

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

March 31, 2014

1:00p.m. - Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval - Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014

1:10p.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

IT person

Fencing Complaint

New Business

1:30 p.m. – Marlena Graham – Insurance Solutions

1:45 p.m. – Greg Hennen with 4-County Mental Health – New Appointee to Board Approval

2:00 p.m. – County Credit Card Issues

2:15 p.m. – Issues with Phone/Fax

2:30 p.m. – Abatement 14-17

2:40 p.m. – Bureau of Land Mgmt Request

2:50 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. –

3:15 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. –

Public Forum

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: April 14th, 4:00 Commissioner Meeting

April 24th, SEK Meeting, Cherokee County, Columbus, KS

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

County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman
County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Joe Love, Maintenance
Connie Hey, Appraiser
Earnest Lackey, Road
Byrdee Miller-Marcic
Neva L. Walter, Reg Deeds
Greg Hennen
Carey Triboulet
Kevin Wray
William Bischof, Recycling

Nancy Gronau
Destani Myers
Tim Whetstone
Raven Garrison
Shari Kaminska
Kimber Dupuis
Richard Marcic
Marlena Graham
Rachel Ware

Call to Order

Chairman K.R. Liebau called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Liebau, Ritz, Hebb and County Clerk Vicky were present.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014, with corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

County Counselor Paul Dean arrived.

Appraiser

The Appraisers phone system was hacked. Hugh of Midwest Computers put in a box that should fix the problem and two days later the phone system was hacked into again. Treasurer Rachel Ware said she did not want Hugh in her office anymore. He has not been able to fix the FAX machine and keeps having the County purchase more “fixes” that do not work. Kevin Wray of Information Specialties Corporation (ISC) said he would be glad to look review the problem and fix it charging the county no more than \$50 for his service.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller-Marcic presented the Regional Mitigation Plan which includes all 12 counties in the southeast region. She also shared documentation which will go in the storm spotters’ vehicles and two sheets of information for the dispatchers to be “storm ready”. She also shared the Hazardous Weather Plan that has been finalized and the Emergency Operations Center Activation Procedures.

Maintenance

Nothing to report.

Recycling

William Bischof reported they are using the new truck that was purchased. March 26th he took some aluminum to Independence. Bischof said Recycling has collected a total of 12,750 #'s of recyclables this year.

Bischof has scheduled the annual Elk County E-waste cleanup for Saturday, April 26th. He said it is posted on the website and he is planning on putting it on Channel 2.

Bischof said Greenwood County asked if our recycling would take their cardboard. They will bring it to us and we will bale it and sell it. We would receive the money. Bischof said he would like to try it a couple of months to see if it is cost effective. If it is not, he will discontinue it.

Register of Deeds

Neva Walter presented a request for a Release from the Lease the County had on the old radio tower. Counselor Paul Dean said he would take care of it.

Road & Bridge

Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the annual contract for bridge inspections with Cook, Flatt & Strobel. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion to approve Resolution 14-04 regarding financing with First National Bank of Howard.

Earnie Lackey said they will be shutting down the Limestone Road project to get FEMA work done so FEMA money can be collected.

Insurance Solutions

Marlena Graham with Insurance Solutions talked with the commissioners regarding a cancer, heart attack and stroke policy to offer employees. The commissioners said they will review the policy.

Four County Mental Health

Gregory Hennen presented the Board of Directors' recommendation to the commissioners for approval. Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve Michelle Weber of Howard as one of the two Elk County representatives on the Four County Mental Health Center, Inc. Board of Directors. Motion carried 3-0.

Rural Fire

Commissioner Ritz asked the Clerk to check into the Murphy Auto bill. Jim Criger said it appeared to be paid twice.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware said she is going to Oswego this Friday and next Friday to sit with their CMV office and view their procedures.

County Counselor

Counselor Paul Dean said he has a contract ready for the new buyers of the Abel property. The acreage has been changed to 2.5 acres.

Burning

Byrdee Miller-Marcic will post flyers regarding Controlled Agricultural Burning in Elk County. ISC will write up a public service announcement for the clerk to send to the paper.

County Clerk

The County Clerk is working on election information for the website. There will be an all mail bond election for USD 282, tentatively scheduled for June 3rd, pending Secretary of State approval.

Deputy Kerry Harrod is going to the Sanford Institute in Wichita April 14th through the 18th for County Clerk's schooling.

Emergency Preparedness

The commissioners signed the Solid Waste Plan that was approved last meeting with changes.

Credit Card Issues

Rachel Ware said she was embarrassed when she was not able to use the County Credit card because it was maxed out. She also expressed other concerns about credit card billing and receipts.

The County Clerk is to get credit cards for the other two deputies. Jim Criger will be asked to check with Kirks Mini Mart to see if they will direct bill us for the rural fire department's fuel purchases. County employees are asked to have purchases direct billed whenever possible.

Sheriff

The sheriff's office is getting new computers this week. The sheriff said it will be less than \$2,000.00.

Abatements

Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve Abatements 14-17 and 14-19. Motion carried 3-0.

Bureau of Land Management Request

Commissioner Liebau will gather more information.

Public Forum

Shari Kaminska asked if all low maintenance roads have signs. The commissioners said they should. She also asked what the criteria are to make a road low maintenance. The County Counselor said the County Commissioners have the authority to declare low maintenance roads.

Carey Triboulet asked why both people in the Treasurer's office aren't going to Oswego. Rachel said it is not a formal training, she is just going to sit and observe during their office hours, and does not want to impose on them. She will then share information gained with her staff.

Warrants Approval

Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$218,081.13. Motion passed 3-0.

Payroll Approval

Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$165,993.95. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ritz moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Vicky D. Wedman, County Clerk

K.R. Liebau, Chairman

Gary D. Hebb, District II

Douglas C. Ritz, District I