

January 6, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

Chair Dean F. Haselhorst called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present: Chair Dean F. Haselhorst, Commissioner Robert "Butch" Schlyer and Commissioner Dustin G. Roths.

Also present were Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Donna J. Maskus. The meeting opened with everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

An Executive Session was added to the agenda. Under agenda item VI, Buckeye Wind Farm Grant will be delayed for one week to the January 13, 2020 Commission Meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the draft minutes of December 9 and 16, 2019. With no updates given, Chair Haselhorst stated that the December 9 and 16, 2019 draft minutes are approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Payment Voucher Claims dated January 7, 2020, at \$227,138.33.

Purchasing Card System dated December 20, 2019, at \$50,002.73.

Payroll Claims

Payroll Claim, number 1, dated January 3, 2020, at \$456,858.50.

Payroll Claim, number 1, deduction and matches, dated January 3, 2020, at \$195,430.11.

Payroll Claim, January health insurance and contributions, dated December 31, 2019, at \$229,949.83.

Payroll Claim, Lisa Schlegel special motor vehicle compensation payout, dated December 20, 2019, at \$11,494.66.

Payroll Claim, special run for motor vehicle compensation, dated December 20, 2019, at \$4,896.92.

Payroll Claim, number 26, dated December 20, 2019, at \$481,010.50.

Payroll Claim, deductions and matches, dated December 20, 2019, at \$198,913.10.

Tax Adjustments

Tax Adjustment numbers 2019000239, 2019000240, 2019000248, 2019000249, 2019000251, 2019000252, 2019000253, 2019000258 through 2019000262, and 2019000436 through 2019000444. Voided tax adjustments 2019000229, 2019000231, 2019000232, 2019000234 through 2019000238, 2019000242, and 2019000263 through 2019000435.

Cereal Malt Beverage License

Cereal Malt Beverage license for NWTF – Hays Big Creek Long Beards, 1344 Fairground Road, Hays, Kansas, for consumption on the premises, license number 2019-7, effective January 18, 2020 through January 19, 2020.

Disposition: _____ The motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Works Director Bill Ring asked if he may continue to advertise job positions without a formal request to Commissioners. He just had a truck driver retire and a mechanic position has been open since summer. Commissioners had no problem with Public Works Director Ring to go forward with his open job position process.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees were introduced.

2020 AGREEMENT TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEEDS FOR KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) – NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SUPERVISOR GARY HAAS

Noxious Weed Control Supervisor Gary Haas stated that they have reviewed the charges for their noxious weed treatments that the County provides for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). They have not increased their fees since 2017. Haas recommended that the labor rate be moved to \$36 per hour and maintain equipment rates of \$36 an hour for roadside spray truck, and \$32 an hour for the three-quarter ton spray truck. This increase in costs would be at \$4.00 per hour.

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Roths

To approve the 2020 Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance County Agreement to treat noxious weeds contract and authorize Commission Chair to sign.

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

ELECTION BALLOTS – DONNA MASKUS, ELLIS COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION OFFICER

Donna J. Maskus, Ellis County Clerk/Election Officer asked to destroy ballots from the April 5, 2016 Ellis City Sales Tax Election, August 2, 2016 Primary Election, and the November 8, 2016 General Election. Kansas Statutes Number 25-2708(b) allows prior ballots to be destroyed after the time period that is stated under this statute.

Commissioners appointed two representatives for this process: Ed Harbin, Democrat, and Dustin Roths, Republican. Maskus will work with the Hays City Recycling Center on a time to recycle the ballots.

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE GAAP STANDARDS – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Darin Myers, Interim County Administrator, presented Resolution 2020-1 to waive the financial GAAP standards. It is acceptable to waive these standards from the Director of Accounts and Report with the State Department of Administration. Ellis County has waived the GAAP Accounting Standards since 2004.

Motion: Schlyer Second: Roths

Moved that the Commission adopt Resolution 2020-01 and direct the Clerk to publish the same.

Disposition: The motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

RESOLUTION 2020-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Ellis County is required under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) to utilize accounting and fiscal procedures in preparation of financial statements and financial reports that conform to generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and adopted by rules and regulations of the Director of Accounts and Reports, and

WHEREAS, Ellis County is permitted under K.S.A. 75-1120a (c) (1) to request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) and the Director of Accounts and Reports shall grant the waiver to the extent requested by the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Ellis County Commission has determined that financial statements and financial reports required under K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash-basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the County Commission or the members of the general public of the County, and

WHEREAS, Ellis County does not have any revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances of the County that require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) for the year ended December 31, 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that a request be made to the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) as they apply to Ellis County for the year ended December 31, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Ellis County Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Ellis County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash-basis and budget laws of the State.

Dated this 6th day of January 2020.
COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chair
/s/ Dustin G. Roths, Commissioner
/s/ Robert "Butch" Schlyer,

Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/ Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

PURPLE WAVE AUCTION – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Darin Myers, Interim County Administrator, presented a list of items that some of the County Offices would like to sell through a governmental auction with Purple Wave. The list included a 1964

open cab push snow plow which they hope to replace next year with a tractor that could be shared by both the Building and Grounds and the Public Works Departments.

Commissioners stated to go forward with selling County property through the Purple Wave Auction.

ADJUSTMENTS TO 2020 BUDGET FOR SALARY COSTS – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Darin Myers, Interim County Administrator, presented adjustments to the 2020 Budget for salary cost for elected officials, starting January 12, 2019 pay period. In addition, the Commission want to give the Public Works Director and the Facilities Maintenance Technician salary increases.

Commissioners have decided to not renew their membership with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. It was noted that with an Interim County Administrator has saved some budget funding also. Also, Commissioners will not take a salary increase. They will move a Health Department half-time position to full-time status.

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Roths

Moved to approve the budget adjustments for pay increases as presented in attachment one.

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

2020 Budget Adjustments						
		Current	Increase	Additional Absorbed in Budget	Decrease	New
Public Works	001-19	\$2,638,987	\$11,250	\$5,976		\$2,650,237
Building & Grounds	001-53	\$180,695	\$11,250	\$3,720		\$191,945
Health	001-17	\$365,450	\$14,304			\$379,754
Attorney	001-02	\$830,542	\$4,675			\$835,217
Clerk	001-07	\$327,008	\$314			\$327,322
Treasurer	001-24	\$447,476	\$3,712			\$451,188
Register of Deeds	001-20	\$210,735	\$2,371			\$213,106
Sheriff	001-22	\$3,153,747	\$1,273			\$3,155,020
Commission	001-04-1291	\$38,500			\$22,500	\$16,000
Administrator	001-18	\$227,082			\$14,304	\$212,778
Budget Stabilization	001-97-1705	\$867,636			\$12,345	\$855,291
Total			\$49,149			

SALES TAX COMMUNICATION AND SPENDING PLAN – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Darin Myers discussed some dates and events to share information on the Mail Ballot Countywide Sales Tax Election being held on April 7, 2020. They discussed doing presentations through social media, radio ads, mailing flyers to only qualified voters or to every household, and talking to local community groups to inform qualified voters on the two sales tax questions.

Commissioners will be holding town hall meetings: three in Hays City, two each in Victoria and Ellis, and one in Schoenchen City. They are looking at the end of February to start making

presentations through early March to inform the public of the sales tax questions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers did not have a report.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Schlyer had no report.

Roths wished everyone a “happy new year”. He strongly feels that they need to be doing a better job in honoring those that serve our Country.

Haselhorst stated that he will be helping with the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Events in Topeka on January 22 and 23, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Roths _____

To recess to Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss a non-elected employment reclassification matter with Commissioners, Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter, and Public Works Director Bill Ring.

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

The Executive Session started at 5:55 p.m.

The Open session resumed at 6:07 p.m., with Chair Haselhorst announcing that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas, after the Kansas Public Building Commission (PBC) Meeting, which will start at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

ROBERT “BUTCH” SCHLYER, COMMISSIONER

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK