

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
September 28, 2015

Special Meeting

1:00 p.m. – Wage Work Study

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

4:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – Regular Minutes of September 14, 2015

4:05 p.m. **Public Forum**

4:15 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:

EMS/Health Building

Employee Insurance

Wage Scale

New Business

4:30 p.m. – Accept Resignation of Jim Criger and Appoint Doug Ritz as Rural Fire Captain

4:45 p.m. –

5:00 p.m.- Gene Perkins – EMS/Health Bldg Facility

Abatements –

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: Sept. 29 – Legislative Luncheon – RSVP

Nov 4 - KAC Mtg – Nov 3, 4, 5 @ Wichita Hyatt Regency Hotel (KCAMP – Nov 4 @
5:30 Eagle FGH Ballroom)

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebau, District III

County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Kenneth Mitchell, EMS
Connie Hey, Appraiser Dept
Byrdee Miller, Emg Prep
William Bischof, Recycling
Sharon Wagner, Road Dept
Neva Walter, Reg Deeds
Doug Ritz
John Ed Robertson

Jim Criger, Rural Fire
John Walker, Sheriff Dept
Kandy Dowell, Health
Kevin Wray
Micky Wunderlich
Danny Signer
Kimberly Dupuis
Fran Wray

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Hebb called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, Liebau and Hebb were present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Agenda Addition

County Clerk Wedman asked to add Childhood Cancer Awareness Week Proclamation to the agenda.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Commissioner Kaminska attended a ribbon cutting and open house for the Kansas Work Center in Independence. The center encouraged the employers and residents of the county to use their services for job searches and postings.

John Ed Robertson spoke about utility services that would be needed if the EMS/Health building was built outside a city.

EMS

October 13th is the expected ship date of the ambulance grill guard. They will install it in-house. His new computer has not been installed. The commissioners told him to get someone to finish mowing the extension yard.

Appraiser

Connie Hey handed the commissioners the Growth Analysis furnished by the State that states our county increased 7.4 % in valuations due to the new construction and 15.3 % in Agricultural Land Values.

Emergency Preparedness

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to sign the proposed agreement for the airport grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Byrdee Miller asked the commissioners to look over the mitigation plan action items and see if there are any they would like to delete or add.

The commissioners asked to approve the updates to the County Emergency Operating Plan as changes are made.

Health

Kandy Dowell said the biennial WIC audit will be next Monday. Flu shot vaccinations are available. The County Clerk's Office has asked for clarification on Policy 30.14 regarding eligibility for rehire of retired personnel. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to strike the words "voluntarily resign or" from Policy 32.1. Motion carried 3-0.

The policy now reads :

Eligibility for Rehire

Employees who are involuntarily discharged shall not be eligible for rehire.

Maintenance

In Joe Love's absence the commissioners decided to table the decision on the courthouse doors.

Recycling

William Bischof reported taking 3600#'s of recyclables to Fredonia.

Register of Deeds – No business to discuss.

Road and Weed - No business to discuss.

Rural Fire

Jim Criger said the Rural Fire Department loaned the tanker to the Road Department to use for reclaiming work at Longton. There is a leak in the brand new tank. It is in the process of being fixed. Criger asked since Joe Love has a new building that he remove the lumber and other maintenance items from the fire barn.

Commissioner Hebb moved to accept Jim Criger's resignation effective December 31, 2015. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hebb moved to appoint Doug Ritz as fire chief effective January 1, 2016. Motion died from lack of second.

Gene Perkins

Gene Perkins asked the commissioners to take another look at the site they voted on. He said he thought EMS Director Kenneth Mitchell had some valid points to consider regarding the proposed EMS/Health building site. One of the concerns was spray planes that use the airport strip carrying insecticides and the chance of an incident. Some other concerns were fire and security protection as well as a higher insurance rating.

Sheriff Grant Application

Commissioner Liebau moved to approve the grant application for sheriff vehicle purchase. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Letter of Intent

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to accept the letter of intent from the Elk County Rodeo Association for a donation of land to build a new EMS/Health building. Motion died from lack of second and clarification. The letter of intent was drawn up by County Counselor Paul Dean and Commissioner Kaminska will deliver the letter to Shawn Mills for review and possible signature.

Break (5:40– 5:50 p.m.)

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion for a 10 minute recess. Motion carried 3-0.

Grant Hearing

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to set the grant hearing on the proposed EMS/Health building at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion Amended

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to amend the former motion and set the grant hearing for the proposed EMS/Health Building for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, and also a Special Meeting to take public comment on the proposed EMS/Health Building project from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the courthouse. Motion carried 3-0.

Proclamation

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to proclaim October 18 – 24as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk

County Clerk Vicky Wedman and Fran Wray (IT) will go to Fredonia next week to view Wilson County's Fish and Game system which is web based. Kevin Mitchell's old computer can be cleaned up and used in the Clerk's office for this purpose.

The commissioners asked Wedman to notify the medical insurance companies to submit their final insurance bids by October 20th.

IT Department

Kevin Wray said they are still ordering surge protectors for the county offices.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 65,906.56. Motion carried 3-0.

Credit Card Receipts

The commissioners authorized County Clerk Wedman to send a memo to all department heads to pass on to their employees that if receipts for credit cards are not turned into the County Clerk, their credit card will be suspended and the charge will be deducted from their payroll check.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Vicky D. Wedman
Elk County Clerk

Gary D. Hebb, Chairman

Shari Kaminska, District I

K.R. Liebau, District II