

August 5, 2019

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 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 8 and 15, 2019. With no updates, Chair Haselhorst announced that the minutes of July 8 and 15, 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 31, 2019, Community Corrections fees for \$332.94.

Voucher Claims dated August 6, 2019, for \$353,767.77.

Purchasing Card Claims dated July 29, 2019, for \$56,562.12.

#### **Payroll Claim**

Payroll Claims, deductions and matches, on August 2, 2019 at \$185,589.24.

Payroll Claims on August 2, 2019 at \$450,238.30.

Payroll Claims on health insurance dated August 2, 2019, at \$238,644.33.

Payroll Claims, deductions and matches, on July 19, 2019 at \$173,622.87.

Payroll Claims dated July 19, 2019 at \$425,612.62.

#### **TAX ROLL ADJUSTMENTS**

Tax Roll Adjustment numbers 2019000114 through 2019000115, and 2019000123 were reviewed.

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.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Environmental Planning Supervisor Mason Ruder introduced Justin Craig hired as Environmental Technician on July 8, 2019. Craig thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity, and he looks forward to working for the County.

**WINNING COMMISSIONERS' COOKIE JAR FROM THE 2019 ELLIS COUNTY FAIR – THERESA MEIS**

Theresa Meis proudly presented her 2019 Ellis County Fair Commissioners' Cookie Jar winner. She shared plates of her winning cookies with the Commissioners.

**COUNTY RESOLUTION ON PRIVATE VEHICLE TOWING – LISA BOYD**

Lisa Boyd had asked to be on the agenda to discuss private vehicle towing in the County but was not present at the Commission Meeting.

**AMBULANCE PURCHASE – HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR KERRY McCUE**

Health Services Director Kerry McCue presented bids to replace two ambulances; 2013 Ford and 2010 Chevrolet. These ambulances have over 150,000 miles. McCue stated ambulances spend a lot of time idling which puts added wear on the truck's engine. One ambulance was set to be traded in 2018 and moved to 2019, and the other ambulance was scheduled to be replaced in 2013. The new ambulances will have gasoline engines rather than the current diesel engines. The following three bids were received for two ambulances:



**ADMINISTRATOR PHILLIP SMITH-HANES**

County Administrator Phillip Smith-Hanes had no report.

**COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Schlyer reported that he had attended the Northwest Planning and Development Meeting. It was reported that if a county chooses not to pay the dues in full, they would have no voting rights on the Board. Commissioners had cut the dues cost by \$16,000 for the 2020 Budget. Schlyer stated Commissioners need to talk about if they are going to attend Board Meetings if they have no voting rights.

Roths stated that he had participated in Leadership Kansas in Goodland, Kansas. He will soon be sharing the First Year Builders Program which property taxes would be paid at 10% for a ten-year period. He had attended the Grow Hays Quarterly luncheon. Today marks the first-year anniversary for Brief Space Business. It allows businesses to leave a home environment or start a new business and set up working space at this office site.

Chair Haselhorst stated that 5,000 agricultural regulations will be changing through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), for oil and farming, effective January 2020. He spoke about the “Value Added Farming” as with the Hemp crop production in Russell and the economic development impact.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was called for.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Haselhorst stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

A Special Meeting has been called to tour Hess Services they will convene at Hays City Hall, 1507 Main Street, Hays, Kansas, at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held after the Kansas Public Building Commission Meeting starting at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 12, 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

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS, COUNTY CLERK