

Hustead and Kaley Conner. They serve 20 counties. Hill stated that one-third of the population that they serve are from Ellis County. The number served in Ellis County continues to increase. He appreciates Commissioner Schlyer and alternate voting member County Attorney Tom Drees for serving on the High Plains Mental Health Board.

Hill thanked the Commission for the partnership with the Health Department. They continue to serve the jail inmates and do not charge for these services. Schlyer stated that High Plains Mental Health is a very needed service that he saw when he was the County Health Administrator.

They have developed a pamphlet on their services to help educate the farmers in the agricultural industry that are dealing with challenges in the farming business.

Commissioners thanked Hill for all that he does.

DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPRATED AREAS – DARIN MYERS, DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Darin Myers, Director of Fire and Emergency Management, asked if the Commission would like to allow the discharge of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the County during the July 4th Holiday. In the past they have approved the same days and times as the City of Hays allows for the discharge of fireworks to avoid confusion. Ellis City has set July 3 through July 5 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Victoria City has not approved anything for this year yet. Myers stated that the surrounding counties of Trego, Rush and Rooks are also allowing fireworks this year. Commissioners were in favor in allowing the discharge of fireworks with the wet conditions at this time.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Schlyer

Moved, per Resolution 2018-05, to relax the discharge portion of this Resolution in the unincorporated areas of Ellis County on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

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

USE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY – DARIN MYERS, DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Darin Myers, Director of Fire and Emergency Management, discussed a use agreement for a fire training facility. The Fire Training Facility is located south of the wastewater treatment plant. The City of Hays had received a Dane G. Hansen Foundation \$272,000 grant to purchase and install a training tower, live burn building, fence, and a concrete pad. Roths appreciates the grant funding from the Hansen Foundation.

The County has been holding off until a use agreement was created by the City of Hays on use of the facility. The agreement asked for Ellis County to spray for noxious weeds at the facility.

Myers noticed that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was not included in the agreement. It was decided to have the agreement revised to include EMS and review it at next week's meeting.

PAY AND POLICY ADJUSTMENTS – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes presented a pay and policy adjustment that had been decided to be implemented previously. Motion: Schlyer Second: Roths

To approve budget adjustments as presented by Resolution 2019-07 and directed to publish.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-07
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, may transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate subject only to the limitations, restrictions or prohibitions listed in K.S.A. 19-101 (a), and

WHEREAS, there is no limitation, restriction or prohibition regarding the setting of annual salaries for county elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted a pay plan and a policy for administration of that pay plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that the salaries of Ellis County Elected Officials for 2019 shall be:

County Commissioner	\$18,791.76 (\$722.76 biweekly)
County Attorney	\$83,086.70 (\$3,168.98 biweekly through July 13; \$3,232.00 biweekly beginning July 14)
County Clerk	\$62,028.10 (\$2,365.82 biweekly through July 13; \$2,412.80 biweekly beginning July 14)
County Clerk - Election Stipend	\$8,000.00
County Treasurer	\$58,666.65 (\$2,237.35 biweekly through July 13; \$2,282.40 biweekly beginning July 14)
Register of Deeds	\$54,053.35 (\$2,061.21 biweekly through July 13; \$2,103.20 biweekly beginning July 14)
Sheriff	\$83,086.70 (\$3,168.98 biweekly through July 13; \$3,232.00 biweekly beginning July 14)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adjusted salaries stated above shall be effective July 14, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Ellis County Elected Officials on the County Health Insurance Plan will continue to be responsible for paying 7.5% of their monthly premium with said obligation to be withheld from their paycheck unless mandates of the Kansas Non-State Employees Health Plan require an employee contribution of less than this amount depending on the employee's choice of coverage.

Dated this 3rd day of June 2019.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chair

/s/ Robert "Butch" Schlyer,

/s/ Dustin G. Roths, Commissioner

PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE

Administrator Smith-Hanes announced that the personnel policy will now recognize a fulltime employee with benefits at 36 hours instead of the 40 hours a payroll week.

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

Roths reported that he had attended his Kansas Leadership Class in Garden City last week and enjoyed learning more about their community. He was very pleased with the candidate filings for the City and School Election, November 5, 2019. The filing deadline was at noon today. Roths looks forward in continuing getting support on the Northwest Business Corridor Project. Anyone that drives the road clearly understands the need for improvements.

Schlyer attended the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Board Meeting and they did discuss that if counties do reduce their membership dues, what effect that could have. Commissioners have put in place to budget membership dues for 2020 at \$22,500. Currently we are paying \$38,000 in membership dues.

Chair Haselhorst stated that he has had a conference call with Kansas Workforce and they are discussing job vacancies in western Kansas, and how to fill those job vacancies. He has another conference call meeting on Thursday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Schlyer Second: Roths

Moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate for possible landfill expansion. Those persons to attend include the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Counselor Bill Jeter and Public Works Director Bill Ring. The executive session will last 10 minutes.

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

