

April 19, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, April 19, 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 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

No changes to the order of business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be one executive session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of April 12, 2021. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Younger Second Haselhorst

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Account payables dated April 20, 2021 for \$430,824.42

Solid waste payment dated April 14, 2021 for \$20,281.04

Health Insurance payment dated April 15, 2021 for \$5,566.52

Open Edge Credit Card charges dated April 15, 2021 for \$577.76

Purchase Order #7544 to Stryker Medical for \$15,968.36

Purchase Order #7563 to Davis Moore Chrysler Dodge for \$34,486.01

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no issues from persons not on the order of business.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Everything looked good.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATE (FHSU)

Fort Hays State University Present Tisa Mason addressed the Commissioners and thanked them for their service for the County. She also thanked them for the Ellis Cares money that FHSU received of \$209,000; this went towards hotels to house students with COVID-19 and provided food vouchers. She discussed their financial strategies in going forward. FHSU was the only regent institution that never altered its academic calendar. In May they will return to in-person commencements with four ceremonies. Beginning June 1st they are rolling back to all pre-COVID policies and practice, and all faculty will be returning to work, all doors will be open and summer classes will be back at full capacity. Fall of 2021 they will be back at full capacity for the Fall semester. They did suffer in the enrollment perspective but have a two-year plan to get that where it needs to be. Campus construction has been going strong. They have invested over 100 million dollars in new construction, and 76 million was related to local contractor involvement. Schlyer asked if FHSU was looking at requiring the students to get a vaccination for COVID. She indicated they are not requiring it. The Commissioners thanked her for the updates.

EMS GRANT

Health Services Director Jason Kennedy asked the Commission to accept a grant from Kansas Revolving Assistance Fund (KRAF) and approve of CIP funding to purchase replacement video laryngoscopes for Ellis County EMS. Their current laryngoscopes have been in service for over ten years. They have experienced breakage and reliability issues with them. These new devices will provide the latest standard of care tools to greatly impact the overall level of care provided by Ellis County Emergency Medical Services (ECEMS).

Motion: Younger Second: Haselhorst

Move to accept the grant in the amount of \$6,100.98 with a match of \$9,867.38 for the purchase of seven (7) new McGrath video laryngoscopes for Ellis County EMS.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Darin Myers indicated that DSNWK is asking for their first subsidy payment of \$25,000 and wanted Commissioners to be aware it will be paid to them on May 4th voucher run.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Younger went to the 30/30 meeting in Trego County. He said this is something we need to stay on top of. He has received a few calls on the road tour that is scheduled. He received a lot of compliments on our roads. Haselhorst is going to Topeka for the KAC board meeting and also a zoom meeting with KWOR on Friday. Butch reported he has received some phone calls on the 30/30 situation and indicated we do need to stay on top of this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ **Haselhorst** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

To recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes 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 right-of-way acquisitions those persons to attend in addition to the Board of County Commissioners are County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 5:35 pm
The Open Session resumed at 5:44 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:44 pm. The next regular meeting with be held on Monday, May 3, 2021, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

DEAN F HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK