

September 13, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, September 13, 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 no executive sessions.

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of September 7, 2021. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Haselhorst**

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

#### **Payment Voucher Claims**

Open Edge payment dated September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$716.49

Payroll #17 dated August 21 – August 27, 2021 in the amount of \$438,894.04

Payroll #18 August 22 – September 4, 2021 in the amount of \$434,484.00

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

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

No persons not on the order of business.

#### **COUNTY FY22 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE (RNR) AND BUDGET HEARING WITH RESOLUTION 21-17 AND 21-18.**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Haselhorst**

I move to open the public hearing for the intention of exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) and for the different 2022 Ellis County Budgets.

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

County Administrator Darin Myers indicated to the Commission we are ready to hold the Revenue Neutral Rate and 2022 budget public hearing. Chair Schlyer noted that there was no one in the audience to make any statements.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Haselhorst**

I move to close the public hearing for 2022 budgets and Revenue Neutral Rates.

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

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Haselhorst**

I move to approve the proposed budgets, Resolution 21-17 and Resolution 21-18 for budget year 2022

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

Haselhorst proceeded to read Resolution 21-17.

Resolution No. 2021-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners is statutorily required to provide notice and hearing prior to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Clerk provided notice of the hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Revenue Neutral Rate for tax year 2022 for Ellis County was calculated as 35.943 mills by the County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposed by the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners for tax year 2022 will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners held a hearing on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 allowing all interested taxpayers an opportunity to be heard at the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners having heard testimony, have determined that it is in the best interests of Ellis County to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELLIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Ellis County shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 35.943 mills for Tax Year 2022.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

Robert (Butch) Schlyer Chairman  
Dean F. Haselhorst, Member  
Neal Younger, Member

Attested:  
Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk

Resolution No. 2021-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2022 FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners is statutorily required to provide notice and hearing prior to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Clerk provided notice of the hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Revenue Neutral Rate for tax year 2022 for the Ellis County Fire District #1 was calculated as 4.093 mills by the County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire budget proposed by the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners for tax year 2022 will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners held a hearing on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 allowing all interested taxpayers an opportunity to be heard at the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners having heard testimony, have determined that it is in the best interests of Ellis County to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ELLIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Ellis County shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 4.093 mills for fire district in Tax Year 2022.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Ellis County Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

Robert (Butch) Schlyer Chairman  
Dean F. Haselhorst, Member  
Neal Younger, Member

Attested:  
Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk

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

I move to approve Resolution No. 21-17 and Resolution 21-18 for Budget year 2022.

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

#### **NORTHWEST KANSAS JUVENILE SERVICES UPDATE**

Director Peggy Pratt gave the Commissioners an update of their office, as well as their work in Ellis County and Western Kansas.

#### **KANSAS LOCAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (KLBIP)**

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay updated the Commission on the KLBIP grant that will provide up to \$150,000 for the construction of a new structure or repair for a low volume bridge with a twenty to fifty foot span. This funding is done on 90 percent state funds, and 10 percent local funds for preliminary engineering, construction and construction engineering on a reimbursement basis. The County would be responsible for all project costs over the \$150,00 state funds. Ellis County was awarded this grant last year and opted to close bridge 585.0-446.4 located at 140<sup>th</sup> Ave over Big Creek. This year we will submit to remove bridge 577.0-438.9 located at 100<sup>th</sup> Ave over Big Creek Tributary. It will remain open, as the replacement structure will be less than a 20-foot span. This would effectively remove it from our bridge system while not permanently restricting traffic but still qualifying the County for the additional funding from the program. Mackay was told to proceed.

#### **CATHEDRAL AVENUE PROJECT**

Public Works Director Brendan Mackay discussed the Cathedral Avenue Project. The County had



**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm. The next regular meeting with be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

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NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

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DEAN F HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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BOBBI L DREILING  
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK