

January 20, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 20, 2020, 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 and Commissioner Dustin G. Roths.

Commissioner Dean F. Haselhorst was absent.

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**

It was noted that they have one Executive Session. County Clerk/Election Officer Maskus asked to discuss an election candidate declining a Munjor Improvement District position.

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Chair Schlyer asked for any updates to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2020. With no updates given, Chair Schlyer stated that the January 13, 2020, 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 21, 2020, at \$1,122,539.63

Solid Waste Claims dated January 20, 2020, at \$307.42.

Solid Waste Connection dated January 20, 2020 at \$17,496.20

#### Year End Purchase Order Claims

2019 Year End Purchase Orders total encumbered at \$1,039,452.93.

#### Purchase Order

Purchase Order Number 7525 to Lewis Ford on F-250 Ford Pickup at \$31,955.56. Payment split between Fund 16 Capital Outlay and Fund 27 Fire Department.

#### Payroll Claims

Payroll #2, deductions and matches, dated January 17, 2020, at \$170,268.14.

Payroll Claims dated January 17, 2020, at \$423,508.52.

### Tax Adjustments

Tax roll adjustment number 2020000001.

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

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

Larry Dreiling stated that he is a candidate for the State Senate 40<sup>th</sup> District and will be running for that elected position this year.

### **MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

Commissioners appreciated the departmental reports.

### **2020 DEPARTMENTAL FIXED ASSET INVENTORY**

The 2020 Departmental Inventory of Personal Property were presented. Clerk Maskus stated that all departments have filed their inventory report except one department and that will be coming soon.

### **VEHICLE PURCHASE – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

In October 2019, it was decided that the transfer of title on a 1994 Suburban will be given to the Ellis Fire Department once the new replacement vehicle is received for the Fire Department.

Myers presented bids and the low bid for the truck came from Shawnee Mission Ford at \$31,754. They recommend purchasing the local bid from Lewis Automotive at \$31,955.56, which is \$201.56 more than that lowest bid. Myers stated that they are recommending purchasing a truck from the local business. Commissioner gave their approval in purchasing the truck locally from Lewis Automotive at \$31,955.56.

### **NWKS HOMELAND SECURITY APPOINTMENT – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Interim County Administrator Myers discussed the Northwest Homeland Security appointment that had been held by Kerry McCue. Myers stated that Emergency Medical Services Director Jason Kennedy has stated that he will serve on that Board. Commissioners approved appointing Jason Kennedy.

Myers discussed that equipment has been used through the Homeland Security as with a trailer accident this week; the Northwest Homeland Security cattle guards were used to contain 123 cattle. Other equipment through the group has also been utilized by the Ellis County MERGe (Manage Emergency Response Group) Team.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HIRING PROCESS – DARIN MYERS INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Interim County Administrator Myers asked the Commission about the hiring process for the County Administrator position. Commissioner Haselhorst had stated that he will be checking with the

Kansas Association of Kansas (KAC) who had assisted with the hiring process when Phillip Smith-Hanes was hired. Commissioners felt that the process does need to get started. Myers was complimented on the job that he has been doing as Interim County Administrator. Myers stated that they may be able to get a KAC representative on a future agenda to discuss this hiring process.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS**

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers reported that on February 17<sup>th</sup> a County employee in-service training day has been planned. County offices will be closed, and employees will be attending sessions sharing information, training on blood borne pathology, CPR, active shooter, fire extinguishers, cyber security and an opportunity to talk sales tax.

Information has been received from the City of Hays with a public hearing scheduled on the I-70 157 Exit annexation project held in the evening on February 13.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Roths will be attending the Kansas Legislative Policy Group and the Kansas Association of Counties activities in Topeka this week.

Schlyer reported that he had visited with Randall Hrabbe with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development about the County no longer paying membership dues. Hrabbe told Chair Schlyer that he is preparing their future budget without dues from our County.

#### **(ADDED) COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER DONNA J. MASKUS – MUNJOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CANDIDATE**

Election Officer Donna J. Maskus reported that from the 2019 November Election that candidate Todd Nieman had just informed Maskus that he declines the nomination on the Munjor Improvement District Board. The Munjor Improvement District Board has three positions that were up for election. This district had no candidates file for this elected positions therefore write-in votes have been reviewed. Two individuals had two write-in votes and accepted the nomination. Prior meetings, the Commission had drawn two individuals with a write-in vote and they both had declined the position.

Maskus stated that Colleen Nieman received one write-in vote and is currently serving on the Board and has stated that she wishes to continue serving. There are three other candidates that had received one write-in vote also. One of those does not currently live in the improvement district. Maskus contacted the other two, with a write-in vote, and they stated to let Nieman remain on the Board. Commission stated to appoint Colleen Nieman to serve on the Munjor Improvement District Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roths \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session on an attorney-client matter to discuss personnel matters and resume back into open session in twenty minutes. Those to attend are Commissioners, Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter, and Informational Technology Director Mike Leiker.

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

The Executive Session began at 5:46 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 5:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schlyer stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:52 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas,

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

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DONNA J. MASKUS  
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK