

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
February 25, 2013

1:00 p.m. Call to Order
Minutes Approval
Regular Meeting of February 11, 2013

1:30 p.m. -- Department Reports
Ambulance
Appraiser
Econ/Youth Development
Emergency Preparedness
Health
Maintenance
Recycling
Register of Deeds
Road & Bridge
Rural Fire
Sheriff
County Clerk

Old Business
C&D Landfill Expansion
Courthouse Carpet
Employee Handbook
EMS Sick & Vacation
Handicap Entrance

New Business
1:45 p.m. – Westar Energy – Fire safety issue at the EMS Barn
2:00 p.m. – Wayne Gudmonson, Department of Transportation – Intro to the new commissioner
2:15 p.m. –
2:30 p.m. –
2:45 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. –

Public Forum
Presentation of Claims
Other
Adjournment

Commissioners present:
Douglas C. Ritz, District I
Gary D. Hebb, District II
K.R. Liebau, District III

County Clerk's Office: Stephanie Ollenborger

Others:
Byrdee Miller-Marcic, Emg. Prep.
Deanna Jones, Treasurer
Karen Spencer, Appraiser
Sharon Wagner, Road
Joe Love, Maint.
Kandy Dowell, Health

Jennifer Montgomery, Econ. Dev./Youth Dev.
Beverly Signer, Amb./Health
Chase Bunyard
Richard Marcic
Shari Kaminska
Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doug Ritz at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Ritz, Hebb, and Liebau were present, as well as Stephanie Ollenborger, County Clerk's Office. County Counselor, Paul Dean, was not present.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Ritz moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11th with corrections. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0).

Ambulance

Beverly Signer stated that Ken Mitchell was not there to discuss payroll and there was no other business to discuss.

Appraiser

Karen Spencer stated that the Change of Valuation Notices were supposed to be mailed by March 1st, but they weren't quite ready so she is going to request an extension of April 1st for them to be sent out.

Economic/Youth Development

Jennifer Montgomery gave Commissioners a wind energy handout. She discussed the bill being passed concerning Solid Waste and Recycling.

Jennifer also stated that she received a letter from Elk Valley School that they received the funding for the 21st Century Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Jennifer asked the Commissioners if they could go over her job description with her. She said that she can't do everything that she did previously, because of her hours being cut. She asked the Commissioners what they want her to do. Commissioners decided to discuss this with her at a later time.

Jennifer said she talked to some of the other local businesses about advertising on Facebook. And also, she asked the Commissioners if it would be okay if she put events such as Farm Bureau meetings, fundraisers, and other special events on our website. Commissioners said that would be fine.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller-Marcic stated that she had a Mitigation meeting for March 12th, but was cancelled today. Also, she has an upcoming Westar meeting.

Health

Kandy Dowell was present with nothing to report.

Maintenance

Joe Love said that the new part for the boiler has been replaced and it's running great. The computer part of the boiler system will have to be looked into by County Counselor Paul Dean. Paul Dean will have to talk to Westar Energy. Joe said the phone system seems to be running fine. Commissioner Ritz clarified the bill with McKenney Construction. Joe also stated that there would be two companies presenting estimates on the carpeting for the Courthouse.

Recycling

Jim Lane said he had to replace one of the trailer lights. Also, the KWORC conference will be March 26th and 27th. It would be \$135.00 for the two day conference and he wants to go. Commissioner Hebb suggested just having Jim go for the second day of the conference. Jim also stated that he has not heard from Fredonia about taking our recycling there.

Register of Deeds

Neva L. Walter not present.

Road and Bridge

Sharon Wagner gave the Commissioners a map of the County showing where they have graded the roads. Sharon had nothing else to report.

Rural Fire

Jim Criger was not present.

Sheriff

Sheriff Hanks was not present.

County Clerk

Stephanie Ollenborger was present for the County Clerk's Office. She showed a letter to the Commissioners from AT&T regarding some damage on a phone line. Sharon Wagner, Road Secretary stated that it didn't pertain to them and she would call AT&T. Also, Stephanie asked if anyone would like to attend the SEK meeting being held Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Fort Scott. She told anyone going to contact the Clerk's Office immediately.

Treasurer

Deanna Jones stated that Paul Dean would be filing the tax sale. Deanna asked the Commissioners why the County is paying extra help to rake leaves on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Ritz said he didn't think it was a bad idea, and it would be good to teach the kids some good work ethics.

Regional Home Security Council

Byrdee Miller-Marcic stated that she needed a reappointment letter signed by the Commissioners for the Southeast Kansas Regional Council. Commissioner Liebau made the motion to appoint Byrdee Miller-Marcic to be our SEK Regional Council representative. Commissioner Hebb seconded it. Motion carried (3-0). Byrdee also stated that she will be getting a communication station installed in her office in order to communicate better in Emergency situations.

Westar Energy

1:35 Westar Energy was not present.

Abatements

At 1:40 Commissioners decide to approve abatements. Commissioner Liebau made the motion to approve Abatements 2013-13, 2013-14, 2013-15. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0).

County Attorney Insurance

Commissioner Ritz presented a memo, from Joe Lee, County Attorney, regarding his health insurance. It stated that Greenwood County Commissioners suggested Elk County pay half of Joe Lee's insurance and they would pay the other half. Commissioner Liebau made the motion that we will put County Attorney Joe Lee on our insurance and bill Greenwood County for the other half of the insurance. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0).

Spring Cleanup

Jim Lane stated tentatively that the Spring Cleanup will be Saturday, April 20th, at the Moline Rodeo Grounds.

In God We Trust Letter

Commissioner Ritz read a letter asking the County Commissioners if they would post "In God We Trust" at our Courthouse. Commissioners decided to put it on the agenda for the next meeting to be discussed when Paul Dean, County Counselor was present.

KDOT

Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT, was present at 1:50 to introduce himself to the Commissioners. Mr. Gudmonson said if Elk County needed anything to let him know. Commissioner Ritz asked about KDOT fixing the bridge South of Moline on Hwy. 99. Mr. Gudmonson said it would probably be done in about

2014. Commissioners stated their concerns about some of the Railroad crossings in the county. Mr. Gudmonson said he would have his Superintendent look at the crossings, but there probably wouldn't be anything done right now.

Public Forum

Kandy Dowell said she doesn't understand why people aren't calling in their "controlled" burns. She doesn't like how our fire department has to get called out unnecessarily. The Commissioners are going to have Jennifer Montgomery put on the website about people calling in their controlled burns. Byrdee Miller-Marcic said she will talk to Jim Criger about posting it in the newspaper as well.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$76,203.63. Commissioner Hebb seconded it. Motion carried (3-0).

Snow Day

Deanna Jones asked Commissioners if the County was paying for the snow day for February 21st. Commissioner Ritz said it should be a personal day or a vacation day. Commissioners decided not to pay for the snow day.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:14. Motion carried (3-0).

ATTEST:

Stephanie Ollenborger, County Clerk's Office

Douglas C. Ritz, Chairman

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebau, District III