

March 2, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 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**

One Executive Session was added to the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

No prior minutes were presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion:                      Haselhorst    Second:                      Roths

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

#### Payment Voucher Claims

Payment Voucher Claims dated March 3, 2020, at \$362,616.35.

Purchasing Card Claims, dated February 21, 2020, at \$44,280.13.

Payment Voucher Claims dated February 20, 2020, at \$5,000.

Go Bond "A" Payment, dated February 19, 2020, at \$28,700.

#### Payroll Claims

Payroll Claim, number 5, dated February 28, 2020, at \$403,220.39.

Payroll Claim, number 5 deduction and matches, dated February 28, 2020, at \$161,252.62.

Payroll Claim, March health insurance and contributions, dated February 28, 2020, at \$224,571.70.

#### Purchase Orders

Lewis Automotive Group, number 7478, dated February 24, 2020, at \$26,888, 2020 Durango Pursuit less \$5,500 trade-in, Fund 16, Sheriff's Department.

DGJD, Incorporated, number 7528, dated February 28, 2020, at \$119,750, 211 feet of bleachers by 10 rows high, Fairgrounds.

Gary Haselhorst, number 7530, dated March 1, 2020, at \$15,149.59, rebuild concession and scale

stand by buildings minus RM Custom Metals (\$1,400 and \$2,014.48) furnishings, Fairgrounds.

Commercial Signs, number 7531, dated March 1, 2020, at \$3,414, sign replacement, Fairgrounds.

Deines Construction, number 7532, dated March 1, 2020, at \$96,036, replace roof on the Schenk and Unrein Buildings at the Fairgrounds.

TIS (Technology Integrations Solutions), number 7533, dated March 1, 2020, at \$8,409.89, replace sound equipment at rodeo arena, Fairgrounds.

Andy Littrell, number 7534, dated March 1, 2020, at \$12,640, replace chick (poultry) barn roof, Fairgrounds.

Andy Littrell, number 7529, dated March 1, 2020, at \$39,272, replace metal exterior on green commercial building, Fairgrounds.

Andy Littrell, number 7535, dated March 1, 2020, at \$31,239, replace beef barn roof, Fairgrounds.

#### Tax Adjustments

Tax Adjustment numbers 2020000005, 2020000008 through 2020000024.

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

#### **ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS – COUNTY APPRAISER LISA REE**

County Appraiser Lisa Ree notified the Commission that she is required to notify real estate owners of property valuations by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ree had asked for a thirty-day extension from the State property valuation department to get these valuation notices out to property owners. Ellis County was granted a fifteen-day extension, but she does not feel that they can meet that deadline due to her staffing issue. She will probably be asking for an additional fifteen-day extension.

Chair Schlyer asked what happens if she cannot follow compliance from the State. Ree stated that the State does grade the compliance procedure and after two-years then the State can come and take over the process at the cost of the County.

#### **ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL RING**

Public Works Director Bill Ring announced that he just lost a truck driver position and asked if he may fill that vacant position. Ring stated that currently they have two truck driver and a mechanic position opened. Commissioners directed Ring to go forward and advertise the open truck driver position.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

No new employees were introduced.

#### **NORTHWEST KANSAS JUVENILE SERVICES – DIRECTOR PEGGY PRATT**

Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services Director Peggy Pratt discussed a Juvenile grant opportunity. These funds must be used for justice involved youth and have evidence-based practice or evidence-based program. The grant application is for those who reside in the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District with needs in mentoring, education and mental health.

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE CONTRACTS – UNDERSHERIFF SCOTT BRAUN**

Undersheriff Scott Braun presented the food contract for the Ellis County Jail through Consolidated Correctional Foodservice. They started to provide food services to the jail in August 2015, and the Sheriff’s Office has been pleased with their services.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff have been working on an addendum to the contract to save dollars. They are presenting a new addendum to hold the cost through September 2021 and save the County an additional \$5,200 per year and extend the contract to January 31, 2024. This would be a total savings cost to the County at \$10,400.

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

To accept the contract for cafeteria services in the Ellis County Jail with Consolidated Correctional Foodservice and allow the Chair to sign.

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

**NORTHWEST KANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS**

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers asked the Commissioners for direction to County Counselor Bill Jeter in drafting language for a bylaw change to the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. Roths felt that it needs to be fair to the counties and to consider a cap amount of \$25,000. Chair Schlyer felt that they need to wait and see what the sales tax election does.

**FAIRGROUNDS STORM DAMAGE – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS**

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers updated the Commissioners on the Fairground storm wind damage from August 2019. They have been working with our insurance provider KCAMP and their large loss adjusters on the storm damage. The County has already received three checks for a total of \$261,628.41. The insurance deductible was \$500, which the insurance company says is standard. Myers stated that the total cost of damages is estimated to be around \$650,000.

**ROAD TOUR SCHEDULE – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS**

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers gave the Commissioners April 22, 27 and 30 as possible dates to have the annual road tour. It was decided that the best date would be April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. with a full day viewing of road and bridge issues. The news media will be invited to the road tour. A schedule for the day will be drawn up. Public Works Director Ring will rent a van

for transportation for the day.

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

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers did not have a report.

**COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Haselhorst stated that he attended a Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Board Meeting with discussion on current legislative bills. He attended the RPM Speedway Board Meeting. A two-year lease has been signed with RPM Speedway.

Roths had attended the DHDC Downtown annual meeting and attended a meeting with the Grow Hays Group.

Chair Schlyer reported that he helped with the Sales Tax Election presentation at the Hays Chamber of Commerce luncheon and felt they had very positive feedback.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 County Policy enforcement. 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 three to zero.

The Executive Session started at 5:33 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 5:48 p.m., with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schlyer stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., Administrative Center,

Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

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DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

DEAN F. HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK