

June 1, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 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

Two Executive Session were added to the Order of Business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Schlyer asked for any updates to the Draft Minutes of May 18 and 26, 2020. With no updates given to the draft minutes, Chair Schlyer stated that the May 18 and 26, 2020 minutes stand approved as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Roths

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Payment purchase card claims dated May 20, 2020, for \$43,514.65.

Payment voucher claims dated June 2, 2020, for \$209,427.51.

Payroll Claims

Payroll #11 claims dated May 22, 2020, for \$396,565.95.

Payroll #11 matches and deductions, for \$158,121.92.

Health insurance employee and employer share for June 2020, for \$225,683.53.

Disposition: _____ The motion passes 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

No new employees were introduced.

CDBG-CV (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR COVID-19) PUBLIC HEARING – LYLE PANTLE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

Lyle Pantle, Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Management discussed the CDBG-CV grant. They had checked with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development to see if they would assist with the grant process since Ellis County had been a member of their group for several years, but they have declined. For Ellis County Pantle and Darin Myers will process those applying grants through the County.

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

The Public Hearing started at 5:04 p.m.

Chair Schlyer called the CDBG-CV Grant Hearing to order and asked for any comments.

With no comments, Chair Schlyer closed the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m.

HIGH PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT – WALT HILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Walt Hill, Executive Director of the High Plains Mental Health Center, presented their annual report. Hill introduced his staff that was present: Whitney Moeder and Kaley Conner; also, Alternate Board Member Tom Drees.

High Plains Mental Health Center serves 20 northwest Kansas counties. Hill announced that his staff is back working in the office. High Plains Mental Health Center continues to provide mental health services and served 2,105 in Ellis County during 2019.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CAMERA SYSTEM – MIKE LEIKER, IT (INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY) DIRECTOR

IT Director Mike Leiker presented some options for a security camera solution for the Administrative Center. At the May 14, 2020 Budget Meeting Commissioners asked IT Director Leiker to find some options for a camera system for the Administrative Center. Leiker reviewed options for the main floor, basement and exterior of the building. For complete optimal coverage of the main floor, basement and exterior would be approximately \$10,506. With lower resolution cameras he estimated an option at \$8,966. For a complete interior coverage with optimal high-resolution cameras, it could be around \$5,158. His staff could install this equipment.

Commissioners asked for this to be put back on the agenda for June 15, 2020.

NORTHWEST BUSINESS CORRIDOR ENGINEERING AMENDMENT – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers introduced Buck Driggs with Driggs Design Group Engineering. Driggs discussed the Northwest Business Corridor Engineer Amendment. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is currently reviewing these plans. We will start getting the right-of-ways for the 31 tracts that are needed for this project. They estimate a cost under \$112,775 to acquire those right-of-ways. The Federal Highway Administration and KDOT state that the

environmental assessment will cost \$7,000.

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: _____ Roths

To approve the amendment to the Driggs Design Group Engineering Agreement in the amount of \$119,775.

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

2021 BUDGET REVIEW – DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers presented a 2021 Budget review for the Commission. Myers included dollars that were discussed at the May 14 and 15 budget presentations. Myers has included a 50% (fifty percent) loss in the oil and gas valuation for 2021. It was noted that the budget was currently balanced and shows a budget surplus at \$43,623.

Commissioners asked that the Appraiser and Treasurer send information to the Commissioners why they each need their requested staff position for 2021.

Public Works Director Bill Ring is working on cost estimates for the projects discussed at the Road Tour, as they consider if they will get a bond to complete some of the projects. It was noted that the bond interest rate is at a good rate currently.

Commissioners discussed 2020 and 2021 employee salaries. They gave direction for no salary changes for 2020 or 2021. The health insurance proposals are still being reviewed. They also did not wish to raise the current mill levy rate for 2021.

The outside agencies will be presenting their 2021 Budget proposals at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers presented a new proclamation on a state of local disaster Emergency for Ellis County. This emergency funding would be available if needs come from the COVID-19. This proclamation will remain in place until such time the Commission revokes it. All three Commissioner signed the proclamation.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Haselhorst had no report.

Roths thanked Hays Medical Center for the services that were given to his son today. He had no other report.

Chair Schlyer had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: _____ Haselhorst _____ Second: _____ Roths

To recess into Executive Session, under the exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception on personnel matter to be discussed during executive session and resume in Open Session in fifteen minutes. Those in attendance will be the Commission, County Counselor Bill Jeter, County Interim Administrator Darin Myers and County Attorney Tom Drees.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:15 p.m.

The Open Session resumed at 6:33 p.m. with Commission Chair Schlyer and Commissioner Haselhorst.

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Schlyer

To recess into Executive Session, under the exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception on the County Administrator Position to be discussed during executive session and resume in Open Session in fifteen minutes. Those in attendance will be the Commission and County Counselor Bill Jeter.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:34 p.m.

The Open Meeting resumed at 6:48 p.m.

Chair Schlyer stated that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer stated that the meeting will adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 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, COUNTY CLERK