

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
July 11, 2016

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – June 27 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:

Rural Fire - tower on Jim Perkins' land

Wage Scale

Howard Twilight Manor

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Greenwood County Hospital

2:30 p.m. – Follow up on brush spraying

2:40 p.m. – Policy for Medicare eligible employees

2:45 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. –

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

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:

Byrdee Miller, Emg Prep

Neva L. Walter, Reg of Deeds

Teresa Well, Deputy Appsr.

Doug Ritz, Rural Fire

Joe Love, Maintenance

Kandy Dowell, Health

Don Sanders, Road Foreman

Tracy Harrod, GW Co. Hospital

Ed Murabito

Darin R. Ashenfelter

David Evans

Kristin Hutchison

William Bischof, Recycling

Marty Koffman & Kyle Koffman

Nancy McKenzie, GW Co. Hospital

Dr. Rob Hutchison

Call to Order

Chairman Shari Kaminska called the regular meeting of July 11, 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 and Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Hebb moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the regular minutes of June 27, 2016 with changes. Motion carried 2-0 (Liebau abstained).

Public Forum

Marty and Kyle Koffman requested the county put smaller gravel on Road 22 between Junebug and Hawk. Don Sanders said he will check into it.

Doug Ritz encouraged everyone to attend the Candidate Forum at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the West Elk auditorium. He also alleged that there was theft going on in the county and needed to be addressed. Commissioner Kaminska said it will be investigated.

Commissioner Kaminska said she received a call from Brian Hind, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Greenwood County. He was very appreciative of the support of our Road and Emergency Preparedness Departments during the recent tornado cleanup in their county.

Agenda Addition

Commissioner Kaminska said a discussion on the 10:00 a.m. fence viewing will be added to the agenda at 1:30 today.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kaminska moved to go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel at 1:18 p.m. and resume to regular session at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fence Viewing

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with a discussion on the earlier fence viewing with the commissioners and Counselor Paul Dean in attendance, as well as landowners Ed Murabito and Darin Ashenfelter. The commissioners found the fence in question was not sufficient to hold livestock. Ashenfelter has already built his ½ of fence. The commissioners found Ed Murabito liable to build a sufficient fence on his half. Murabito said he should have it cleared within a month and will solicit bids for fencing to be done within 3 months. He will allow Ashenfelter's cattle to cross onto his property until the fence is completed.

Appraiser

Teresa Wells, Deputy Appraiser, said the department is currently viewing property in the Howard City area.

Recycling

William Bischof said cardboard is currently selling high and he is hoping people will bring it in.

Register of Deeds

Neva Walter turned in the Register of Deeds report for June. There were 38 instruments recorded with a total deposit of \$3,146.85.

Howard Twilight Manor Remodeling

Two architects have been asked to present their proposed remodeling plans at special meetings:

July 19th at 2:00 – Sean Clapp of Heckman & Associates

July 21st at 2:00 – Doug Allison of TEAM Architects, LLC

Health

Kandy Dowell said Beverly Signer has been helping in the Road Department in Sharon's absence.

Maintenance

Joe Love said Foley Cat will do a load test on the generator that runs the Sheriff's Office. The Fire Marshall was here last month and was very clear that the test be run soon.

The courthouse roof is done and the bees removed. There was \$1,200.00 difference in the bid for added work around the bell tower where there was a lot of erosion damage.

The new 911 system is operating in the Sheriff's Office.

Howard Twilight Manor

Greenwood County Hospital Representatives were present to discuss possibly leasing space to move the Greenwood County Clinic of Howard into a wing of Twilight Manor as they have outgrown their current space. They would like to add x-ray services and possibly physical therapy and other specialty services. The county would need to remodel the space and the hospital would furnish it. The hospital would also hire their own architects to design their space

needs. They will pay rent and all utilities. Commissioner Kaminska said she would like to talk with the Moline Rural Health Clinic and perhaps have a public forum to get input on the proposition.

Road Department

Don Sanders reported a new landowner put a fence across east of road 9 on Junebug. The road is not a closed road. The landowner took the dead end sign down and put it on the gate. The commissioners instructed the road department to send a letter stating that it is a public road and he needs to take his gate down.

Regarding brush spraying, Sanders said Jared Wiseman will be taking the test offered in the Fall.

Emergency Preparedness

Byrdee Miller gave the following information for volunteers and donations regarding the tornado at Eureka:

The volunteer reception center is at Eureka High School, 815 N. Jefferson.

Send checks to: UWFH, Eureka Tornado Fund

702 Commercial St.

Emporia, KS 66801

Call 211 for other donations.

Howard Twilight Manor Purchase

Counselor Paul Dean said he will be forwarding the purchase contract to Marla Foster Ware, Howard City's attorney.

Tax Sale

Counselor Dean said there were probably enough delinquent properties to merit a tax sale.

Budget Workshop

Commissioner Kaminska asked the clerk to set up a budget workshop meeting with the new auditor.

Policy

Commissioner Kaminska would like a policy in the handbook regarding Medicare eligible employees & dependents payment of insurance.

Break

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to break for 10 minutes, the regular meeting to resume at 3:12 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to go into executive session until 3:30 with Counselor Paul Dean and Joe Love in attendance to discuss nonelected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to go into executive session at 3:35 and return to regular session at 3:42 p.m. with Teresa Wells and Counselor Paul Dean in attendance to discuss nonelected personnel. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken from either executive session.

Bee Removal

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to put a note of thanks in the paper to Rick Bunyard for removing the bees in the courthouse roof at no charge. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$120,103.01. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$194,132.02. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatements - none.

Treasurer's Budget Request

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Hebb seconded the motion to tentatively approve the Treasurer's proposed 2017 budget of \$71,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Shari Kaminska, Chairman

Vicky D. Wedman
Elk County Clerk

Gary D. Hebb, District II

K.R. Liebau, District III