

traveled than other roads throughout the county. Younger made a comment about tabling this issue for now. Wilson spoke to the Commission about the possibility of losing seven students which would hurt USD 388 financially.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Commissioners said the reports looked good.

MIH GRANT RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Michael Graham with Turn-Key Properties is asking the Commission to provide support to proceed with the MIH grant application process in Ellis County.

Motion: _____ **Leroux** **Second:** _____ **Younger**

I move to approve Resolution 22-12 for the MIH Grant and to sign the attached agreement in support of the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-12

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE FROM KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Ellis County, Kansas, is an incorporated governmental entity as provided by the laws of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Ellis County, Kansas has a population of fewer than 60,000 residents, and is located within a rural area; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Ellis County, Kansas, to facilitate affordable housing for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, a Kansas not-for-profit corporation, administers Federal and State housing programs, as well as the State Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Ellis County, Kansas has the authority to apply to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for assistance from the KANSAS MODERATE INCOME HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS, the Ellis County, Kansas intends to submit an application for assistance from Kansas Housing Resources Corporation with respect to 4th and Fort Suites, a moderate-income residential housing project located within Ellis County, Kansas, and whose developer is Michael Graham Rentals, L.L.C., a Kansas domestic limited liability company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, is authorized to act as the official representative of Ellis County, Kansas, in signing and submitting to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation a grant application and all other documentation deemed necessary for KANSAS MODERATE INCOME HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM assistance with respect to 4th and Fort Suites, a moderate income residential housing project whose developer is Michael Graham Rentals, L.L.C.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body of Ellis County, Kansas.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, this 19th day of September 2022. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chairman
Neal Younger, Commissioner
Joe Leroux, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Bobbi Dreiling, County Clerk

601 MAIN STREET DISCUSSION

Cottonwood Extension District Director Donna Krug would like to start discussions on the Occupancy Agreement of 601 Main with Cottonwood Extension District. She introduced Monique Koerner who is the new Family and Community Wellness Coordinator leader. Since the Health Department vacated the building located at 601 Main Street, the county does not use the building, nor has offices within the building. The only portion of the building related to the county is a storage area in the back of the building. The county however still pays to ensure the building, pays to keep the building mechanically and structurally sound, and pays utilities. The Cottonwood Extension District Director, and a couple of their board members would like to start a conversation with the Ellis County Commission on if this is a feasible option to move forward with. Entering into a version of this agreement would result in cost savings to Ellis County for insurance premiums, utility charges, cleaning services, and regular upkeep. It would also provide staff with one less building to maintain and upkeep. The extension district currently has little to no expense to be in the building. The County has several options to move forward with the building. For example, the county could sell the building, rent out the building, or enter into an occupancy agreement. It was agreed to come back at another meeting with more specifics on the building and the Occupancy Agreement. Schlyer said it was his understanding that the County is allowing them to be in the building rent-free but they would be taking care of all the expenses for the building. Myers said that this is correct and they are here to start those conversations.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT REQUEST (AMBULANCE)

Ellis County EMS Director Danita Schroeder is asking the Commission to approve Purchase Order #7683 for a 2023 ARV TraumaHawk X-Series ambulance. ECEMS is scheduled to replace vehicle #1189 (2014 Type III Chevy Horton) in 2023 but, due to the delay with finding ambulance chassis and extended production time of the units, it is felt to order early to secure a chassis for delivery on time next year. RFPs were sent out to the 4 ambulance companies within our region. Two (2) companies responded, and Two (2) companies gave no response by the deadline. Of the two (2) companies that responded, one submitted a bid and the other stated they would not be providing a bid at this time. The purchase price also includes the cost of one (1) Stryker PowerLOAD system for \$25,447.00, one (1) Stryker PowerPRO XT cot for \$24,832.00 and one (1) Stryker StairPRO stairchair for \$3,902.00. These items can be purchased by ARV for a better discount than what we can get and the installation of the PowerLOAD system can be completed when the ambulance is built which helps avoid extra fees for installation later by a local mechanic. These items were also included for purchase in the EMS CIP budget for 2023. This is a planned replacement from the EMS CIP Fund 16 for the budgeted year 2023. This PO may need to be carried over for 3 budget years due to the delays in obtaining chassis and a projected delivery date of

540-720 days after order confirmation. Schlyer asked if the ambulances are higher. Schroeder said just as of December the prices have gone up.

Motion: Leroux **Second:** Younger

I move to approve Purchase Order 7683 for ordering and purchase of a 2023 AR TraumaHawk X-Series ambulance for the total cost of \$365,380.79.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Schlyer **Second:** Younger

To recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the matter relating to security measures exception the subject to be discussed during the executive session is security purchase. Those persons to attend are Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, Commissioner Joe Leroux, County Counselor Bill Jeter, IT Director Mike Leiker, County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:00 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 6:12 pm.

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION IMPLEMENTATION

IT Director Mike Leiker is asking the Commission to approve Purchase Order 7682 to purchase a three-year subscription of a Security SaaS Solution. This will be paid out of the Register of Deed's Technology fund.

Motion: Leroux **Second:** Leroux

I move to approve Purchase Order 7682 to iT1 in the amount of \$57,025.87.

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

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN

County Administrator Darin Myers is asking the Commission to approve PO #7684 to proceed with the development and design phase of a new public works facility. Myers updated the Commission staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional design services to build a new facility. Six architectural firms responded to the RFP, staff reviewed the proposals and are suggesting the commission select GMLV Architecture for the project. Of all the proposals, GMLV was the top graded firm from the selection committee, has the largest footprint, longest history, largest amount of resources, many similar type projects, best timeframe matching county goals, and came in with the lowest cost proposal. If phase one is approved, the future schedule would include the space needs assessment, staff meetings, creation of conceptual drawings, and construction estimates to be completed by Thanksgiving. Upon approval to proceed to phase two at a commission meeting in December, GMLV would continue to create design drawings with an estimated 13 weeks to completion before going out to bid. The project could potentially be completed by December 2023. If the commission approves staff to move forward, the commission will need to approve the purchase order to encumber the funds for phase one only. Upon completion of phase one, and with the intent to proceed to phase two, a future agenda item will be brought forth to encumber the funds for phase two as they are based partially on budget estimates and actual awarded bid amounts. The cost of phase one for the space needs assessment and conceptual design is \$17,500 with estimated reimbursable amount at \$500. Phase two is dependent on the construction budget and construction bid amounts. Further percentage

breakdowns can be seen in the agreement. Myers introduced Jeff Weiford of GMLV; Weiford said they are very excited to begin the project and look forward to working with the County.

Motion: _____ **Younger** **Second:** _____ **Leroux**

I move to approve PO #7684 to GLMV Architecture and direct the county administrator to sign the agreement.

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

NORTHWEST CORRIDOR UPDATE

County Administrator Darin Myers updated the Commissioners on the Northwest Corridor. The agreement to the contract has changed; the cost-share agreement has been changed. Schlyer asked if they were behind schedule. Mackay said they are behind schedule but couldn't say how far. Leroux asked if this will exempt them with any fines imposed on the project completion date. Mackay said it will not.

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

I move to approve the updated agreement to the Northwest Business Corridor project with KDOT and Federal Highway Commission.

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

CHANGE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS DATE & TIME

County Administrator Darin Myers is asking the Commission for consideration of changing the County Commission meetings dates and times. Staff, and individual conversations with commissioners have come up with the following benefits to move the meetings: Commissioners could attend City of Ellis and Victoria Council meetings without conflict, reduction in overtime costs, better employee work/life balance, easier to have new employees and promoted employees to attend the meeting without overtime, staff would more regularly attend meetings other than when on the agenda, most guests who attend meetings are those who present items related to their organization or business who have normal business hours and less likely to have to change a Monday meeting date due to a conflicting holiday.

Motion: _____ **Younger** **Second:** _____ **Leroux**

I move to approve Resolution 22-13 changing the dates and time of the Ellis County Commission meeting.

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

Resolution No: R-2022-13
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners by the powers vested in it by K.S.A. 19-2006 may establish the dates and times of regular monthly sessions of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS, that the regularly scheduled sessions of the Board of County Commissioners shall be as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas shall meet in regular session on the first three Tuesdays of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chamber located at 718 Main Street, Hays, Ellis County, Kansas. This Resolution shall be effective beginning the first meeting of October 2022 and continuing thereafter until amended by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County, Kansas, this 19th day of September 2022. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert (Butch) Schlyer, Chair

Neal Younger

Joe Leroux

Attest:

Bobbi L. Dreiling, County Clerk

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Myers had no report.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Younger attended the Schoenchen city meeting and the Northwest Kansas Officials Highway meeting. Leroux attended the chief executive board session with the Kansas Workforce One. Schlyer had no report.

Younger asked what they are going to do with Ellis Avenue since people were still at the meeting. He was asking if we should prolong it or table it. There were comments made by Dean Gottschalk but they were not audible due to the fact he was not at the microphone. Mackay said the base is the least expensive part of the equation. Hot mix asphalt is \$40.00 a ton; for two-inch base it is \$633,000 per mile. There were again numerous comments made by the audience that could not be heard as they were not at the microphone. It could be heard by one individual they are just asking for the bad parts to be patched. Schlyer asked about the comments. Younger asked Mackay about the holes appearing after the two years of rains. Mackay said it has not gotten better but there has not been any repairs made in the last two years since it was decided that it was getting tore out. Schlyer stated the gentleman said to do the small areas. Mackay asked where do you stop on the repairs. He said there were more than just a few spots. There were again more comments made by the audience that could not be heard. Younger asked if we could get more asphalt. Mackay said he will talk with APAC to see if they could mix more up. Younger commented that he is trying to work with everyone. Schlyer asked when he was going to start on the destruction of the asphalt. Mackay said Wednesday. There were more comments made by the audience that were inaudible. Myers suggested that there are concerns that need to be thought about and this should be tabled until the October 11 commission meeting. Mackay can put together several different options on different repairs. This will postpone the process until after harvest. Schlyer said he agreed with that suggestion. He said this is their road and if they have a viable solution to fix it that would not cost more than they are already spending, he was willing to see different options. There were more comments made by the audience that were inaudible. Leroux said everyone needs to keep in mind that the gentlemen that offered to donate rock is very generous, but this fix needs to be done with safety kept in mind. There were additional comments made by the audience that were inaudible. Younger asked if there was a study on the road about guardrails. Mackay said there was and there were no suggestions to add guardrails. Myers asked to get estimates on guardrails as well. Mackay said there were speed limit studies done and it showed that 60.9 percent of the people were going well over the speed limit. Additional comments were made by the audience that were inaudible. Schlyer said this issue is tabled to October 11 and hopefully a solution be found that will be agreeable to all parties. More comments were made that were inaudible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion:

Leroux

Second:

Younger

To recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception the subject to be discussed during the executive session is personnel matter. Those persons to attend are Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, Commissioner Joe Leroux, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Public Works Director Brendan Mackay and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 6:51 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 7:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

To recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception; the subject to be discussed during the executive session is potential litigation. Those persons to attend are Chair Butch Schlyer, Commissioner Neal Younger, Commissioner Joe Leroux, County Counselor Bill Jeter, Public Works Director Brendan Mackay and County Administrator Darin Myers.

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

The Executive Session started at 7:10 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 7:32 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 8:30 am.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

JOE LEROUX, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK