

April 1, 2019

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 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 Robert "Butch" Schlyer and Commissioner Dustin G. Roths.

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

It was noted that they have an Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the Draft Minutes of March 18, 2019 Commission Meeting. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst stated that draft minutes of March 18, 2019, stand approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Roths _____

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Payment Voucher claims dated April 2, 2019, for \$111,447.30.

Purchasing Card claims dated March 21, 2019, for \$54,705.38.

Payroll Claims

Payroll claims dated March 29, 2019 on deductions and matches, for \$162,814.99.

Payroll claims dated March 29, 2019 on health insurance contributions, for \$232,762.11.

Payroll claims dated March 29, 2019, for \$408,544.98.

Tax Roll Adjustment

Tax Roll Adjustment number 2019000075 was reviewed.

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

Cottonwood Extension District Number 17 Director Donna Krug introduced Berny Unruh as the new Family, Consumer and Wellness Agent (FCW) in the Hays Extension Office.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH PROCLAMATION

Chair Haselhorst read the National County Government Month Proclamation for the month of April.

County Administrator Smith-Hanes said this is an opportunity to be reminded of county services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211(a)(3) the following described property shall be sold to Stephen C. Robben and Fran Robben, husband and wife, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and Dean Haselhorst as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, shall be authorized to sign a deed of conveyance, to-wit:

A tract of land located in the South Half (S/2) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fifteen (15) South, Range Sixteen (16) West of the 6th P.M., Ellis County, Kansas, described as follows:

Beginning at a point thirty feet (30') East and thirty feet (30') North of the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 16 West; thence North parallel to the West line of said Section 34, 207 feet to a stake; thence East at right angles 207 feet parallel with the South line of said Section 34; thence south at right angles 207 feet parallel to the West line of said Section 34; thence West 207 feet parallel with the South line of said Section 34 to the point of beginning (being approximately one acre)

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, this 1st day of April 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS
COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chair

/s/ Robert (Butch) Schlyer

/s/ Dustin G. Roths

Attest:

/s/ Donna Maskus, County Clerk

BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL RING

Public Works Director Bill Ring stated that every two years they are required to have all bridges inspected by the Kansas Department of Transportation Pre-qualified Routine Bridge Inspection Team through the 2018 Biennial Bridge Inspection. Penco Engineering Jordan Dettmer, P.E. had completed the field inspection and photos of the bridges in November 2018.

Dettmer discussed his finding of the bridge inspection for Ellis County. He feels that overall the bridges are in good shape. The continued maintenance of the bridges is extremely important. A couple of bridges do have concerns with the bridge deck. The Palco blacktop bridge is one that has bridge deck concerns. Dettmer stated that none of the bridges in the County are rated a number 3 which is very poor and would require an inspection every year.

Public Works Ring stated that the 140th Avenue bridge will be 99 years old and is still in good condition. It was noted that the Ellis Bridge is rough driving on but structurally in good condition.

The bridge inspection includes 21 bridges for the City of Hays and one bridge for the City of Ellis which allows the same pricing as the County's. The County has 200 plus bridges.

Schlyer asked if they have a bridge crew. Ring stated that now they do have a bridge crew.

Dettmer stated that new federal regulations are coming that will influence bridge signage requirements.

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORTS – COUNTY COUNSELOR BILL JETER

County Counselor Bill Jeter had no report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes had no report.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Schlyer had no report.

Roths stated that he appreciates the departments cross training employees as we can now see this happening with Mason Ruder in the Environmental Office, as it is great to see offices prepared to fill positions when the time comes.

Chair Haselhorst reminded that a Special Session will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 601 Main Meeting Room at 2 p.m. on the 2020 Budget proposals. He will be attending a Caterpillar workshop on maintenance at Colby on Thursday. Next week he has a Workforce One Executive Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

Moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss potential litigation. Those persons to attend include the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes and County Attorney Thomas Drees. The executive session will last 15 minutes, and the open session will resume at 5:44 p.m. in the Commission Room.

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

The Executive Session began at 5:30 p.m.

The Open Session resumed at 5:44 p.m.

Chair Haselhorst state that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

A Special Session on the 2020 Budget proposals will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2019, Ellis County Building, Meeting Room, 601 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 2:00 p.m.

The next Commission Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2019, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER