

March 21, 2022

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas. Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer, Commissioner Joe Leroux and Commissioner Neal Younger. Also present were Acting County Administrator Mike Leiker, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling.

#### **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 March 14th. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leroux** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger**

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

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

Freedom Claims Management dated March 16 in the amount of \$23,130.35

Accounts Payable dated March 22 in the amount of \$387,055.03

Purchase Order #7650 to SHI in the amount of \$25,095.52

Purchase Order #7649 to Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$9,861

Purchase Order #7651 to SHI in the amount of \$11,587.40

##### **Tax Adjustments**

Tax roll adjustment numbers 2022000075-80

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

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

Interim Environmental Services Director Justin Craig updated the Commissioners on the fire at the landfill last Thursday. It was contained in the C&E pit. He thanked all the people that helped with the fire. They don't know what the cause was. They ended up pushing dirt over the top of the fire. They have been checking for hot spots and haven't found any.

#### **MONTHLY FINACAL REPORT**

Commissioners said the reports looked good.

#### **HAYS SENIOR CENTER UPDATE**

President of Hays Senior Center Guy Windholz and Director Ray Makings updated the Commissioners on the happenings and progress of Hays Senior Center.

#### **NORTHWEST KANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND THE ELLIS NUTRITION CENTER**

Lenard Schonberger gave an update on the Ellis Nutrition Center. Executive Director Michelle Morgan gave an update on the Northwest Kansas Area on Agency.

#### **COURT RECORDING EQUIPMENT**

District Court Administrator Mike Smith is asking the Commission to approve the purchase of new and updated recording equipment for District Court. The District Court is required to record all hearings held by the District Judges. The current equipment used is out-of-date and needs to be updated with new hardware and software. The State of Kansas has a statewide contract with SHI to provide the equipment and installation of this equipment. This project was a submitted request for the use of ARPA funds. The final estimate came well under the \$40,000 original request. The total purchase would be \$34,956.52.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger**

I move to approve the purchase of two new and updated recording equipment from SHI and a two-year maintenance agreement from Voice Products in the amount of \$25,095.52 using ARPA funds; along with six PC's and four laptops for a total cost of \$9,861.

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

#### **GRADER PURCHASE**

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay is asking the Commission to approve the purchase of two new 2022 Caterpillar 140-15J graders from Foley Equipment using Sourcewell's government pricing. Foley is offering a trade-in value of \$86,000 for the 2006 and 2010 road graders. The 2010 JD 770G currently has

over 12,500 hours on it and needs transmission repairs. The 2006 JD 700D has over 14,500 hours and has throttle and electrical issues. The outright price is \$608,377.86 but with the trade in of the 2006 and 2010 grader the net price would be \$522,377.86. Staff is recommending the finance option from Caterpillar, which is a lease/purchase over seven years of \$81,102.15 annually with a \$2.00 buy-out. The interest rate would be 4.59%. The initial payment is not budgeted for 2022 so that would be paid out of Fund 16.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leroux**                      **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger**

I move to approve the purchase of two 2022 Caterpillar 140-15J graders from Foley Equipment for \$522,377.86, including trading in the 2006 and 2010 road graders.

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

#### **KNOW B4 ARPA PURCHASE**

Information Technology Director Michael Leiker is asking the Commission to approve the purchase of KnowBe4 Cyber Security Awareness Solution from SHI in the amount of \$11,587.40 with ARPA funds. Ellis County has spent a significant amount of money on cyber security software and hardware to keep the network and data safe from cyber threats. One area that can not be secured through hardware or software configuration is the people. The most common breaches today are through users clicking on malicious email links and attachments. This program would ensure that our users are getting training from this program.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger**                      **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leroux**

I move that the Commission approve the purchase of the KnowBe4 Cyber Security Awareness Solution from SHI in the amount of \$11,587.40 using allocated ARPA funds.

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

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

No report.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Younger attended the City of Schoenchen meeting and had discussion on the cost of sealing their roads. Met with Dave Clingan with Grow Hays. He also attended the Kansas 1 Call and severe weather training. Leroux had no report. Schlyer had no report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

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JOE LEROUX, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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