

September 7, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, September 7, 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 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

No changes to the order of business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be one executive session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of August 16, 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

Purchase Card invoices dated August 23, 2021 for \$56,820.98

Account payables dated September 8, 2021 for \$332,599.63

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Everything looked good.

NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

Environmental Technician Justin Craig introduced Kari Groff, Environmental Technician. Landfill Foreman Vern Ruder introduced Heather Billups, Solid Waste Clerk. Appraiser Lisa Ree introduced Jancy Leonard, Appraiser 1 Office, and Kashli Holthaus, Appraiser 1 Field. Sheriff Scott Braun introduced Trevor Dinkel. IT Director Mike Leiker presented Lori Dreiling who has been promoted as the new IT Service Delivery Administrator.

CATHARINE UPDATE

Sheriff Scott Braun updated the Commissioners on the Catharine and 310th speeding issues. He said as of the last update that he gave to the Commissioners there have been no complaints and there have been no tickets issued.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay asked the Commission for permission to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Hays State University (FHSU) that allows FHSU to use the message boards and traffic signs for commencement and other activities to assist with traffic flow. This MOU lays out what is expected of both parties to utilize the equipment.

Motion: Younger **Second:** Haselhorst

Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the attached MOU with FHSU on behalf of the Ellis County Public Works Department.

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

NW BUSINESS CORRIDOR SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay presented the Supplemental Agreement between KDOT, Ellis County and Driggs Design Group, P.A. for the construction engineering inspection services by the consultant. The agreement gives the breakdown of the current estimated costs for the Northwest Business Corridor Project. There is the remaining amount of \$3,903,482 left to be paid for by the County. This amount is higher than previously estimated due to the cost increases and changing the utility location costs from non-participating to participating.

Motion: Haselhorst **Second:** Younger

I move the Board of County Commissioners approve and sign the Agreement for Federal Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services by Consultant, and the Supplemental Agreement No. 1.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Darin Myers said the bid opening with KDOT will be after the September 20th Commission meeting. Updated the Commission on the strategic planning process. September 16 and 17 is the KPLG meeting in Garden City and he was wanting to see if any of the commissioners were interested in going. Haselhorst and Schlyer cannot attend, and Younger said he would look at his schedule and let Myers know if he could attend. He asked if any of the Commissioners wanted to be a voting member at KAC. Haselhorst has a conflict and Schlyer is not attending. Discussed the September 23rd meeting at the City of Hays Commission meeting and asked the Commission to attend to show support of the bridge replacement at the 157 Exit. It is a 25-million-dollar project.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Haselhorst has NW Kansas Highway Commission meeting, the ribbon cutting at the landfill and a KAC meeting next week. Younger attended a couple of City meetings and the KEC at Midwest Energy. Schlyer said he received a call from an individual who was upset because she has noticed that no one is wearing masks and she is concerned about the virus. She indicated that she had a conversation with Jason Kennedy but she didn't like what he said, and she was hoping Schlyer would say something different. He told her that Ellis County would not be implementing any kind of a mask mandate and that the best thing they could do was to encourage people to get the vaccine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Haselhorst **Second:** Schlyer

To recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the 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 in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are County Counselor Bill Jeter, County Administrator Darin Myers and Public Works Director Brendan Mackay

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

The Executive Session started at 5:21 pm.
The Open Session resumed at 5:41 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, 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

DEAN F HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK