

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2013

1:00 p.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. Call to Order

Minutes Approval

Regular Meeting of May 13, 2013

1:10 p.m. -- Department Reports

(Department Head meetings: 2nd Thursday/monthly; 8 AM; Commissioners Room)

Ambulance

Appraiser

Econ Development

Emergency Preparedness

Health

Maintenance

Recycling

Register of Deeds

Road & Bridge

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

Old Business

Employee Handbook

Weatherbug Schools

New Business

1:30 p.m. – LeeAnn Riedger of SAFE Homes

1:45 p.m. – Abatements 13-40 and 13-41

2:00 p.m. – Joe O'Rourke, New Beginnings

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3:00 p.m. –

Public Forum

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: June 19th or 20th - Wind farm Ribbon Cutting

July 8th – Meeting will be at 4:00

Sept. 18th - Legislative Luncheon, Howard Sr. Ctr.

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

County Clerk: Vicky Wedman

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Byrdee Miller-Marcic, Emg Prep
Stephanie Ollenborger, Reg Deeds Dept
Deanna Jones, Treasurer
Sharon Wagoner, Road Dept
Karen Spencer, Appraiser
Joe Love, Maintenance
Joe O'Rourke, New Beginnings
Lisa Pike, Safe Homes

Barbara Clubine
Zeb Hare, Sheriff Deputy
Micky Wunderlich
Jim Criger, Rural Fire
William Bischof, Recycling
Beverly Signer, Health Dept
Janet Siebert, Safe Homes
Cathy McClurg, Safe Homes

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, County Clerk Vicky Wedman and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13th with one typing correction. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0).

Ambulance

Beverly Signer presented the Ambulance proposed budget. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the 2014 Ambulance Department budget in the amount of \$220,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Appraiser

Karen Spencer reported she has already certified Real Estate to the Clerk and will certify the personal property, oil, and gas by June 15th. Spencer requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller-Marcic thanked the Health and EMS departments for their input to the County Emergency Operation Plan.

Health Department

No report.

Maintenance

Joe Love reported the sheriff's oven has quit. The commissioners told him to check into a new one. He also reported air conditioner condensation leaked in the district courtroom. Love said the electrical work has been completed at the extension office. Love also presented his 2014

budget. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the 2014 Maintenance budget in the amount of \$85,500. Motion carried 3-0.

Recycling

William Bischof says the sensor switch causing a problem with the baler has been replaced. He said over 19,000 lbs. of recycling have been taken to Fredonia this year. The pickup is still running. Sonoco has not paid any more money to the county.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the Register of Deeds 2014 proposed budget. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the 2014 Register of Deeds budget for \$66,500. Her budget includes repair of 10 old deeds books. Motion carried 3-0.

Road & Bridge

Sharon Wagner presented the budget requests for the proposed 2014 Weed, Special Bridge and Road budgets. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion to tentatively approve the 2014 Weed budget for \$36,000. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the 2014 Road budget for \$1,360,800. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the Special Bridge 2014 budget in the amount of \$176,175.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wagner reported APAC is repairing the Grenola cemetery road today.

Rural Fire

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the Rural Fire 2014 budget request of 5 mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

County Counselor

Counselor Paul Dean reported four properties have been redeemed that were listed on the tax sale. He has not heard from the Attorney General regarding the Special Parks and Recreation funds interlocal agreements. The employee handbook has not been completed yet.

County Clerk

County Clerk Vicky Wedman reported she attended a one day CIC sponsored tax training in El Dorado. She asked for clarification from County Counselor Paul Dean as to what tax entities will be affected by the neighborhood revitalization rebates on the two accepted applications. It will not include the townships, cemeteries, rural fire, or extension district.

Elk Falls Township Treasurer

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to appoint Amy Cook as Elk Falls Township Treasurer. Motion carried 3-0.

Safe Homes, Inc.

Jane Siebert and two other representatives from Safe Homes, Inc. were present to request the commissioners consider them at budget time. Safe Homes is a non-profit organization that has served survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, and Sumner Counties for 24 years. Emergency shelter and supportive services provided by Safe Homes are free of charge. Safe Homes, Inc. is funded by federal, state, local and private grants, group and individual contributions, and the Cowley County United Way.

Abatements

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve COTA exempt Abatements 13-40 and 13-41. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to go into executive session to protect the privacy of non-elected personnel for 20 minutes with Karen Spencer and Paul Dean in attendance (2:52). Motion carried 3-0. The meeting resumed at 3:12 with no action taken.

Commissioner Ritz called for a short break.

Treasurer's Budget Request

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the Treasurer's 2014 budget for \$50,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Budget Request

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the Health Department's 2014 budget for \$105,865. Motion carried 3-0,

New Beginnings

Joe O'Rourke of New Beginnings talked with the commissioners about some legislative issues. He confirmed his budget request would be submitted by mid July.

Letter of Resignation

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jennifer Montgomery effective May 30, 2013. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Ritz said he has asked Byrdee Miller-Marcic to keep an eye on the economic development e-mails, mail and phone calls until the commissioners do something with that position. He asked if that met with the other commissioners approval. They agreed.

Public Forum

No one spoke.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$69,075.56. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Vicky D. Wedman, County Clerk

Douglas C. Ritz, Chairman

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebau, District III