

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

May 11, 2015

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – Regular Minutes of April 27, 2015

1:05 p.m. Public Forum

1:15 p.m. – Department Reports

(Department Head meetings: 8 AM; Thursday before each Commissioner Meeting)

Ambulance

Appraiser

Emergency Preparedness

Health

Maintenance

Recycling

Register of Deeds

Road & Weed

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

IT Dept

Old Business:

SEK Meeting

Wage Scale

New Business

1:30 p.m. –

1:45 p.m. –

2:15 p.m. – Approve Janet Rash for member of the NBE Board of Directors

2:30 p.m. –

2:45 p.m. –

Abatements –

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: May 16th – County Auction

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebau, District III

County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman

Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Kenneth Mitchell, EMS
Connie Hey, Appraiser
Jim Criger, Rural Fire
William Bischof, Recycling
Byrdee Miller, Emg Prep
Sharon Wagner
Joe Love, Maintenance

Neva Walter, Reg of Deeds
John Walker, Sheriff Deputy
Earnie Lackey, Road
Barbara Clubine
Kandy Dowell, Health
Kevin Wray, IT
Fran Wray, IT

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Hebb called the regular meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, Liebau and Hebb were present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27th as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Maintenance Supervisor Joe Love said the City of Howard has put a few things in the auction. The concession stand will be in the recycling building.

Commissioner K.R. Liebau said he attended the Grenola City Council Meeting. Chuck Beth with SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) was there working with the council for a matching fund grant for road surfacing. Commissioner Liebau suggested maybe the county entertain this possibility in their long range planning.

Commissioner Kaminska asked if anyone from Elk County sits on the SCKEDD Board. Commissioner Liebau is currently on the board. Commissioner Kaminska offered to participate as the board member if Commissioner Liebau would like her to take that responsibility. He said that would suit him fine. Commissioner Kaminska will write a letter to SCKEDD regarding the change in board member.

EMS Report

EMS Director Kenneth Mitchell gave his April report. The ambulance had 23 runs with collections totaling \$13,176.77. Mitchell said the EMS barn has a leak. The roof is out of warranty.

Appraiser

Connie Hey of the Appraisers' Office said the valuation notices have been sent out on personal property, oil and gas.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller, Emergency Preparedness Manager, said she will be gone Thursday and Friday to Topeka as a part of the interview team for the southeast Kansas regional coordinator.

Health – No business to discuss.

Maintenance

Joe Love said the emergency preparedness closet in the fire barn is finished except the light is not installed.

Recycling

William Bischof reported they took 5880 pounds of electronics to Butler County E-Waste from the countywide cleanup. Butler County will not take TV's after this year. Recycling currently has 34 bales of cardboard.

Register of Deeds

The Register of Deeds office handled 34 instruments in January for a total deposit of \$1,229.08.

Road & Weed

Earnie Lackey, Road Supervisor, said there is an opportunity in 2016 and 2017 to participate in the state's "High Risk Rural Road Program", where the state will pay 90% to 100% of the engineering costs to see if all road signs are up and they reflect well in the dark; also the cost of signs and posts, reflector signs, etc. Mr. Lackey understands installation and labor is included. The county would have to be accepted into the program.

On the subject of roads, Commissioner Liebau suggested the road department put the windrows back on the roads so the graders have material to work with when grading the roads. He also said Road 9 from 160 to Blackjack is badly in need of repair.

Rural Fire

Fire truck #501 needs to be sold. The estimated value of the grass truck is around \$25,000 - \$30,000. It will probably be on the next tax sale.

Sheriff

John Walker said the new sheriff vehicle is in at Independence and should be ready for pick up by Friday. He will need a check for the full amount cut at that time. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to allow the check to be written up to \$55,000.00 for the purchase of the sheriff vehicle. The USDA grant will reimburse \$25,000.00 to the county. Motion carried 3-0.

Deputy Walker said after the county sale the tow bill for the abandoned vehicles would need to be paid.

He also asked the commissioners to reconsider the meal reimbursement policy. They will review it at the next meeting.

Deputy Walker said the sheriff department is running out of storage. He would like to explore possible options. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware said she was concerned about the public being allowed to enter the courthouse building after work hours. John Walker said he will remind the new dispatchers not to allow public entrance after 5:30 p.m. Joe Love, Maintenance Supervisor, will check the bathrooms before he leaves. All employees are asked not to let people into the building as they are leaving.

County Counselor

Counselor Paul Dean will be here for the auction this weekend.

County Clerk – No business to discuss.

IT – No business to discuss.

Wage Scale

There will be a work session after the next meeting at 3:00 p.m. to work on the employee wage scale.

New Beginnings

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve Janet Rash to the Board of Directors for New Beginnings. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatements – None

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$75,234.81. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Peopleware Agreement

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the Annual Peopleware Agreement with Computer Information Concepts, Inc. for computer software and services in the amount of \$28,570.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:23 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Vicky D. Wedman, County Clerk

Gary D. Hebb, Chairman

Shari Kaminska, District I

K.R. Liebau, District III