

Public Works Director Bill Ring introduced Dean Klaus, the new Heavy Equipment Operator for Solid Waste.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET – DISTRICT MANAGER SANDY SCOTT

Soil conservation District Manager Sandy Scott discussed their 2020 Budget request. They had requested \$72,646, which included the cost share program of \$10,750. Commissioners had approved \$55,000. Scott stated that with the approved budget they cannot support the Cost Share Program. The Cost Share Program has assisted many farmers through farming issues like building land terraces. The program has paid back sixty percent (60%) of the program cost back to farmers. The Cost Share Program has been in Ellis County for fifteen years and they believe with better farming practices it helps with the County road system. Commissioner thanked Scott for sharing about the Cost Share Program.

DRUG COURT UPDATE – CHIEF COURT SERVICES MIKE SMITH

Chief Court Services Mike Smith gave an update with the Ellis County Drug Court. This program has been very helpful, and they have received \$600 from the Heartland Community Foundation to help purchase the small incentives that are given to those participants that reach a goal. They continue to see success stories through the Drug Court experience.

RECLASSIFICATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RURAL FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Commissioners agreed that Director of Fire and Emergency Management Darin Myers does need a backup that can step up with the duties of rural fire and emergency management. This position could help train, do some of the required testing, and continue some of the duties when Myers was out of town. Myers stated that this position could come under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) that includes fifty percent (50%) of the salary cost covered under the grant.

Motion: _____ Roths _____ Second: _____ Schlyer

To adopt a new job description, title and pay grade as presented and reclassify the vacant Administrative Assistant position in Fire and Emergency Management to Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Management, effective June 30, 2019.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2020 HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL PROJECTS FOR ELLIS COUNTY – DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DARIN MYERS

Director of Fire and Emergency Services Darin Myers discussed that Northwest Homeland Security Council will have two projects available in Year 2020 that had been requested by the Ellis County Fire Department. A water supply trailer that will include portable tanks to hold up to 21, 000 gallons of water, and equipment to pump water into tanks or directly into a fire apparatus. This will be

Currently there is a Board Member vacancy in the Ellis County Planning and Environment Board. He asked Commissioners if they have anyone that might be interested in serving in this position and to let the Environmental Office know before July 15th.

Administrator Smith-Hanes stated that he had a letter prepared to appoint Health Services Director Kerry McCue and Emergency Medical Services Assistant Jason Kennedy to the Kansas EMS Council Board. He asked that Chair Haselhorst sign this letter.

He discussed water damage repair done at the Courthouse. He has architect drawings for the Public Works Office and Shop. He announced that the Courthouse building has bathroom stalls that are not ADA compliant. He suggested a Fall retreat to further discuss a possible sales tax and recruitment pay plan.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Schlyer had no report.

Roths reported that he had attended the Kansas Leadership session held in Kansas City, Kansas, which he enjoyed getting to tour the World War I Memorial, leadership session, economic development in Kansas City, star bonds, and cybersecurity were a few of his sessions.

Roths is currently working with Health Services Director McCue on equipment which can be used to get jewelry off an injured person.

Chair Haselhorst met on the Work Force and the next meeting scheduled is July 11th and has been working on the Northwest Business Corridor Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called for.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 8, 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:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER