

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Unapproved Minutes  
May 31, 2016

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – May 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

May 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

1:10 p.m. Public Forum

1:20 p.m. – Harley Schlotterbeck retiring, introducing Jarred Gilmore & Phillips auditing firm

1:30 p.m. – Department Reports

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

Old Business:

Rural Fire - tower on Jim Perkins' land

Wage Scale

Howard Twilight Manor

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Road & Weed Update

2:30 p.m. – Greg Hennen with Four County Mental Health

2:40 p.m. – Appointment to Mental Health Board

2:45 p.m. – Chief Elected Official Agreement, KANSASWORKS, Inc

3:00 p.m. – Howard Twilight Manor – Possible Agreement with City of Howard

3:30 p.m. – Dependent medical insurance reimbursement for employees and dependents

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: June 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Fence Viewing

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Gary D. Hebb, District II

County Clerk: Vicky D. Wedman

Others:

Joe Love, Maintenance

Byrdee Miller, Emg Prep

Deanna Jones

Barbara Clubine

Kenneth Mitchell, EMS  
Rachel Ware. Treasurer  
Neva L. Walter, Reg Deeds  
Jim Criger  
Kandy Dowell, Health  
Don Sanders

David Evans  
William Bischof  
Harley Schlotterbeck  
????? Jarred  
Earnest Lackey, Road  
Jared Wiseman, Weed

#### Call to Order

Commissioner Kaminska called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the courthouse. Commissioners Kaminska, and Hebb were in attendance, as well as, County Clerk Vicky Wedman. Counselor Paul Dean was not in present.

#### Fence Viewing

The fence viewing was not held today. It is rescheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Minutes Approval

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting with changes. Motion carried 2-0. The Special Minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> were tabled until next meeting.

#### Public Forum

Deanna Jones said she would like a copy of the letter Counselor Paul Dean sent to the landowner regarding salt water lines in the county ditch. Commissioner Kaminska said she would request that he send her a copy.

Rachel Ware said she was not in favor of the proposed wage scale. She said there are only a handful of people receiving the \$95,000 plus increase and the rest of the employees are receiving nothing.

Commissioner Kaminska will look into the \$400,000 that was set aside for the EMS/Health building to confirm it is still available for use.

She read a letter from Grenola City thanking the commissioners for allocating a portion of the wind farm money to the cities.

#### County Auditor

Harley Schlotterbeck, CPA announced his retirement and the sale of his portion of Schlotterbeck and Burns, the county's auditing firm to Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA whom he is recommending to the county as the county auditor. Philip A. Jarred, CPA presented background and qualifications of his firm and staff. Schlotterbeck said he would participate in the transition and help with the 2015 audit and 2017 budget. Commissioner Kaminska moved to accept the engagement letter from Philip A. Jarred, CPA. The motion died from lack of second. Selection of County Auditor will be placed on next meeting's agenda.

### Rural Fire Tower

Fire Chief Doug Ritz said the tower inspection repairs are estimated to be \$48,500 with a bare minimum of \$23,000.00. The life expectancy with the repairs is 10 years. A new 160 ft. tower would cost \$84,000 but the life expectancy would be 50 years. Ritz suggested if 3 or 4 entities went together, they could purchase a new tower.

### Recycling

Bill Bischof said they received a check from Marck for the cardboard bales in the amount of \$1,267.75. Recycling took 3560#s of recycling to Fredonia.

### Ambulance

Kenneth Mitchell turned in the Ambulance report for April. There were 18 runs and a total of \$17,500.20 collected.

### Budgets

The commissioners are requesting the department budgets be turned in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in June.

### Health

Kandy Dowell, R.N. reported she attended a safety fair sponsored by the Howard City Library. Other departments from Elk County were the EMS, Sheriff and Emergency Preparedness departments. She will be attending an immunization conference next week.

### Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller reported the Elk County air strip is almost done. There is no striping yet. An extra area was poured at the end of the strip for spray vehicles. She said the air strip is expected to last 30 years plus.

Miller said the front end of her vehicle needs replaced and needs new tires. She said the cost would be around \$1500. Her vehicle was purchased in 2008 with 87,000 miles on it. It has 195,000 miles on it now. Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion for Byrdee Miller to purchase a vehicle to replace the current Emergency Preparedness vehicle for roughly \$15,000. Motion carried 2-0.

### Maintenance

Joe Love said the sump pump at the Extension Office shorted out. He repaired it and pumped out about 2 feet of water. The hot water tank is leaking at the pop off. He is to replace it as economically as he can. Love said the Sheriff's office remodeling is completed. He is getting several bids on the courthouse roof.

### Road & Weed

Earnest Lackey said he is getting bids for work on Flint Oak Road.

The Road Department is not fully staffed yet. They still need one more blade hand.

Jared Wiseman said he is spraying Johnson Grass. Commissioner Kaminska asked him to work on getting certified for brush spraying.

Deanna Jones asked the grader man quit pulling from the ditches until a truck can pour gravel behind him.

Four County Mental Health

Greg Hennen of Four County Mental Health Center, Inc. turned in his budget request.

Dependent Insurance

Commissioner Kaminska said a policy needs to be created regarding retiree dependent insurance.

Break

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to break from 3:02 p.m., returning at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Chief Elected Officials Agreement

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb moved to execute the Chief Elected Official Agreement renewing a previous agreement with the Southeast KANSASWORKS Program. Motion carried 2-0.

Howard Twilight Manor

Commissioner Kaminska will be going to the Howard City Council meeting Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, to discuss possibility of some of the extra rooms at the nursing home being rented to the City of Howard.

County Clerk

Deputy County Clerk Kerry Mott will be attending a budget class on Friday.

Warrants

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$141,172.48. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$177,351.94. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST:

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Shari Kaminska, Chairman

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Vicky D. Wedman  
Elk County Clerk

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Gary D. Hebb, District II