

August 1, 2022

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 pm Monday, August 1, 2022, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas. Chair Robert “Butch” Schlyer called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: Chair Robert “Butch” Schlyer and Commissioner Neal Younger. Commissioner Joe Leroux was absent. Also present were County Administrator Darin Myers, County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were 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 July 18 and July 25. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:	Younger	Second	Schlyer
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To approve the Consent Agenda items A-G as presented, including the following:

Payment Voucher Claims

Freedom Claims Management dated July 20 in the amount of \$5,793.58

Health Insurance Blue Cross/Blue Shield and FCMI dated July 27 in the amount of \$327,035.43

Payroll #15 July 10 – July 25 and paid on July 29 in the amount of \$494,032.27

Payment vouchers dated August 2 in the amount of \$465,663.22

Commerce Bank Purchase Card dated July 22 in the amount of \$57,440.66

Enterprise Lease payment dated July 20 in the amount of \$6,013.76

Tax Adjustments

Tax roll adjustment numbers 2022000091-97

Disposition:	Motion was carried by a voice vote of two to zero
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ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

President of Hays Chamber Sarah Wasinger talked with the Commission on the insurance that is now available. The deadline is August 18th to have access to the premium prices. Schlyer asked if businesses are signing up. She said there are about 15 local businesses that have signed up.

NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

Emergency Management Services Director Danita Schroeder introduced her new employees: Richard Hanks, EMT; Stephanie Holmes, EMT; and Patrick Toth, Paramedic. They are currently fully staffed.

Health Department Director Kim Reel introduced her new employee: Angela Glendening, RN. They are now fully staffed.

Treasurer Vern Ruder introduced his new employees: Madison Schremmer, Motor Vehicle Clerk and Shannon Smith, Motor Vehicle Clerk.

Lori Dreiling with IT introduced their new employee: Payton Taylor.

OCTOBERFEST WASTE DISPOSAL

County Administrator Darin Myers is asking the Commission to either approve or deny the request to waive fees for the waste disposal from the Octoberfest this year. The annual Volga German Octoberfest will be held in Hays on October 7th. Octoberfest Board President spoke to the Commission on the event and would appreciate that the Commission approve waiving the cost of disposal. The estimated total cost of the fees for trash would be about \$500.

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

I move to approve waiving the disposal cost of trash disposal for the Octoberfest at the Ellis County Transfer Station.

Disposition: _____ **Motion passed by a voice vote of two to zero.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator Myers said he is working on the budget and has now met with the insurance consultant. Our claims are less than they were last year. The consultant said it should be about a 7% increase. Schlyer and Younger both said if that is what they were recommending then we should budget for that. Renewal rates will be in mid-September after the budget hearing.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Younger attended a drug court graduation, a city workshop, a disaster meeting and a FHSU tour of their facilities. Younger also thanked all the employees and department heads for working on the budgets. Schlyer had not report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 5:00 pm.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT
JOE LEROUX, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK