

February 17, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 17, 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, Commissioner Dustin G. Roths, and Commissioner Dean F. Haselhorst.

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 will have three Executive Sessions.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any updates to the draft minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2020. With no updates given, Chair Schlyer stated that the February 3, 2020, draft minutes are approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Roths

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

Voucher Claims

Solid Waste Claim, dated February 12, 2020, at \$17,544.

Solid Waste Claim, dated February 13, 2020, at \$242.77.

Payment Voucher Claims, dated February 18, 2020, at \$330,704.17.

Payroll Claims

Payroll claims #4, deductions and matches, dated February 14, 2020, at \$159,159.05.

Payroll claims #4, dated February 14, 2020 at \$402,133.96.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sandy Jacobs, Executive Director of the Heartland Foundation, requested \$5,000 with a leadership match from the foundation. Their goal is to grow the foundation. Haselhorst stated that he appreciates what the Heartland Foundation has done in our community. Chair Schlyer voiced concern with the current budget situation. Jacob stated that the funding needs to be received in February.

Interim County Administrator Myers stated that they have two options in funding this request.

One being from the Contingency Fund or the Administrator Budget. He stated that taking it from the Administrator budget is a better option so they can keep Contingency funds available for other items that may come up.

Commissioners would like to see these dollars put into next year’s budget and processed in January with the other outside agency funding.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To approve \$5,000 in funding to the Heartland Community Foundation and the funding to be used out of the Administrator Budget.

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

ANNUAL CIC RENEWAL – MIKE LEIKER, INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Information Technology Director Mike Leiker presented the annual CIC (Computer Information Concepts) Peopleware Maintenance Agreement. Leiker stated that this is for the financial, tax, accounting, records management and time keeping software; along with the support that is given to our staff.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To approve the payment of \$61,540 for the 2020 CIC Peopleware Agreement.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of two to one. (Haselhorst “no” vote)

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Commissioners appreciated the monthly departmental reports.

DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE OPTIONS – BILL RING, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director Bill Ring presented finance options in paying for the two-dump truck approved for purchase at the December 9, 2019 Commission Meeting.

The following options were presented:

<u>Lender</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GPCU		no bid	
Bank of Hays	60	3.49%	\$357,892
	84	3.49%	\$357,892
First Kansas Bank	60	2.00%	\$357,892
	84	2.00%	\$357,892
Equity Bank		no bid	
Golden Belt Bank	60	3.95%	\$357,892
	84	3.95%	\$357,892
Commerce Bank	60	2.13%	\$357,892
	84	2.21%	\$357,892
Sunflower Bank		no bid	

Astra Bank	60	3.49%	\$357,892
	84	3.73%	\$357,892
Emprise Bank	60	3.16%	\$357,892
	84	3.26%	\$357,892

Ring stated that they recommend the First Kansas Bank option at 2% fixed.

Haselhorst stated that he does not like debt therefore would go with the 5-year option. Roths liked the 2% low interest rate option in saving cash therefore he would favor the 7-year option. Roths pointed out that no earlier payment penalty was listed. Chair Schlyer stated that he would favor the 5-year option.

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Roths

To accept the low finance interest rate of 2% fixed for 60 months finance option.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of two to one. (Roths voted "no")

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT – DARIN MYERS INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers presented two contracts received on the County Administrator hiring process. The Austin Peters Group had declined in being able to submit a proposal. The following contracts were received with their cost proposal:

League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas - \$11,457 plus advertisement \$1,200 to \$1,600. Process options of \$1,400 onsite meet and greet, participation in interview process at \$2,100. It was noted that Ellis County is not a member of the League of Kansas Municipalities and if they would be a member the cost would be \$8,660.10, with annual membership dues at \$1,065.81.

Osenbaugh Consulting, Derby, Kansas - \$10,000 plus expenses not expected to exceed \$1,000.

Commissioners asked that a meeting be set up to visit with Osenbaugh Consulting.

REFILLING POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers stated that with the budget situation of unknowns on the Sales tax election, healthcare costs and tax valuations, the Commissioners had asked to discuss the current employee hiring process.

Commissioners asked that all future positions needing filled be brought to them before any open positions are filled in the County. They asked that both department heads and elected officials follow this process.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET DISCUSSED – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers presented a power point on the 2021 Budget preparation.

Commissioners saw that budgets cannot increase in 2021, and ways to generate revenues are needed. They directed departments to cut their current budget by 1%.

Some areas discussed were hiring contract work to be done for the County, county jobs, department services and outside agencies.

SALES TAX ELECTION PRESENTATION – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Interim County Administrator Myers presented a list of scheduled presentations for nine townhall meetings on the sales tax election presentation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Interim County Administrator Myers reported that the In-service Training was held at the Fairgrounds today with all County employees and good information was shared.

Interim County Administrator Myers stated that the Law Enforcement elevator parts order has been postponed again. They are looking at an option using used parts until the new parts arrive, but Myers questions this proposal. The Courthouse restroom upgrades should start in mid-March and take 45 days for completion. The following town hall meeting are scheduled to discuss the Sales Tax Election:

February 13	12 p.m.	Whiskey Creek	Hays Optimist Club
February 17	3:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds/Schenk	County In-Service Day
February 18	6:00 p.m.	VFW Hall/Victoria	Victoria Town Hall
February 20	12 p.m.	Smoky Hill Country Club	Hays Kiwanis
February 24	12 p.m.	The Press	Hays Rotary
February 25	6 p.m.	Knight of Columbus	Ellis Town Hall
February 26	6 p.m.	VFW/Hays	Hays Town Hall
February 27	6 p.m.	Ellis Co Fire Department	Annual Meeting
February 28	12 p.m.	Smoky Hill Country Club	Hays Chamber Luncheon
March 10	7 a.m.	Welcome Center	Sales Tax Questions & Answers
March 10	12 p.m.	BriefSpace	Grow Hays Quarterly Lunch
March 11	6 p.m.	VFW/Hays	Hays Town Hall
March 16	6:30 p.m.	Community Center	Schoenchen Town Hall
March 17	6 p.m.	VFW/Victoria	Victoria Town Hall
March 18	12 p.m.	Senior Center	Lunch Forum
March 19	6 p.m.	Parish Center	Munjor Town Hall
March 24	6 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Ellis Town Hall
March 25	6 p.m.	VFW/Hays	Hays Town Hall
March 27	9 a.m.	County Emergency Service Bay	Hays Chamber Chat

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Haselhorst reported that he has a teleconference with WorkForce Meeting and a Kansas Association of Kansas (KAC) Board meeting in Topeka.

Roths stated that he has had multiple discussions on the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. He is considering a \$25,000 cap on membership fees in the by-laws. He does not see funding in the current budget. He attended the Hays City Commission meeting and was pleased to see them supporting the Northwest Kansas Business Corridor Project with a funding of \$284,000, that is their unused 2013 Sales Tax funding.

Chair Schlyer reported that he and Interim County Administrator Myers discussed the sales tax election and budgets with County employees today at the In-Service Training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: _____ Roths

To recess into Executive Session under the following exception of the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception subject to be discussed during executive session is a tax abatement. Those persons to attend in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, County Attorney Tom Drees and County Appraiser Lisa Ree for ten minutes.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:53 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 7:02 p.m., with no action taken.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is pending litigation. Open session will resume in fifteen minutes back into the Commission Chambers. Those persons to attend in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are County Counselor Bill Jeter, Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, and County Attorney Tom Drees.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of two to zero (Chair Schlyer not present).

The Executive Session started at 7:03 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m., with no action taken.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception with the subject to be discussed during executive session is pending litigation. Open session will resume in fifteen minutes back into the Commission Chambers. Those persons to attend in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are County Counselor Bill Jeter, Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, Undersheriff Scott Braun and County Attorney Tom Drees.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of two to zero (Chair Schlyer not present).

The Executive Session started at 7:22 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m., with no action taken.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Haselhorst

To recess into Executive Session under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception with the subject to be discussed during executive

session is personnel matter. Open session will resume in fifteen minutes back into the Commission Chambers. Those persons to attend in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are County Counselor Bill Jeter and Interim County Administrator Darin Myers.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of two to zero (Chair Schlyer not present).

The Executive Session started at 7:37 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m., with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer stated that the meeting will adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas,

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

DEAN F. HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK