

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

September 9, 2013

1:00 p.m. Rural Water CDBG Grant Close-Out Public Hearing

1:10 p.m. Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:10 p.m. Call to Order

Minutes Approval

Regular Meeting of Aug. 26th, 2013

1:20 p.m. -- Department Reports

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

Ambulance

Appraiser

Emergency Preparedness

Health

Maintenance

Recycling

Register of Deeds

Road & Bridge

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

Old Business

Road Closing Petition

County Credit Card

New Business

1:45 p.m. – Payroll Check Distribution – County Clerk

2:00 p.m. –

2:15 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. –

2:40 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. –

Public Forum

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: Sept. 18th - Legislative Luncheon, Howard Sr. Ctr, Wednesday @ 11:00

Oct. 17th – Southeast Kansas County Officials Assoc. Reg Mtg – CQ Courthouse

Oct. 29-31st - KAC Conference, Wichita

Oct 30th – KWORCC, KCAMP Mtgs, 5 PM @ KAC Conference

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
Connie Hey, Deputy Appsr
Neva Walter, Reg of Deeds
Jim Criger, Rural Fire
Ken Mitchell, EMS
Earnest Lackey, Road

Richard Marcic
Barbara Clubine
Tony Young
Chuck McBeth
William Bischof, Recycling
Joe Love, Maintenance

Public Hearing

Chairman Ritz opened the Public Hearing for the Rural Water CDBG Grant Close-Out at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse with Commissioners Ritz and Hebb present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman. County Counselor Paul Dean and Commissioner Liebau arrived at 1:03 p.m.. Chuck McBeth of SCKEDD spoke regarding the purpose of the hearing. There were no public questions or comments. Commissioner Hebb moved to sign the Rural Water CDBG Grant Close-Out papers. Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The public hearing was closed.

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doug Ritz with Commissioners Ritz, Hebb, and Liebau present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the regular minutes of the August 26th commissioners meeting with changes. The motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance

Kenneth Mitchell presented his Ambulance report. The Ambulance Department had 17 runs in August with the collections totaling \$9,999.03. Mitchell said he is expecting bid specs next week. The commissioners said they will open the bids at the meeting, then give them to Kenneth Mitchell to compare the specs. Mitchell also said he believes EMS will run over the budget this year.

Appraiser

Connie Hey said they are still measuring 17% of the real estate parcels.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller-Marcic said she is working on the County Emergency Plan which is due December 9th.

Health – No report.

Maintenance

Joe Love said he has scheduled to fix the insurance inspection compliance issue at the fire barn Friday, September 20th.

Recycling

William Bischof reported they have delivered 1900 more pounds of recycling to Fredonia this year than last year. They also sold 30 bales of cardboard to International Paper Company.

Register of Deeds

Neva Walter handed in her August report with 52 instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$2680.82.

Road & Bridge

Counselor Paul Dean said the fine has been dropped against the county for not having proper certification for the former weed sprayer but the county is on an 18 month probation period. Tony Young of CAT discussed the buyback program on the motor graders with Lackey and the commissioners.

Rural Fire

Jim Criger said a new generator was purchased for the rescue truck from Cookson's Hardware.

County Counselor

Counselor Paul Dean presented the Consent Agreement and Final Order regarding the weed certification issue for signature. Commissioner Liebau moved to sign the Consent Agreement and Final Order with the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

All the interlocal agreements for distribution of local alcohol liquor funds have been received from the cities and Paul Dean will send them to the State. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve an addendum stating any personal or real property the cities acquire with these funds will belong to the city if the agreement is terminated. Motion carried 3-0.

Dean is writing up a resolution controlling utility placement within the county right-of-ways. He will send it to the KCAMP lawyer for review. The commissioners requested a depth of 48" at least for the fiber optic lines

Counselor Dean forwarded to Chautauqua County's County Counselor an acknowledgment that Chautauqua and Elk Counties are no longer working together to hire a joint appraiser.

Regarding the cities putting unpaid solid waste fees against real estate on the tax roles, Counselor Dean said the person who owes the fees must be the property owner and not a renter.

Treasurer – No report.

County Clerk

Open enrollment for health insurance must be completed in October. The Clerk’s Office will be attending an open enrollment meeting in Wichita this week. They will also be attending an abstract meeting in Iola on the 19th.

The Clerk has received a copy of the handbook from Counselor Dean for distribution. Dean will try to condense it so there are not so many pages and resend it.

Payroll Check Distribution

The County Clerk said there have been a lot of employees take advantage of the payroll direct deposit but some of the employees that don’t do direct deposit feel that it is a hardship on them having to receive their check in the mail. County Clerk Wedman asked the commissioners if the checks can be handed out to the department heads for distribution. After much discussion, Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion for the County Clerk to hand out the checks to the department heads for distribution at the end of the day to the employee only, not to any other family member.

Public Forum

Deanna Jones inquired if it is permissible for oil and gas lines to be buried in the ditches. The commissioners said lines must be on the landowner’s side. They cannot be within the county’s easement.

Warrants Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$101,720.81. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the August gross payroll in the amount of \$126,259.91. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:30 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