

July 6, 2021

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, July 6, 2021, 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 Neal Younger. Commissioner Dean F Haselhorst was absent. Also, present were County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No changes to the order of business.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There will be no executive sessions.

#### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Chair Schlyer asked for any changes to the draft minutes of June 21, 2021. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer**

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

##### **Payment Voucher Claims**

Accounts payables dated July 7, 2021 for \$473,590.24

Purchase Card voucher dated June 24, 2021, for \$44,710.35

Payroll #13 June 13- June 26, 2021, for \$419,826.80

**Disposition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero**

#### **ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No issues from persons on not on the order of business.

#### **EMPLOYEE PROMOTION RECOGNITION**

County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling introduced her employee Brenda Hoffman. Hoffman started her employment with the Clerk's office in March of 2021 as a three-quarter time position and has now moved into a full-time position and will be working with the payroll department as well.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL/PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE CLOSURE**

Ellis County Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder updated the Commission on combining with the Landfill/Municipal Waste division. The new office space is now complete, and the next step would be to move the Environmental Division to the Landfill to continue the transition to a unified department. He is asking to close the office to move from July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Schlyer asked if this would be an inconvenience to anyone. Ruder said that he and Justin both have cell phones for anything that would come up. He is putting up notices on the County website and with the news media.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Schlyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second: Younger**

Move to approve temporary closure of the Environmental/Planning and Zoning office to allow staff to move into the new office space at 1515 W 55<sup>th</sup> St from July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021; to reopen with normal business hours on July 19, 202 at the new location.

**Disposition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero**

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Ellis County Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder discussed with the Commission the terms of two of the Joint Planning Commission members that expired on June 30, 2021. Nathan Leiker and John Schulte are the members whose terms expired. Leiker has stated he is willing to be reappointed for another term. Schulte has decided to not seek reappointment. This leaves two vacant positions open for appointment by the Ellis County Commission. There are seven positions total for the board when at max capacity. Ruder indicated a citizen interest form was turned in and the gentleman seemed very interested in being appointed to the Committee.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Younger** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second: Schlyer**

I move that Nathan Leiker be reappointed to a three-year term on the Joint Planning Commission and open appointment to a new interested individual to the other three-year term, effective July 12, 2021.

**Disposition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero**

**WIC AGREEMENT**

Ellis County Health Services Director Jason Kennedy asked Chair Schlyer to sign the Letter of Agreement with Osborne County. Osborne County acts as the primary agency for state distribution of funds. Ellis County is a sub-agency of Osborne County. Schlyer indicated it looks like the same contract he used to sign.

**Motion:** Schlyer **Second:** Younger

I move the Ellis County Board of Commissioners sign and enter into an agreement with Osborne County for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the WIC program.

**Disposition:** Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero

**ACCEPTANCE OF VAX CARE PROGRAM AT THE ELLIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Ellis County Health Services Director Jason Kennedy presented an agreement for the Vax Care Program that will provide a higher service level to the citizens of Ellis County through increased use of in-network insurance providers. It will also decrease the current operating budget by approximately \$100,000. Billing and inventory management are handled through the vax care company. Vax Care will reimburse ECHD for the administration charge. There will be a slight increase in revenue coupled with a significant decrease in necessary expenditures. It will also allow us to provide immediate feedback to customers with eligibility and payment amounts. Schlyer asked if Vax Care kept the money from the charge of the vaccine. Kennedy said they do. The administration fees are different. He said there is a projection of about \$8000.

**Motion:** Schlyer **Second:** Younger

I move that the Ellis County Board of Commissioners approve and direct the Ellis County Health Services Director Jason Kennedy to sign and enter into a service agreement with the Vax Care Company.

**Disposition:** Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

County Administrator Darin Myers had no report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Younger went to the parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and commented on how many people were in attendance. He asked Myers if there were any fires. Myers said there was nothing significant. Schlyer had no report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021, Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

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NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT  
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DEAN F HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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BOBBI L DREILING  
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK