

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
October 13, 2015

AGENDA

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

Adjournment

Commissioners Present: County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman

Shari Kaminska, District I
Gary D. Hebb, District II
K.R. Liebau, District III (10:07)

Others:

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| Beverly Signer | John Walker |
| Kimberly Dupuis | Tina Blackburn |
| Bill Cannon | Russell Mill |
| L.W. Ross | David Evans |
| Lucas Mott | Jim Criger |

The public comment period began at 10:05 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Hebb, Liebau and Kaminska were present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman.

Floor plans were available for viewing.

Commissioner Kaminska gave a brief presentation of how the idea of a new EMS/Health facility began and the progression leading to the CBDG grant application.

Commissioner Hebb said he was concerned about security, no sewer system, being total electric, and higher insurance cost with the building out of a city.

Commissioner Kaminska said she had called KCAMP and there would be no increase in the insurance rates because of the location.

David Evans questioned how the architect was obtained.

Commissioner Kaminska responded the grant administrator said the commissioners did not have to place bids out for the architect .

Russell Mill was concerned about building security and asked if there were plans for a safe room to protect against severe weather and physical attack.

Commissioner Kaminska said that would be something to consider.

David Evans asked if the facility would be staffed 24/7. If a second ambulance had to be called, he was concerned about the response time.

The commissioners said it would be fully staffed.

Russell Mill asked about needing a backup generator if the electricity went out and whether it would be electric or natural gas.

Commissioner Kaminska responded that the EMS and Health Department have backup generators at their current locations also. They are fueled by natural gas.

LW Ross asked why there would be three offices.

Beverly Signer said the health department actually uses four rooms now.

David Evans had heard a rumor the staff would be paid to mileage to the facility.

The commissioners said there will not be mileage paid for that purpose.

David Evans asked where the center of the population in Elk County was and where the majority of EMS calls originate from.

Commissioner Kaminska said the average location of ambulance runs by zip code is:

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| Moline | 21% | Grenola | 9% |
| Longton | 14% | Other | 3% |
| Elk Falls | 3% | Howard | 50% |

LW Rosssaid he lives on Hwy 160 and there are a lot of strange people traveling that highway and it might put the building more at risk.

Tina Shipley, Kimberly Dupuis, LW Ross and David Evans were concerned about security.

Russell Mill asked if the location could be changed.

Commissioner Kaminska said the location could not be changed with this grant application.

Commissioner Hebb had heard the ground could be unstable because of the former blasting at the quarry.

Commissioner Hebb declared the special public comment period closed at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Vicky D. Wedman, County Clerk

Gary D. Hebb, Chairman

KR Liebau, District III

Shari Kaminska, District I