

October 18, 2022

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 am Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 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 Joe Leroux. Commissioner Neal Younger was absent. Also present were County Counselor Bill Jeter and County Clerk Bobbi L. Dreiling. County Administrator Darin Myers was absent.

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 October 11. No changes were given; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Payment Voucher Claims

Freedom Claims Management dated October 12 in the amount of \$20,578.75

Cereal Malt Beverage license \$2022-09 to St. Boniface Catholic Church

Solid Waste payment dated October 12 in the amount of \$20,648.97

Open Edge Payment dated October 14 in the amount of \$624.89

Accounts payable dated October 19 in the amount of \$417,100.73

PO 7688 to RDH Electric in the amount of \$281,000

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

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Commissioners said the reports looked good.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Fort Hays State University President Dr. Tisa Mason updated the Commissioners on what is going on at FHSU. She introduced Melissa Huntsinger who talked about the half-million dollars that was added to their base for a cyber security institute technology incubator. Mason said this will have a very meaningful impact. She updated the Commission on the banking institute now being directed in partnership with the Kansas Banker's Association. They now have a director at FHSU that was hired by the KBA. She just finished the media tour that was started 30 years ago. They are partnering with Ken Rahjes to host an ag summit. She talked about the facility updates that have been ongoing. The Commissioners thanked her for the updates.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

Ellis County Historical Society Liaison Brad Ricke and Executive Director Amanda Rupp updated the Commission on the Historical Society. They raised \$2,521.82 from Octoberfest as well as continuing with contractual revisions on the Victoria ESHS site. The first annual Twist-and-Shout Trivia Game Night has been postponed until after the first of the year. The Commissioners thanked them for the updates.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Wade Kruse with DSNWK is requesting two letters of support from the Ellis County Commission for two different grants they are applying for. The first letter of support would cover the 49 USC 5310 grant to help provide funding to replace and enhance the current fleet of vehicles. The second grant is for the Rural Public Transportation 49 USC 5311 grant to assist with part of their operational expenses. The Commissioners said they would sign both letters of support.

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER GENERATOR

Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Management Lyle Pantle asked the Commission to award the bid for the Administrative Center's generator to RDH Electric. For this project, the standard Request for Proposal (RFP) was used which was suggested by the ARPA consultants. The RFP was listed on the county website and available to all interested parties as per county policy. One bid was received from a local qualified contractor and considered a good bid. RDH Electric has met with staff during the RFP response period to put together a properly sized generator and transfer switches which would be appropriate for the building. Their proposal is to include a 350kw generator which will handle the entire load of the building, plus about a 30% room for future expansion. RDH took into consideration previous building electrical loads and updated future projections with the new installation of LED lights and the upgraded HVAC project currently taking place. The generator will also have a 600+ diesel fuel tank allowing the generator to run for a minimum of 24-hour period before needing to be refueled. The expected lead time to receive the generator is about 60-68 weeks out. The RFP response for the generator project is \$255,440 with a 10% contingency for the project for a total of \$281,000. If approved, this will be funded using grant money from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Motion: _____ **Leroux** _____ **Second:** _____ **Schlyer**

I move to approve PO #7688 for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator with RDH Electric at the administrative building.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There was no report.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Leroux and Schlyer had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the Administrative Center Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas at 8:30 am.

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

ABSENT

NEAL YOUNGER, COMMISSIONER

JOE LEROUX, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

BOBBI L. DREILING
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK