

Glenn Schmeidler discussed with the Commissioners the problems with having a cemetery put in right across from his residence at 240th Avenue. Discussion was had. Dean Haselhorst spoke on behalf of Schmeidler in that he worked the ground for Schmeidler and he was concerned about the traffic issues it would cause with the heavy truck traffic that is on 240th Ave. Schlyer said he didn't understand how Schmeidler could say it could be a traffic issue. He said the traffic could be controlled during that time. Schlyer was not in favor of the proposed half-mile setback. Environmental Services Director Justin Craig was asked what the typical set-back was of homes in Ellis County. He said they have to be thirty feet off the front and ten feet off the sides and back. Schlyer said that is what he would consider for a cemetery as well. St. Joseph's Church business administrator Ann Pfeifer spoke to the Commission on the land that was donated to the parish. Younger said the traffic is there all the time and the half-mile setback is too far back and would not support that as well. Schmeidler asked if they would consider a quarter mile setback. Younger and Schlyer both said they would not agree to that. Leroux said the church did follow all the legal steps they needed to. He is not in favor of the half or quarter mile setback.

VICTORIA COMMUNITY PROJECT

Landowner and member of the Victoria Community Coalition Jim Pfeifer updated the Commission on the Victoria Community Coalition Project. He is asking the Commission for \$10,000 to help on the project. Schlyer said he is in favor of the concept he is proposing and it is needed in Ellis County. He questioned Pfeifer on the \$10,000 needed for the architect fees. He said this is too early in the process to be asking for this money. He said the county's money should come in on the backend, not the front-end of a project, so he is not on board to give this funding at this time. Leroux said he would like to see this work out, but wanted to know if the building is safe and sound for the Historical Society to move in at this time. He asked if the Historical Society was going to take on the costs of the renovations of the building. Director Amanda Rupp with the Historical Society said they will be signing a lease to take care of that 9000 square feet that they are leasing. She said the part that they are leasing is structurally sound for them to store their items. Younger asked if he has asked the City of Victoria for any support. Pfeifer said they are signing off on the grants but have not asked them for any funding. Leroux said the City has given them \$3500 in joining the NW Business Development Coalition so they are able to apply for grants. Younger asked about the City of Hays as the childcare facility they are planning would help the City of Hays people searching for childcare. Pfeifer said they have not asked the City of Hays for funding at this time. The Commissioners told Pfeifer to keep up the good work in the development of this project and come back and talk with them with an update in the future.

TRAINING ROOM UPGRADES – LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDINGS

IT Director Mike Leiker is asking the Commission to approve the quotes for the LEC Basement Training Room and Emergency Services Basement Training Room Audio/Visual upgrades. In recent years, because of technology advancements and the restrictions of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has become apparent that two of the County's primary training facilities are less than adequate and aren't keeping up with current technology needs. The LEC basement training room, used primarily for Law Enforcement training and local and regional meetings, is not able to efficiently support electronic and virtual presentations. Most of the existing technology in that training room is outdated and/or non-functional. In the Emergency Services Training Room/Emergency Operations Center the technology is adequate for in-person meetings but lacks the capability to support advanced EMS training, such as medical procedural training, for large and/or remotely located groups. The sound system for large and remote groups is inadequate. These upgrades are designed to assist EMS host paramedic and EMT courses through a community college to help home grow and train their EMS professionals. If the Commission would like to proceed with these projects, it is the IT Director's recommendation to accept

the low bid from INAalert for the LEC Basement Training Room and the low bid from Hopp's Sound for the Emergency Services Basement Training Room. The IT Director received two quotes for each location. For the LEC Basement Training Room; one quote from Hopp's Sound for a total cost of \$37,669.80 and one from INAalert for \$19,071.13. For the Emergency Services Training Room./EOC, one quote from Hopp's Sound for \$53,845.64 and one from INAalert for \$59,080.37. If approved, these purchases would be paid for using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These projects were previously identified as projects to complete using the funds.

Motion: Younger **Second:** Leroux

I move to approve Purchase Order 7678 to INAalert for the LEC Basement Training Room Audio/Visual upgrades.

I move to approve Purchase Order 7679 to Hopp's Sound for the Emergency Services Basement Training Room Audio/Visual upgrades.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ACCESS CONTROL/SECURITY/HVAC

IT Director Mike Leiker is asking the Commission to approve a quote from Bankers Security to add access control and integration with a fire alarm system to comply with City Fire Code. In an effort to improve the physical security of the Administrative Center basement and to comply with City Fire Code the IT Director was instructed to solicit quotes from vendors to provide the equipment and installation for a complete system that integrates both with the County's current Access Control system as well as the existing fire alarm system. This upgrade would provide separation of smoke to upper floors in the event of a fire in the basement. Per code, only two floors are allowed to be combined without some sort of an approved smoke separation devices (doors). This work has to be completed to comply with the fire code which was identified with the current upgrades to the buildings HVAC. The City of Hays has given written approval for this plan. This project would also provide a means to secure the five sets of doors on the hallways and the east double glass doors to the Commission room after normal business hours. This concern has also been brought forth to the safety committee as a need to secure the basement after hours to not only protect the employees, but also any equipment. When the building is open, there is currently no proper way to lock the doors to prevent access. The IT Director received two quotes, one from Bankers Security for a total cost of \$25,360.00 and one from INA Alert for \$25,718.72. The quote from Bankers Security is low bid and they are the company that installed our existing Access Control system. If the Commission would like to proceed with this project, it is the IT Director's recommendation to accept the low bid from Bankers Security Quote. This project would be paid out of the 2022 Administrator's Contingency.

Motion: Schlyer **Second:** Younger

I move to approve Purchase Order 7680 to Bankers Security for access control upgrades.

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

ELECTION BALLOTS

County Clerk/Election Official Bobbi Dreiling is asking the Commission to allow her to destroy the ballots from the 2020 Primary and General Election and the 2021 City/School Election. Per KSA 25-2708(b) the County Clerk can dispose of ballots after 22 months of a Primary and General Election; and after six months for a City/School Election. That time has passed for the 2020 election cycle and the 2021 City/School cycle. The Commission must appoint one Republican and one Democrat to oversee the process. I have talked with Greg Erbert (R) and Lisa Ree (D) and they have both agreed to volunteer their time.

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

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES VOTING DELEGATE

County Administrator Darin Myers is asking the Commission to appoint a commissioner to be a voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties. It was agreed that Commissioner Younger would be the voting delegate.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Myers is asking the Commission to sign a letter of support to apply for a grant with the City of Hays to widen 13th Street out to Commerce Parkway. The cost share split would be about \$500,000 to the County. It is contingent upon the grant. The Commission agreed to sign the letter of support.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Leroux had no report. Younger said he attended a City of Hays meeting and attended a Grow Hays meeting. Schlyer had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Schlyer Second: Younger

To recess into Executive Session for 16 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege for potential litigation. Those persons to attend are Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, Commissioner Joe Leroux, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Public Works Director Brendan Mackay by phone and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:35 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 6:50 pm with no action taken.

Motion: Schlyer Second: Younger

To recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege for potential lease agreement. Those persons to attend are Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, Commissioner Joe Leroux, 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 6:50 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 7:00 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

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ATTEST:

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ELLIS COUNTY CLERK