

February 15, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, February 15, 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 Interim 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

One executive session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of February 8, 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

Payment Voucher Claims dated February 16, 2021 for \$389,795.44

Payment Voucher Claims for Solid Waste dated February 10, 2021 for \$17,893.30

Payment Voucher Claims for credit card charges for solid waste dated, February 11, 2021 for \$353.53

Payroll #3 dated January 29, 2021 for \$411,062.55

Payment Voucher for GO Bond interest payment dated February 9, 2021 for \$49,639.58

Tax Adjustments

Tax roll adjustment number 202100025-26.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioners agreed they look good as usual.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2044

Schlyer commented during the past week the Board of County Commissioners received communication from individuals in protest of the proposed event center on Buckeye Road. He would like to hear from some of these protesters to voice their concerns. Sue McCrae Bickle discussed her concerns with the proposed event center. Dustin and Sara Shubert addressed the Board on their concerns. Mason Ruder, Environmental Planning Supervisor, and Joint Planning Commission chair David McDaniel came before the Board and discussion was held regarding information from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on January 27th and their approval of the CUP permit. Schlyer had questions on a couple of issues that he saw with the approval of the CUP through the Joint Planning Commission. John Douglas with the Rural Water District approached the Commissioners and discussed the water situation with the event center. Younger had questions on the septic system and how it would work. Leann Zimmerman approached the Commissioners and discussion was had on why the Board should approve the CUP. Jesse Zimmerman discussed the safety issue of traffic and other businesses in the area that could pose safety issues that the event center would not have. Younger inquired if they would be willing to move the event center a half mile north. Zimmerman stated it was a safety concern moving it to the north in regard to traffic. Casey Zimmerman approached the Commission with further discussion on what water line and meter would be needed. Younger asked Sara Shubert to approach the Board on her feelings on moving the event center further north. Dustin and Sara Shubert both indicated that they do not want the event center anywhere in this area, and indicated that by moving it a half mile would not change the minds of the residents. Ruder said moving the event center would require the Zimmermans to do this entire process again.

Motion: _____ **Schlyer** _____ **Second** _____ **Younger**

I move to disapprove CUP 2044 to allow ZIMMERMAN JAYMES S LIVING TRUST to utilize the 4.001 acre tract for an event center located at Section 15, Township 12, Range 18 on Buckeye Road in rural Ellis County.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE

Interim County Administrator read an update from Health Director Jason Kennedy. Kennedy indicated that there is a steady decline in the cases per day. Six cases per day is the seven-day average. There

is on an employee personnel matter to include Commissioners, County Counselor Bill Jeter, IT Director Mike Leiker and Interim County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 7:00 pm

The Open Session resumed at 7:13 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

DEAN F HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK