

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
October 13, 2015

Special Meeting

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Public Comment Period regarding EMS/Health Building Grant

Public Hearing

1:00 p.m. – EMS/Health Building Grant Hearing

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:15 p.m. – Call to Order

Minutes Approval – Regular Minutes of September 28, 2015

1:20 p.m. Public Forum

1:30 p.m. – Department Reports

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

Ambulance
Appraiser
Emergency Preparedness
Health
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Rural Fire
Sheriff
Treasurer
County Counselor
County Clerk
IT Dept

Old Business:

EMS/Health Building
Employee Insurance
Wage Scale

New Business

2:30 p.m. – Randy Dick – Kaw Valley Ins
3:00 p.m. – Bukaty Companies (Thru KAC)
2:45 p.m. – Approve Resolution for Sheriff Vehicle Grant
3:00 p.m. – Courthouse Door Replacement
Abatements –
Presentation of Claims
Other
Adjournment

Future Events: Nov 4 - KAC Mtg – Nov 3, 4, 5 @ Wichita Hyatt Regency Hotel

KWORCC – Nov 4 @ 5:00 p.m. Eagle FGH Ballroom

KCAMP – Nov 4 @ 5:30 Eagle FGH Ballroom

KAC Business Mtg – Nov 5 @ 7:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:
Shari Kaminska, District I
Gary D. Hebb, District II
K.R. Liebau, District III

Deputy County Clerk: Kerry E. Mott
County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Byrdee Miller
Tina Blackburn
Kimberly Dupuis
John Walker
David Evans
John Ed Robertson
Russell Mill
LW Ross
Carol Weakley
Elizabeth Parsons
Sharon Wagner
Connie Hey
Dave Dillon
Fran Wray

Joe Love
Jim Criger
Tina Hubble
Neva Walter
Beverly Signer
John Wiseman
Tim Coble
Kenneth Walker
Ruth Walker
John Bauder
Chuck Beth
Kevin Wray
William Bischof

Call to Order

Commissioner Gary Hebb called the EMS/Health Building Grant Hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, Hebb, and Liebau were present, as well as Deputy County Clerk Kerry Mott and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Chuck Beth – SCKEDD

Chuck Beth with South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) presented the EMS/Health Building Grant proposal. The proposal is for an approximately 5,000 square foot one level building to be located at what is known as the Elk County Rodeo Grounds on Hwy 160 & Hwy 99, which was donated to the county. The estimated project cost is \$819,904 which the County is eligible for a \$400,000 block grant which would make the County's share estimated to be around \$419,904. There will be two resolutions that will need to be signed by the Commissioners, one that states the County will put up the money when it is time and the second one will state that the county will continue to operate and maintain these departments in this new facility. Nothing is set in stone if the grant does not go through so the County is not locked into anything.

Dave Evans asked how much does the County have to pay for this project and is the lagoon included in that price. Chuck Beth said there is a minimum threshold of 25% which would be \$100,000, but the higher the percentage the county puts in the more likely we are to get the grant. Commissioner Kaminska stated the lagoon is included in the project cost.

Commissioner Gary Hebb asked if the rodeo grounds were the only location we could put on the grant today or is there a place we could put an alternate location on it. Chuck Beth said no, that on the grant application you have to put a specific location. If the county wants a different location they would have to apply for the grant again next fall and the prices will be different.

Dave Evans said there are concerns regarding the security of that location by individuals and the workers. What type of security measures will be taken? Chuck Beth said this is what would come in the design phase, we could add on a safe room, outside security lighting, and maybe a keypad entry for security.

John Wiseman asked how much the utilities run at that location vs. a city location. Commissioner Kaminska said the electric will be Westar, sewer will be no cost, water will be rural water district 1 it has a \$20.00 minimum and \$10.00 per thousand after that and there will have to be a backup source of energy to run any generators. It's not going to be much higher than city utilities.

Byrdee Miller asked if anyone has talked to the guys who use the airport and will be flying over the building. Commissioner Kaminska said no one has spoke with the pilots.

Kimberly Dupuis asked if we could change location if it did not pass the environmental review. Chuck Beth said he doesn't see any reason why the current location would not pass the environmental review.

Carol Weakly asked why do we need a new building, what's wrong with what we have? Commissioner Kaminska stated there is hazard issues, inadequate housing for employees with no cooking area, and no recreational area. There are a lot of problems with building, the roof has issues and the tunnel from the old school leaks.

Russell Mill stated he and Mr. Ross went down to look at the current facility and the first thing he noticed was the building only has one door and there are two ambulances parked in there one in front of the door so there would be no way to get the other ambulance out if the first on didn't start. Commissioner Kaminska said this was to be a temporary fix many years ago and was not designed to be an ambulance building.

Dave Evans stated he learned from the last meeting there was not going to be mileage paid to employees who have to drive to work, it will be just like they were going to work at any other job. It will be staffed 24/7 just like it is now with one crew. Mr. Evans asked if law enforcement went to all EMS calls. Under Sheriff John Walker stated they do not go to the routine calls unless asked, but they do go to all other calls such as domestic, wrecks, and different types of accidents.

Joe Love is our county maintance man. He said the location didn't affect him as much but it sure would be nice to have a newer building.

Commissioner Kaminska said there was a question of the distribution of calls in the county so she will share the information Kenneth Mitchell our EMS director prepared. Howard zip code made up 50%, Moline zip code 21%, Longton zip code 14%, Grenola 9%, Elk Falls 3%, and other runs such as out of county were 3%. There were a total of 290 runs in the year 2014. The distance from the proposed location to each city would be, 7 miles to Howard, 13 miles to Longton, 3 miles to Moline, 11.5 miles to Grenola, and 7 miles to Elk Falls. This should improve response time.

John Wiseman had concerns regarding the response time for the residents living in the Piedmont and Fall River areas. Commissioner Kaminska stated when she spoke with Ken Mitchell regarding this issue he said there weren't very many calls to those areas, they either go to Fredonia or Eureka and there is a Greenwood County ambulance in Severy.

Tina Hubble stated she has always had excellent response time and she lives in a rural area.

Commissioner Gary Hebb asked if we would have any employment issues since the employees will have to stay at the facility now. Tina Blackburn stated it shouldn't matter for a lot of the employees and it will probably make the job look more appealing for new hires. She also invited anyone to come to the current facility to take a look at it.

Ruth Walker said a new facility is needed.

Tim Coble asked if there will be any more personal needed at the new facility. Commissioner Kaminska said we would use the staff we have now so no more staff will be needed.

Dave Evans asked if it would be cheaper to build a new facility without using a grant. Chuck Beth said no it would not be.

Tina Blackburn asked if taxes would increase. Commissioner Kaminska said it will not increase taxes.

Commissioner Kaminska said there still will be rescue trucks in Howard and Moline.

Ruth Walker said she thinks the proposed location on the highway is a super idea because then you don't have to go through any residential areas.

Commissioner Liebau motioned to approve Resolution 2015-06 which states the county will come up with the money for the project and Resolution 2015-07 which states the county will continue to operate and maintain the facility. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2-1

Commissioner Kaminska motioned to close the public hearing at 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Hebb called the regular meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Hebb, Kaminska, and Liebau were all present, as well as Deputy County Clerk Kerry Mott and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Liebau motioned to take a 5 minute break at 2:26 p.m. Commissioner Kaminska seconded. Motion carried 3-0

2:31 p.m. back in session.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

All the Commissioners would like to thank the public for all their interest and support.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Dave Dillon presented two fully insured health insurance plans with start dates of January 1, 2016. Both plans are gold level plans one is a \$1,000 deductible and the other is a \$1,500 deductible. No action taken.

Appraiser

No business to discuss.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller said the Emergency Preparedness vehicle was repaired and it turned out to be the water pump. She got it back October 2, 2015.

Health

No business to discuss.

Maintenance

Joe Love reported the lawn mower is back from getting repaired. The chimes are not working in the bell tower again and Shirley Black is the contact person. Mr. Love presented a courthouse door bid from Countryside Glass and Framing. The commissioners would like him to speak with C&O about a bid before they make a decision. Commissioner Liebau made the motion to prepare a resolution to purchase two doors for the courthouse. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Recycling

William Bischof stated they will be making a trip to Fredonia this week. He would also like to thank Jim Criger for the wood to help crush cans and bottles.

Register of Deeds

Neva Walter presented her report for the month of September 2015. There were 43 documents recorded and \$865.25 fees deposited.

Road & Weed

Sharon Wagner turned in monthly reports for September 2015. She said they are still mowing the ditches but have not received their new tractor mower yet. She presented a local road safety plan for 2016 which no action was taken. Starting in 2016 seven bridges will have to have annual inspections done. Dale Steward will come this week to help with the paperwork. Commissioner Kaminska moved to sign the project programming request from KDOT local projects which commits us to paying our 20% of \$317,489.17 our part will be \$63,497.83. Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rural Fire

Jim Criger said the 6x6 is in Howard now. It still needs a hose put on and needs work on the underneath to stabilize the back end of the truck. Mr. Criger said there will be a Rural Fire meeting tomorrow at 7:30 if anyone would like to come and they are still looking for a new rural fire chief. The rural fire chief position will be published and applications will be taken. Mr. Criger would also like his name off all the credit cards by 12/31/2015.

Sheriff

John Walker stated the sheriff's department has set up a face book account to let the public know what's going on. They did an active shooter class with the school teachers at West Elk yesterday afternoon. They received a K-9 ballistic vest from the 4 legged project south of Wichita that was donated. It is worth about \$1,100. Commissioner Leibau made the motion to approve resolution #2015-08 to accept bids on a new sheriff vehicle. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance

Gary Hebb stated the grill guard for the ambulance should be shipped today and they are going to put it on in the EMS barn.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware informed the commissioners that they will be doing drivers licenses Monday thru Thursday from 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

County Counselor

Paul Dean said he has made the modification to the employee hand book regarding terminated employees being rehired and he has added a credit card receipt policy to be added to the handbook.

Letter of Intent

Commissioner Liebau made the motion to sign the letter of intent to the Elk County Rodeo Association. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. (Hebb opposed.)

Commissioner Liebau requested a 10 minute recess at 4:20 p.m.. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 4:30 p.m.

IT

Kevin Wray stated they will be helping the Clerk's office set up a new fish and game terminal in a week or two. He has put links to face book on the website for the departments who have face book pages. Mr. Wray would like to request an executive session regarding security issues at the next meeting.

Commissioners would like for Sharon Wagner to price new chairs for the commissioner's room.

FLSA audit is scheduled for October 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kaminska requested an executive session for Jeremy McCully regarding non-elected personnel for the October 26, 2015 meeting.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$168,272.76. Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.
Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Mott, Deputy County Clerk

Gary D. Hebb, Chairman

Shari Kaminska, District I

K.R. Liebau, District II