



County Administrator Smith-Hanes stated that outside agencies provide valuable services to the community and some are pursuant to state law. Commissioners had given direction to outside agencies to reduce their budget by \$150,000 to \$300,000 for Budget 2020.

	<b>2019 Funding</b>	<b>2020 Request</b>
<b>ELLIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>	<b>\$96,797</b>	<b>\$96,797</b>

Ellis County Historical Society Director Lee Dobratz presented a picture of their building showing water damage and has concerns in maintaining a functioning building. She stated that they are the only entity in our county that collects and preserves all facets of local history. Dobratz states that it will be hard to keep the doors open if they would have to eliminate a position.

She was asked how many visitors they have in a year. Dobratz stated around 2,500.

Schlyer reminded everyone that County Offices have faced some real hardships as in not funding a position in the Ellis County Attorney's Office, a vacancy in the Health Department, a three-quarter time position in the County Appraiser's Department, merged the Director position in the Health and EMS Departments, eliminated an EMS Assistant Director position, has two vacant positions in the Public Works Department, and the Register of Deeds and County Clerks Offices have to reduce staff hours to meet the requested 2020 Budget.

<b>HIGH PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER</b>	<b>\$281,646</b>	<b>\$280,306</b>
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High Plains Mental Health Center Director Walt Hill presented their 2020 Budget request. Hill stated that they serve a twenty-county area. They provide services to the Ellis County Jail at no cost. Hill stated they focus on life saving and sustaining services to provide mental health services to those in Ellis County. Hill asked for continued support of their services.

Commissioners thanked Hill for the services that they do provide.

<b>DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
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Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas President Jerry Michaud presented their 2020 Budget request at the same funding of \$240,000. Michaud stated that currently 189 people are served through their agency in Ellis County. They currently have a waiting list of people needing their services and this waiting list averages eight years to get in for services.

They are the 9<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Ellis County with 222 employees currently serving in the County.

Michaud thanked Commissioners and asked for their support so that they may continue providing services to these people.

Commissioners thanked Michaud for their services to Ellis County.

**HAYS AREA CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**\$135,000 \$135,000**

Hays Area Children’s Center Director Jennifer Oborny stated that they currently have 80 kids in the infant-toddler program. Registered Nurse Beth Fisher stated that this is a federal program with no cost to the families.

**ELLIS COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS’ AGENCIES**

Ellis County Council on Aging Board Member Roy Husted presented the 2020 Budget requests from the Senior Citizen’s agencies. Husted stated that the agencies listened to the Commissioners’ request to reduce the proposed 2020 Budgets. He noted that Northwest Area Agency on Aging does help other agencies. The total is \$112,750.

<b>Ellis Nutrition Center</b>	<b>\$19,686</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>
<b>Foster Grandparents</b>	<b>\$11,645</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>
<b>Hays Senior Center</b>	<b>\$62,855</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>
<b>NWKAAA</b>	<b>\$12,088</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>
<b>Senior Companion</b>	<b>\$23,289</b>	<b>\$18,250</b>
<b>Victoria Meal Site</b>	<b>\$2,485</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

**SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**\$72,646 \$72,646**

Soil Conservation District President Mary Pfeifer and District Manager Sandy Scott discussed their services. The Soil Conservation District provides savings to improving water quality and preserve the soil through conservation practices. They provide local leadership by helping people address local natural resource needs. They are requesting the same funding as for the 2019 Budget at \$72,646.

**ACCESS TRANSPORTATION**

**\$60,000 \$60,000**

Access Public Transportation is designed to meet the needs of transit dependent individuals in the City of Hays and Ellis County. Director Wade Kruse stated that they are partially funded through federal grants and state funding.

**NORTHWEST KANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**(dues) \$38,877 asked for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of mill levy**

Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Director Randall Hrabe stated that they serve eighteen counties. They are still reviewing their bylaws for Ellis County paying less dollars than their formula based on the mill levy structure. He discussed services that had benefited Ellis County such as block grant funds in assisting nineteen homes, and the Ellis swimming pool. Commissioners had looked at \$22,500 to pay for dues instead of the requested one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of the county’s mill levy.

Currently Commissioner Butch Schlyer represents Ellis County on the Northwest Kansas Planning Development Board.

**CASA OF THE HIGH PLAINS**

**\$9,000 \$9,000**

CASA of the High Plains locates volunteers to serve in assisting a child in the court system. They currently have ten volunteers and their goal is fifteen volunteers. Lyndsey Crisenbery asked for the same budget of \$9,000.

**WESTERN KANSAS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER** **\$9,000** **\$9,000**

Jonathan Herald discussed services provided by the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. He reported that 113 cases were in Ellis County during 2018. They serve thirty-eight counties. Funding also comes from donations, grants and communities.

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE HIGH PLAINS** **\$4,500** **\$3,000**

Humane Society of the High Plains Betty Hansen and Jessica Frieb discussed their services. They asked for \$3,000 in the 2020 Budget. They shared that If they had no county funding then wild animals could run in packs and could cause diseases such as rabies. So, for public safety they asked for County funding.

**ELLIS ALLIANCE** **\$4,835** **\$4,835**

Ellis Alliance had no one appearing to discuss their budget request. They are requesting the same funding of \$4,835 for the 2020 Budget.

**HAYS ARTS COUNCIL** **\$3,385** **\$3,385**

Hays Arts Council Director Brenda Meder asked for \$3,385, the same dollars as current 2019 Budget. Meder discussed services that the Hays Arts Council provides to the community.

**ELLIS JUNIOR FREE FAIR** **\$3,143** **\$3,143**

Ellis Junior Free Fair President D.J. Fischer asked to continue \$3,143 for their 2020 Budget. Fischer discussed that their Fair Board volunteers do repairs themselves such as last year replacing a roof and doing updates to the restroom facility. They do need doors replaced at an estimated cost of \$1,600. They appreciate the sand which the Public Works Department furnishes for fair activities.

**CENTER OF LIFE EXPERIENCE** **\$1,000** **\$6,000**

Center of Life Experience Neil Younger and Ann Leiker discussed their services through the Center of Life Experiences in the loss of a loved one. This is a community based nonprofit organization serving Northwest Kansas. They are asking for \$6,000 in 2020 Budget funds.

**GROWHAYS** **\$50,000**

GrowHays Director Doug Williams asked for \$50,000 for the 2020 Budget. Williams stated that they work with recruitment and retention of businesses to grow the tax base. They did not request funding in 2018 and 2019.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 1908 – JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR DAVID McDANIEL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING SUPERVISOR MASON RUDER**

Joint Planning Commission Chair David McDaniel and Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder presented Conditional Use Permit Number 1908, Nex-Tech is requesting to put up an 85-foot telephone pole for a cellular site at 323 Pfeifer Avenue. This has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and no protests were filed.

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

To approve the Conditional Use Permit number 1908 to allow Nex-Tech to place an 85-foot telephone pole for a cellular site at 323 Pfeifer Avenue, in rural Ellis County, as the zoning regulations have been followed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 22, 2019.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-08

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Ellis County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, by the powers vested in it adopted Ellis County Zoning Regulations effective September 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Zoning Regulations the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to approve applications for conditional use permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that:

A request for a Conditional Use Permit 1908 by Nex-Tech, acting as agent for Thomas and Myra Meder, landowners, for an 85-foot telephone pole for a cellular site is herein approved.

This is on the below described property, to wit:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 24 South, Township 15, Range 17 West. The site location is 323 Pfeifer Ave, Ellis County, Kansas

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will become effective upon publication in the official County newspaper.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY,  
KANSAS

/s/Dean F. Haselhorst, Chairman  
/s/Dustin G. Roths, Commissioner  
/s/Robert "Butch" Schlyer,  
Commissioner

ATTEST:  
/s/Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder stated that the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission is currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING SUPERVISOR MASON RUDER**



To approve EMS to accept the FY2019 Kansas Board of EMS KRAF Grant, with the understanding that fifty (50%) percent of the purchase (\$21,283.44) will be made from Fund 16. Plus, the additional purchase of a fourth Lucas device outside the KRAF grant, totally \$35,472.41 to be paid from Fund 16.

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

**AWARD OF BID FOR ASPHALT “COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING” – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL RING**

Public Works Director Bill Ring presented the one bid from Coughlin Company Salina, Kansas, received on the cold in-place recycling. With this process the current asphalt will be removed and mixed with oil and put back on the road. They are looking at doing a project of seven miles. This bid has an option of a two-inch or three-inch asphalt layer.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roths \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Schlyer

To approve the bid for cold-in-place recycling from the Coughlin Company, Salina, Kansas, for approximately 70,400 square yards and any additional roadways at the same price bid.

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

**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 stated that it was a tough meeting with good organizations that are needing funding. He appreciates working with the other two Commissioners on the budget process.

Schlyer had no report.

Chair Haselhorst reported that they had a Work Force conference call with no quorum, so they have scheduled another conference call for next week.

**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.

The Executive Session began at 7:59 p.m.

The Open Session resumed at 8:11 p.m. Chair Haselhorst stated that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

A Special Session Meeting on the Northwest Business Corridor will be held at 8:00 a.m.,

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, Ellis County Administrative Center, Basement Conference Room, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2019, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

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ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, COMMISSIONER

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DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

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DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK