

June 17, 2019

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2019, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

Chair Dean F. Haselhorst called the meeting to order.

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

Also present were County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes, 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

It was noted that they will not have an Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the Draft Minutes of Special Meeting June 12, 2019. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst announced that the minutes of June 12, 2019, are approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Schlyer

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

Voucher Claims

Voucher Claim on June 17, 2019 at \$723,048.79.

Solid Waste processing fees on June 17, 2019 at \$271.12.

Solid Waste fees on June 12, 2019 at \$22,731.

Disposition: _____ Motion carried 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.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The May Departmental Report was presented. Commissioners thanked everyone for the reports.

SALES AND REMOVAL OF SCRAP METAL AT LANDFILL – ROAD AND BRIDGE SUPERVISOR CURT HOFFMAN

Road and Bridge Supervisor Curt Hoffman stated that there is no action needed to be taken tonight as he is reporting that it is time to sell the scrap metal collected at the Landfill. Bids had been sent out and one bid was received from Christner Salvage and Recycling in Herington, Kansas, at \$76.86

a ton. Christner Salvage has been the high bidder for the past few years, and they have been pleased with their services. They anticipate revenue for the year at \$10,000 or more based on past years sales.

BUDGET UPDATE – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes asked the Commissioners if Travis Kohlrus from the Ellis Alliance could present their 2020 Budget request.

ELLIS ALLIANCE – 2020 BUDGET REQUEST

Kohlrus stated that Ellis Alliance is asking for \$4,835 for the 2020 proposed budget, which is the same as the 2019 Budget. Ellis Alliance was started twelve years ago, they work with the community, chamber, tourism and the foundation for a strong and valuable service to the Ellis community.

2020 BUDGET REQUEST

Commissioners went through the 2020 Budget request and made the following changes from the requested funding:

Appraiser – eliminated $\frac{3}{4}$ time position.

County Attorney – concerns in not funding another prosecutor as a public safety issue but not wanting to hire position then may have to cut it in the next budget process.

Commission – reduced County Counselor services. Waiting on health insurance cost.

Courthouse General – no changes.

County Clerk – restored a three-quarters position than had been cut to meet the required one and one-half percentage requested budget cut.

Coroner – no change

Courts – no change

Health - concerns in not filling a front desk position.

Register of Deeds – restore Register of Deeds Rebecca Herzog and 2 staff members salaries, which had been cut to meet the one and one-half percent 2020 Budget direction.

Emergency Management – not to fund CERT or Civic Ready.

Public Works – has two positions that have not been filled.

Public Works – Environment lowered staffing levels.

Public Works – Noxious Weed restrict the spraying of chemicals and eliminate the cost of herbicides.

Sheriff – originally had eliminated a position but was able to keep. Saving found in overtime cost and contractual.

Treasurer – no change.

Juvenile Intake – no change.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – eliminated Assistant Director Position.

Election – no change with anticipated large 2020 elections.

Fair – no change.

Communication Center – no change.

Transfers and Contingencies – left special road and bridge transfers the same. Increased the capital building transfers.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES – 2020 BUDGET CHANGES

High Plains Mental Health Center - \$260,000

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas - \$216,000
Hays Children Center - \$120,000
Senior Citizens Aging Council (6 agencies) - \$112,750
Ellis County Historical Society - \$72,250
Ellis County Conservation District - \$55,000
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas – Access transportation \$50,000
Grow Hays - \$27,500
Northwest Kansas Planning and Development - \$22,500 (membership fee)
Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center - \$4,500
CASA - \$4,750
Ellis Alliance - \$1,750
Hays Arts Council – no funding
Ellis Jr. Free Fair – no funding
Humane Society – \$2,600
Center for Life Experience - \$1,700

COUNTY COUNSELOR REPORTS – COUNTY COUNSELOR BILL JETER

County Counselor Bill Jeter reported that the tax sale will be held at 10 a.m., July 18, 2019, Ellis County Courthouse, Third Floor Meeting Room, Hays, Kansas. They will have seven properties selling.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes reported that \$928,800 has been cut from the 2020 Budget proposals with a savings of \$23,200 over current 2019 Budget.

Commissioners asked that the July 1 and 8, 2019 meetings County departments or outside agencies be given the opportunity to come and discuss their 2020 Budget.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Schlyer stated that the fishing has been good at Cedar Bluff Lake.

Roths reported that tomorrow he will hopefully have a healthy baby girl and that everyone will be doing well. Roth attended a Kansas Leadership Meeting in Garden City. He stated that it has been tough in finding those dollars in the budget to keep County services in Ellis County.

Chair Haselhorst stated that he did not get to participate in the recent Work Force Meeting. They are still preparing for the September 11, 2019 Northwest Kansas Highway Meeting with 26 vendors that will be participating. He stated appreciation to Public Works staff Donnetta Pfeifer, Curt Hoffman and Bill Ring in planning for this meeting being held at the Ellis County Fairgrounds.

Chair Haselhorst shared that he had visited with a Sedgwick County Commissioner that shared their process in getting a one cent sales tax for the road and bridge department. He felt that this was the best thing done in helping fund the cost to upkeep County roads.

They congratulated Fire Chief and Emergency Services Director Darin Myers for his recent award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called for.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 1, 2019, Ellis County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

DEAN F. HASELHORST, CHAIR

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk