

January 7, 2019

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 7, 2019, 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 Barbara K. Wasinger and Commissioner Martha L. McClelland.

Also present were County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, 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

No changes were made to the order of business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to 2018 draft minutes from the November 15 Canvass, November 20 Recount Canvass, and December 17th Regular Meeting. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst stated that draft minutes from November 15, 20, and December 17, 2018 stand approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Wasinger Second: McClelland

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

Purchasing Card Claims

Purchasing Card Claims dated December 20, 2018, for \$45,180.82.

Payroll Claims

Payroll Claims on deductions and matches dated December 21, 2018 for \$168,544.89.

Payroll Claims dated December 21, 2018 for \$418,163.20.

Payroll Claims on 2019 January health insurance coverage and deductions dated December 31, for \$231,728.67.

Payroll Claims on deductions and matches dated January 4, 2019, for \$177,563.39.

Payroll Claims dated January 4, 2019 for \$434,511.15.

2018 Year End Purchase Orders

The active 2018 Year End Purchase Orders dated January 7, 2019.

Tax Roll Adjustments

Tax Roll Adjustments number 2018000292 to 2018000302, 2018000304 and 2019000001. Tax Roll Adjustments that have been deleted are 2018000132 and 2018000303.

Cereal Malt Beverage License

Cereal Malt Beverage License for Hays Recreation Commission, for consumption on the premises, at the Bickle/Schmidt Sports Complex, Hays, Kansas, dated January 7 through December 31, 2019.

Cereal Malt Beverage License for NWTF – Hays Big Creek Long Beards, for consumption on the premises, at 1334 Fairground Road, Hays, Kansas, dated January 19 and 20, 2019.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

No issues from persons not on the order of business.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees were introduced.

2019 COUNTY AGREEMENT TO TREAT NOXIOUS WEEDS FOR KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – WEED SUPERVISOR GARY HAAS

Noxious Weed Supervisor Gary Haas stated that rates in treating noxious weeds with the Kansas Department of Transportation had been raised in 2017 and stayed the same in 2018. He recommends continuing with the same rates for business in 2019 for the treatment of noxious weeds through the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Motion: McClelland Second: Wasinger

That the Commission approve the 2019 Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance County Agreement to treat Noxious Weeds Contract and authorize the Commission Chair to sign.

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

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE POSITION – HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR KERRY McCUE

Health Services Director Kerry McCue stated that moving the current two-day APRN position to a full-time position would expand the health care services provided by the Health Department. Health Services Director McCue asked for the full-time Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

Wasinger would like to see the financial impact in bringing this to a full-time position.

Chair Haselhorst asked that this be put back on the agenda in two weeks when two new commissioners will be in office.

KANSAS BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) REVOLVING & ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT APPLICATION – HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR KERRY McCUE

Health Services Director McCue asked to apply for the Kansas Board of EMS Revolving & Assistance Fund (KRAF) Grant application for seven cardiopulmonary resuscitation units. He stated that

the possibility of grant awards increases with local dollar matches. Health Services Director McCue recommends a 50% match at estimated cost of \$50,128.37 which he has in the Capital Improvement Fund 16.

The Commissioners told McCue to go forward with the grant application.

EMPLOYEE RAISES FOR 2019 – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes said he was back to see what direction the Commissioners would like to take for 2019 employee raises. Commissioners decided that a Wage and Benefit Committee had been established and should be used. Therefore, they will wait for this committee to bring back recommendations on employee raises for 2019. Also, the new Commissioners will have input into this matter.

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORTS – COUNTY COUNSELOR BILL JETER

County Counselor Bill Jeter had no report but wish to thank Commissioner Wasinger and McClelland for their service. People do not realize the time that you put in as a County Commissioner. Both have put that time in and made well informed decisions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes stated that County Clerk Maskus has been informed that one of the directors in the Munjor Improvement District will be moving out of the district. Once we have a name for this appointment it will be brought back to the Commission.

He also expressed appreciation in working with Commissioners Wasinger and McClelland. He told them thanks for giving him the opportunity to work here in Ellis County.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

McClelland reported that she had attended the 100th Anniversary celebration that Red Cross has served Ellis County.

McClelland expressed her appreciation in working the last four years and it has been an eye-opening adventure as an Ellis County taxpayer. She is proud of the fact that the sales tax was enough to complete the projects that were started and trust that they will soon be finished. She stated that Ellis County has a very good working organization, so let's keep it that way. Our employees are diligent and loyal to their jobs, and our roads are some of the best in any county in the State of Kansas, all a result of good employees.

Wasinger stated that McClelland has stated it all. It has been great to work with everyone and that she is not stopping serving Ellis County, just serving in a different position. She will continue to be

around and thanked everyone for their help and support. She feels there is no better place to live than Kansas and here in Ellis County with a pretty good thing going, hard workers and wonderful people.

I am proud now to be serving Ellis County in the State Legislature.

Chair Haselhorst reported that the insurance check was received from the accident on Thanksgiving Day.

Chair Haselhorst stated to his fellow Commissioners that more things have been done in the last four years such as building a jail, remodeling the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center, Emergency Services Center and remodeled Extension Services. Wasinger and McClelland served as the first two woman as County Commissioners. He wished McClelland well on her retirement, and Wasinger best wishes serving on the State Legislature.

Wasinger was asked what state legislative committees she will be serving on: taxation, financial institutions, pension and higher education budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called for.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will be adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

The next Commission Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2019, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas. The Ellis County Kansas Public Building Commission will be held after the regular meeting.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

MARTHA L. McCLELLAND, COMMISSIONER

BARBARA K. WASINGER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK