

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

March 14, 2016

Public Hearing

1:00 p.m. – 5-Year Solid Waste Plan

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:10 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – February 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

1:10 p.m. Public Forum

1:20 p.m. – Department Reports

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

Old Business:

Wage Scale

Handbook Changes

New Business

1:45 p.m. –

2:00 p.m. – Road Dept. Update

2:15 p.m. – Wind farm PILOT money allocation to cities

2:30 p.m. – Fair Housing Proclamation

2:45 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. –

Abatements: State Assessed Utilities

Caney Valley Electric Coop - Abatements 2016-18 thru 2016-42

Kansas Electric Power Coop – Abatements 2016-43 thru 2016-45

Radiant electric Coop – Abatements 2016-46 thru 2016-49 and

2016-51 thru 2016-56

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: April 14: SEK District Meeting at Franklin Co Courthouse, Ottawa, KS

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebua, District III

County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman

County Counselor: Absent

Others:

Byrdee Miller, Emg Prep

Kandy Dowell, Health

Neva L. Walter, Reg Deeds

Doug Ritz, Rural Fire Chief

Joe Love, Maintenance

David Evans

Barbara Clubine

L.W. Ross

Marty Coffman

Jim Criger

Jim Wiseman

Sherry Weir-Tuggle

Call to Order

Chairman Shari Kaminska called the regular meeting of March 14, 2016 to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, Liebau and Hebb were present, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman. County Counselor Paul Dean was not in attendance.

Public Hearing

The public hearing opened. Byrdee Miller presented the 5-Year Solid Waste Management Plan Update. Commissioner Kaminska requested several changes and clarifications. The committee will review the Plan again and resubmit it to the commissioners for approval.

The public hearing closed at 1:18 p.m.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the regular minutes of February 29, 2016 as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Marty Coffman spoke regarding unsatisfactory road maintenance on Road 22 and Junebug.

L. W. Ross asked if Commissioner Kaminska was authorized by the commissioners to solicit free public funds to communities. Kaminska said she is the commissioner in her district and attended the Elk Falls and Longton City Council meetings to inquire about the needs of the cities within her district as the commissioners were considering making a distribution of a portion of the wind farm money to the cities for infrastructural needs.

Sherry Weir-Tuggle spoke that the county has been in a depression for over eight years and does not see anything changing in the future. She feels the cities could use some help and she also said economic development is needed to lift us out of this depression.

Health Department

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion for the chairman to sign the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Annual Grant Application for the Immunization Action Plan, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and State Formula grant. Motion carried 3-0.

### Register of Deeds

Neva Walter presented her report for the month of February 2016. There were 60 instruments recorded and \$3,309.89 fees deposited.

### Rural Fire

Counselor Paul Dean was not available to report the progress of the rural fire mutual aid agreement with Howard City. Commissioner Kaminska said she talked with David Perkins regarding the radio tower on Perkin's place. He suggested that they inquire about the wind farm tower as it would be a better location. Commissioner Liebau will check with the wind farm.

Fire Chief Doug Ritz said the sheriff dispatchers' texting the volunteer fire fighters regarding fire calls is working fairly well. He also said they will be stationing a fire truck at Flint Oak. Flint Oak will house and man it.

Commissioner Liebau inquired about possibly billing the railroad for the fire that was started in Chautauqua and spread to Elk County. Doug Ritz said the Rural Fire Department was not in favor of that.

The 1994 Ford fully equipped rural fire truck will be auctioned Saturday, March 26th, at the Rex Stewart auction at 415 P Road, Eureka, KS.

### Maintenance

The plumbing for the jail is in progress.

Joe Love presented a bid for painting the courtroom. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to accept the bid from Jessica Gebers to paint the courtroom for \$935.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Kaminska asked if anyone requested the windows that were removed from the courthouse. No one has. Commissioner Hebb suggested they be put on the auction with the fire truck if they are not gone by that time. No decision was made.

### Appraiser

Teresa Wells submitted a bill and contract with R&S Digital for data maintenance services for 911 addressing. The commissioner asked the county clerk to send it to Counselor Paul Dean for review.

### Fair Housing Month

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Elk County. Motion passed 3-0.

### Kansas Agriculture Month

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to declare Tuesday, March 16 as Agriculture Day and March as Kansas Agriculture Month. Motion carried 3-0.

### Wind Farm PILOT Allocation

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to allocate \$100,000 of the Wind Farm PILOT money to the five incorporated cities within the county, apportioned by the 2010 population census, with the goal of improving infrastructure. Motion carried 2-1 (Commissioner Hebb opposed).

### Road & Weed Department

The Road Department has hired Levi Winscher as part time summer help and Brandon Rogers and Joshua Curry as full time help.

Commissioner Kaminska moved to promote Don Sanders to Road Foreman at a rate of \$15.86. Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### Appraiser Promotion Pay

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to pay Teresa Wells for her promotion to Deputy Appraiser at a rate of \$13.39 retroactive to January 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

### Nursing Home Feasibility Study

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to retain Heckman & Associates to do a feasibility study on Twilight Manor Nursing Home at a cost of \$6,000.00 to determine if it is feasible to remodel into an EMS/Health Department facility. Motion carried 3-0.

### Badges

The commissioners asked the County Clerk to add to the new employee check list for the employee to have the emergency preparedness manager issue them an I.D. card.

### Break

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to break from 3:18 – 3:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Regular Session resumed at 3:25 p.m. Commissioner Hebb not in attendance.

### Abatements

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the abatements as listed on the agenda. Motion carried 2-0.

### Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$169,795.04. Motion carried 2-0.

### Payroll

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve February payroll in the amount of \$182,750.90. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hebb joined the meeting.

Wage Scale Work Session

A wage scale work session is scheduled following the Commissioners' Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Donation to the Rural Fire Department

Doug Ritz informed the commissioners that The Rural Fire Department just received a \$2,000 donation from the Button Ranch in appreciation for their help during the fire.

Executive Session (3:37– 3:45)

Commissioner Kaminska moved to go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel job performance. Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was no action from the executive session.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

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Vicky D. Wedman  
Elk County Clerk

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Shari Kaminska, Chairman

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Gary D. Hebb, District II

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K.R. Liebau, District III