

April 22, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in special session for the Road Tour at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer called the special session on the Road Tour to order.

Commissioners present: Chair Robert "Butch" Schlyer, Commissioner Dustin G. Roths and Commissioner Dean F. Haselhorst were present.

Also present were Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, Public Works Director Bill Ring, Road Supervisor Curt Hoffman and Road Foreman Dave Hoffman. Members split up into four pick-up trucks to practice social distancing.

The following routes were traveled and viewed during the Road Tour:

Southeast

At 9:00 a.m. they arrived at Victoria and met with Victoria Mayor John Schulte to discuss Cathedral Avenue.

Vincent Bridge located on Old Highway 40, they viewed the need of repairs to the approaches along the bridge deck.

They viewed the bridge coating of polymer on Old Highway 40 Bridge, east of Walker, which had been repaired several years ago. The bridge coating of polymer could be used on the Vincent Bridge.

Northeast

Traveled on Cathedral Avenue and Interstate Highway 70 to Catharine Road to see the need of a new hot mix overlay in the next few years on these roads.

Viewed the conditions of overgrown trees in the County's right-of-way along Catharine Road that is blocking the view. County crews will need to be cleaning up this area when they have time.

Stone arch bridges that need repairs throughout the County will have the County crews taking care of these repairs when reported.

Viewed potential land development on Toulon Avenue of ten to twelve houses. With possible future development, they had traffic concerns in having residents backing onto Toulon Avenue.

Landfill Foreman Vern Ruder showed the recently rebuilt shop building after last year's fire. Future landfill options were discussed.

12:15 p.m. Lunch at the Administrative Center

Northwest

Viewed the 12th Street/Noose Road Bridge which needs a new bridge deck.

Viewed the Yocemento Bridge, west of the elevator, which need a new bridge deck.

Viewed the Ellis Blacktop, north of the City of Ellis.

Bridge 120 on Ellis blacktop over the Saline River Bridge was viewed and saw the need of a new bridge deck.

Southwest

Tree growth viewed on the right-of-way on Feedlot Road, east of Ellis.

A 100-year-old single land bridge was viewed on 140th Avenue, north of Old Highway 40. It was felt that the wood deck is still usable.

The Old Highway 40 Bridge, by the old high school in the City of Ellis, showed the need to rebuild a new bridge deck in the next five years.

They had concerns about the road conditions on Old Highway 40 between 130th Avenue and 160th Avenue and how to handle them in the future.

Other Items Discussed:

Trees in the right-of-ways

Farming in the right-of-ways

New developments

Working without a permit when installing driveway entrances

Charging a permit fee when installing culverts

Assisting other cities with projects

The tour ended up back at the Administration Center at 4:00 p.m. The Public Works Director invited the Commissioners to come out on their own at any time to view other roads or discuss possible repair options.

No formal action was taken during the Road Tour and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

These minutes were taken by Public Works Director Bill Ring. The group drove 140 miles of the 1400 mile County road system.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

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