

April 5, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, April 5, 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, Commissioner Neal Younger and Commissioner Dean F Haselhorst. Also present were Interim 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

Schlyer asked that agenda item #6 Facemask Discussion be taken off the agenda, and there will be two executive sessions.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of March 15, 2021. 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

Payroll #6 March 7 – March 30, 2021 for \$434,362.72

Account payables dated April 6, 2021 for \$443,157.68

Account payables dated March 23, 2021 for \$4,000

Purchase card payment dated March 22, 2021 for \$58,383.82

Health insurance payment dated March 7, 2021 for \$11,463.33

Account payables dated March 16, 2021 for \$8,853.50

Account payables dated March 29, 2021 for \$42.70

Tax Adjustments

Tax roll adjustment number 2021000054-60.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ellis County Sheriff Scott Braun informed the Commissioners that he has received multiple phone calls in reference to the City meeting that was held last week to allow ATVs and UTVs. He was being asked what the County thoughts are on that. He suggested that he and County counselor Bill Jeter meet and work on what the County may want to do. Haselhorst suggested that Braun contact the City of Russell on how they have handled it.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Health Services Director Jason Kennedy gave an update on the COVID-19 status. There is only good news to report. The seven-day average has been at or below five for 44 consecutive days; 26 consecutive days at or below one for a seven-day average, and 14 consecutive days at zero for a seven-day average. The testing itself has been down. There have been 7000 first doses administered and believes there has been another 3700 administered through the pharmacies. Ellis County is at the upper tier as total vaccinated per capita. There will be a drive-through vaccination site on April 10th at Hays Medical Center. There will be 900 Johnson & Johnson vaccines available. He is also working with Fort Hays State University to do the same before the college is out for summer break.

ELLIS COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES DONATION

Health Services Director Jason Kennedy discussed the grant that was given by Midwest Energy to provide for over ten community CPR classes. This grant will also purchase four feedback mannequins. This grant will significantly improve the skills and training of all community members that take part in the educational offerings provided by CPR for Life.

KANSAS LOCAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (KLBIP) DESIGN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay discussed the grant that was awarded for Bridge No. 619.0-420.0, located 13.9 miles North and 0.5 miles East of Catherine. This grant will provide up to \$200,000 in funding for the construction of a new structure. It will include the following: normal field survey, topographical survey, balance grading plans, bridge layouts, right-of-way descriptions, construction cost estimate, contour maps, culvert details, detailed bridge plans and traffic controls. Penco will facilitate the hiring of the geology firm and the observation test hole drilling. The County will be responsible for the cost of the geology firm’s services. The funds for the \$15,000 that it would take for

the geology firm's services will come from Fund 78. Construction will begin this fall. Younger asked that all residents be notified before the actual work began.

Motion: Younger Second Haselhorst

Move and sign the Design Engineering Agreement from Penco Engineering for KLBIP Project No. 26 C-5092-01.

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

ELECTION BALLOTS

County Clerk Bobbi Dreiling asked the Commission to allow her to destroy the 2017 and 2019 City/School, 2018 General and Primary and 2020 Sale Tax ballots per KSA 25-2708(b). She would need one Republican and one Democrat appointed to oversee the disposal process.

Motion: Haselhorst Second Younger

Move the Commission to allow the County Clerk to destroy the 2017 and 2019 City/School, 2018 General and Primary and 2020 Sale Tax ballots per KSA 25-2708(b) and to appoint Republican Sheriff Scott Braun and Democrat Lisa Ree to oversee the disposal process.

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

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS

County Clerk Bobbi Dreiling presented to the Commission the Township Annual Reports for expenses and revenues for 2020. She verified that the beginning and ending balances were correct. Schlyer indicated that he noticed that most of the Townships were using their funds just to pay the salaries of the board.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER ROOF

County Administrator Darin Myers discussed the two options for the conceptual design for the roof at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). The first option removes the HVAC roof top units (RTU) from their current mounts and places them on the top of the new roof and then reattached using curbing. This option is more cost effective and allows for better access in the future if a unit needs replaced but would require staff to have to climb on the roof for any service that would need to be done on the units. The second option is to leave the RTUs in place, put on a new roof, but then build penthouses around each unit for future access and ventilation. This option would cost more due to the custom-built penthouses and would be more obtrusive in nature. This option would allow staff to service the units without having to get on the new roof. All three Commissioners were in favor of the first option of putting the units on the new roof.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Darin Myers asked if Haselhorst had heard anything back on the Little KAC meeting. Haselhorst indicated he was still waiting to hear. Schlyer will not be able to attend. Younger also indicated he would be able to attend.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Haselhorst did not have any report and wished everyone a Happy Easter. Younger said he attended the City of Hays meeting on ATVs, and also attended the Ellis County Planning and Development meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Younger Second: Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session to be land acquisition to include Commissioners, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Buck Driggs, Public Works Director Brendan Mackay and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 5:25 pm

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Younger Second: Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception with the subject to be discussed it be lease negotiations to include County Commissioners, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 5:52 pm
The Open Session resumed at 6:15 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021, in the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

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ATTEST:

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ELLIS COUNTY CLERK