

July 15, 2019

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 15, 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 and County Clerk Donna J. Maskus.

The meeting opened with everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were noted to the order of business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the Draft Minutes of July 1, 2019. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst announced that the minutes of July 1, 2019, are approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: _____ Schlyer _____ Second: _____ Roths _____

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

Voucher Claims

Voucher Claims dated July 16, 2019 for \$349,156.49.

Solid Waste Claims dated July 12, 2019 for \$22,543.62.

Tax Roll Adjustments

Tax Roll Adjustments number 2019000116 through 2019000122 were reviewed.

Payroll Claims

Payroll Claims on July 5, 2019 at \$421,283.47.

Payroll Claims on matches and deductions on July 5, 2019 at \$171,834.79.

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Neal Younger thanked the Commissioners on their generosity and financial help for the Center of Life Experiences.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioners reviewed the monthly financial report.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Commissioners appreciated all the information shared on the Departmental Reports.

2018 AUDIT PRESENTATION – MELISSA ROMME AND JAMI BENYSHEK OF ADAMS, BROWN, BERAN AND BALL

The 2018 Audit Report was presented by Melissa Romme and Jami Benyshek of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, Auditors. The report was presented and Romme stated financial decisions were made and the obligations were met. They had two issues that were addressed, and both needed a more timely manner to deposit funds. They appreciated the County staff working with their audit crew.

Motion: Schlyer Second: Roths

To approve the 2018 Audit Report.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING SUPERVISOR MASON RUDER

Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder stated that he received one name that was interested in the vacant position on the Joint Planning Commission. That was Neal Younger from the Munjor area.

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

To appoint Neal Younger to a three-year term expiring June 30, 2022 on the Joint Planning Commission.

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

BIDS ON EXTERIOR INSULATION FINISHING SYSTEM (EIFS) AT LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes discussed the bid process to correct the water intrusion occurring at the Law Enforcement Center with the need of an exterior insulation finishing system (EIFS).

The following three bids were received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Completion Days</u>	<u>EIFS Sub-Contractor</u>
RDH Electric & Construction	\$77,150	90	Hi-Tech
Commercial Builders	\$77,200	60	Commercial Builders
Paul-Wertenberger	\$77,400	60	Romero Stucco

(Architect’s Estimate \$74,398)

The staff recommends the lowest bid of \$77,150 from RDH Electric & Construction.

It will be funded through Fund 129 on the sales tax collection for building projects.

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

To award the contract for new EIFS at the Law Enforcement Center to RDH Electric & Construction in the amount of \$77,150.

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

TAX FORECLOSURE SALE – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes discussed the tax foreclosure sale. The Ellis County Treasury provided County Counselor William Jeter with twenty-seven properties showing total delinquent taxes, penalty and interest due in the amount of \$125,596.79. Then the tax foreclosure process has started. Now County Counselor Jeter needs action, in the District Court Office, regarding the delinquent real estate taxes.

Motion: Schlyer Second: Roths

Adopt Resolution 2019-09, authorizing and directing the County Counselor to initiate tax foreclosure sale proceedings.

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

Resolution No. 2019-09
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2801 et seq. provides for the judicial foreclosure and sale of real estate for delinquent taxes.

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

William W. Jeter as county counselor shall institute an action in the District Court of Ellis County, Kansas, in the name of the Board of County Commissioners against the owners or supposed owners of real estate and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein which real estate has been sold and bid in by the County at delinquent tax sale and remains unredeemed on September 1 of the second year after the sale, by filing a petition with the Clerk of the District Court.

Adopted this 15th day of July, 2019, by the Board of Ellis County Commissioners, Ellis County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ Dean F. Haselhorst, Chairman
/s/ Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Member
/s/ Dustin G. Roths, Member

ATTEST:
/s/ Donna Maskus, County Clerk

PRESENTATION OF ELLIS COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2020 – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith-Hanes stated that the proposed 2020 Budget has been worked on since last summer. Meetings have involved County departments and outside agencies. He presented the completed budget and noted that it is under the tax lid law. He asked to go forward in publishing the 2020 Budget with the public hearing set on August 12, 2019.

Roth expressed gratitude as they had some tough decisions that were made. He appreciates working with the other Commissioners in the budget process.

Schlyer stated that cuts had to be made. Agencies are providing good services for the County.

Chair Haselhorst stated it was a tough process and has concerns with the cuts that had to be made. He felt it is ready to be published.

County Administrator Smith-Hanes will go forward and publish the Budget Hearing for August 12, 2019.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES

County Administrator Smith- Hanes stated that the Commission had discussed approving Osborne County to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program and now a ballot has come; he will have Chair Haselhorst complete the ballot on this vote.

He discussed the final work done to complete the Federal B.U.I.L.D. Grant for the Northwest Business Corridor application and reported that the total project cost is \$10,787,131, with County match at \$857,426.20, and asking for a grant of \$8,629,704.80.

He announced that former Register of Deeds Rose Ann Rupp had passed away. Rupp served Ellis County from 1985 to 2001.

He stated that the timber box structure was removed today and that 230th Avenue will be closed until Friday as they continue with this project.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Schlyer reported that he has been asked to judge the Ellis County Fair Lego contest on Thursday.

Roth stated that he had been asked to meet with legislatures, business personnel and utility companies through an invitation of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. He appreciated all the information that was shared to find the best tax policies that will work. He felt that it was a good discussion.

Chair Haselhorst will be helping with the Monster Truck event at the Ellis County Fair on Thursday and Friday.

Roths stated that he had attended the Community Corrections and Juvenile Services Meeting last week, and they approved their budgets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called for.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

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