

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

10:30 a.m. – Road 433 Viewing
1:00 p.m. – Road 433 Closing Hearing
1:10 p.m. – Opening of Demolition Bids for 809 E. Elk, Howard

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:20 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

1:10 p.m. – Public Forum
1:25 p.m. – Department Reports

Old Business:
Communication Tower

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Elk County Radiological Emergency Response Plan
2:30 p.m. – Road Discussion Road 27 and Limestone
2:45 p.m. – Portable Light Tower Use Agreement
3:00 p.m. – Council on Aging – Joan Murphy
3:15 p.m. – Michael Beckerman – Road Opening
3:30 p.m. –
3:45 p.m. –
4:00 p.m. – Commissioner Discussion

Abatements: RE20-26, PP20-27, PP20-28, PP20-29

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Road 433 Viewing

Chairman Evans called the Road 433 viewing to order at 10:30 a.m. at the south end of the site on Settler Road. Commissioners Evans, Kaminska and Coble were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod, Don Sanders, Kirsten Ruehman, and John Hughes. Discussion was had to close all that portion of Road 433 in the East ½ of Section 19, Township 28S, Range 13E for its entire length between Settler and Turkey Road. It was discovered that a piece of said road in Section 30 was not listed on the petition. This will be addressed at the road closing hearing at 1:00 p.m. today.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I
Alan Coble, District II
David Evans, District III (Chairman)

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod
County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD
Don Sander, Public Works
Jenifer Clatt, EMS
Joe Mueller, EMS
Kandy Dowell, Health
Doreen Koop
Wally Wakefield

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire
Beth Koehler, EM
Ken Mitchell, EMS
William Bischof, Recycling
Roland Meisch
Michael Beckerman
Jaylean Wakefield

Road 433 Closing Hearing

Chairman Evans called the Road 433 closing hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Discussion was had regarding the legal description that was published. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to suspend the hearing on the road closure pending arrival of County Counselor Paul Dean. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

William Bischof would like to thank the Road & Bridge Department for helping repair the Recycling Department's forklift. The Kansas County Commissioners Association conference will be held in Liberal, Ks. this May.

Road 433 Closing Hearing Continued

Discussion was had regarding the publication not including Section 30 in the description. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to publish a petition to close a portion of Road 433 that lies in Section 30 and have the hearing on March 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to close that portion of Road 433 that lies in Section 19 as per the publication. Motion carried 3-0.

Opening of Demolition Bids

The County received two bids for the demolition project located at 809 E. Elk Street in Howard, Kansas. The bids were from Doreen Koop in the amount of \$48,724.50 and Meisch Dirt Construction in the amount of \$14,850.00. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to accept the bid from Meisch Dirt Construction in the amount of \$14,850.00. Motion carried 3-0. The Commission would like to thank both companies for their bids.

Close of Road Hearing 1:25 p.m.

Open of Regular Meeting

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve the regular minutes of February 10, 2020 as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Ken Mitchell stated he and Joe Mueller attended the Guardians of the Heart Conference and it was very educational. Mr. Mitchell presented an agreement from the State to appoint Dr. Hutchison as Elk County's Medical Director. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to sign the agreement with the Kansas Board of EMS appointing Dr. Joe Hutchison as Elk County's Medical Director. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders stated Wes Kelly has started hauling rock and hauled 976 ton of rock Friday on Road 10 south of Highway 160. On Thursday and Friday 2500 ton of rock was hauled to Limestone east of the quarry. Three additional beaver were trapped on Road 10 and Turkey bringing the total to thirteen.

Maintenance

Don Sanders stated stairs are being made to go in the Extension Office basement.

Emergency Management

Beth Koehler stated the Active Shooter Training was held Friday with 14 people in attendance. The Storm Fury Session will be held this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and next week will be the Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. The State wide tornado test will be on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Communication Tower

Beth Koehler stated Dave with Action Communication will be here Wednesday to do his part of the radio programming and Steve Hall will coordinate with Danny Signer, Rob Wolfe, and Todd Winscher for his part of the radio programming. The combiner is estimated to ship on March 5, 2020 and will take approximately two weeks to get to Action.

Elk County Radiological Emergency Response Plan

Beth Koehler stated the County needs to have a plan in place since it was within the fifty-mile radius of the Wolf Creek Station. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adopt the Radiological Emergency Response Plan as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Discussion Road 27 and Limestone

Don Sanders stated there is a road that was closed or abandoned back in the 1930's. This would be Limestone Road straight East of Busby. No maintenance has been done on this road and it is in very poor condition. The oil trucks were not able to haul in and out and there is a landowner at the end of the road with school aged children that will be landlocked if this road is not maintained. Mr. Sanders said rock has been hauled to at least make it passable until the road issue can be addressed. Paul Dean will prepare a petition to open the road for the next meeting.

Portable Light Tower Use Agreement

Beth Koehler presented an agreement to allow communities to use the portable light tower for public events. Mrs. Koehler will be the contact person for interested parties. Todd Winscher will inspect the light tower when it is returned. A few modifications need to be made to the agreement and will be presented at the next meeting.

Road 4 Discussion

Michael Beckerman, Wally Wakefield and Jaylean Wakefield were present to discuss the status of the access road to the Judy property. Mr. Beckerman stated the title company is having a problem with property lines. Mr. Wakefield stated the attorneys are working on the issue and they are trying to finish things up as quickly as possible. Paul Dean suggested they have a boundary line agreement done and that should help finish things up.

Break 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to take a 5-minute break. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:45 p.m.

Council on Aging

Joan Murphy requested an early distribution of \$5,000. Discussion was had regarding the distribution. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to give early distribution of \$5,000 to the Elk County Council on Aging to be done by Thursday. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss purchase of real estate with Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:10 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 3:20 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go in to executive session for 5-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Sanders and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:25 p.m.

No action taken.

Abatements

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve abatements RE20-26, PP20-27, PP20-28, and PP20-29. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

The warrant fund totals are as follows:

County General \$33,803.07, Ambulance \$1,560.62, Election \$95.00, Fire Equipment Reserve \$8,000.00, Rural Fire District \$270.84, Health \$488.36, Road \$28,184.06, Noxious Weed \$632.68, Kansas 911 \$297.95. Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$73,332.58. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)