contract year with the assistance of the plan administrator. Health care coverage for the retiree will be identical to the coverage of active County employees. When a retired employee terminates his health insurance coverage with the County, any covered dependents will have the option to continue coverage, if eligible, under COBRA.

Motion: Younger **Second:** Haselhorst

To approve the addition of Section 8.7 of the Ellis County personnel policy regarding health insurance.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Interim County Administrator, Darin Myers, announced engineering firm Driggs updated the plans to KDOT on the Northwest Business Corridor. They are still on schedule for the project. The start date is planned for August 2021. Myers would like the Commission Chair to sign a letter to the Department of Commerce to get a couple of weeks extension to get the money disbursed on the CDBG funds.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Haselhorst had no report.

Younger thanked his wife and all the support from Ellis County.

Schlyer acknowledged Younger for being on the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Haselhorst **Second:** Schlyer

To recess into Executive Session under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to a non-elected matter with the subject to be discussed during executive session is on fair lease agreement for fifteen minutes to include Commissioners, County Counselor Bill Jeter and Interim County Administrator Darin Myers and fair board member Justin Scheck.

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

The Executive Session started at 5:30 pm

The Open Session resumed at 5:50 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas,

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

DEAN F. HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L. DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK