

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2020

Due to the Courthouse beginning closed to the public please go to <https://zoom.us/j/634092308> select join meeting and enter meeting ID# 634-092-308

1:00 p.m. – Road 433 Closing Hearing

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:05 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
March 16, 2020 Special Meeting
March 19, 2020 Special Meeting

1:10 p.m. – Public Forum

1:25 p.m. – Department Reports

Ambulance

Appraiser

Emergency Preparedness

Health

Public Works

Register of Deeds

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

Old Business:

Communication Tower

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Solid Waste Plan

2:15 p.m. – Mental Health Discussion

2:30 p.m. – Windfarm Discussion

2:45 p.m. – Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel

3:00 p.m. – Coronavirus Discussion

3:15 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. –

3:45 p.m. – Commissioner Discussion

Abatements: PP20-34

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Don Sanders, Public Works

Kandy Dowell, Health

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Teresa Wells, Appraiser Office

Brenda Coble

John Walker, SO

Beth Koehler, EM

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Deanna Jones

Brian Plymesser

Road Closing Hearing

Chairman Evans called the road closing hearing for Road 433 to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse. Commissioners Evans, Kaminska and Coble were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The road to be closed is known as Road 433 which is all that portion of Road 433 in the East ½ of Section 30, Township 28S, Range 13E for its entire length between the North boundary line of Section 30, thence South to the North right-of-way of Settler Road.

Closing of Hearing

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to close the road closing hearing. Motion carried 3-0.

Regular Meeting 1:05 p.m.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve the regular minutes of March 9, 2020, special meeting minutes of March 16, 2020 and special meeting minutes of March 19, 2020 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Ken Mitchell stated the State did send down some supplies and they are fully stocked now.

Emergency Preparedness

Beth Koehler stated there are small business loans available for small businesses. Southern Kansas Telephone has set up hot spots for internet to assist the schools. FEMA has come out with public assistance for government agencies. A big thank you to all the fire fighters for all their help with spring burning season. The Commission would like to thank SKT for helping out the schools.

Health

Kandy Dowell will be doing WIC remotely. Mrs. Dowell stated Elk County does not have any cases of the Coronavirus at this time.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders stated 500 foot of guardrail and metal posts has been purchased from a vendor in Cedar Vale and twelve 3500-pound cement blocks from a local vendor to be used on repairs on a bridge on Limestone east of Busby. Mr. Sanders said work on Quail Road east of Road 23 and Dove Road east of Road 28 will start in a couple of days. Mr. Sanders stated the Road Department employees are working overtime and an extra grader has been leased to give the department a total of eight graders in service.

Recycling

Don Sanders stated recycling has stopped at this time due to the Fredonia recycling center being shut down. Mr. Sanders said cardboard from local business will still be picked up on a daily basis.

Rural Fire

Producers are asked to reduce the total numbers of acres they burn do to COVID-19 and the respiratory issues it causes.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware would like to keep the zoom meetings in place for the public even after meetings open back up. The Commission stated they would be okay with keeping the zoom meetings in place.

Communication Tower

Beth Koehler stated the combiner has not yet shipped.

Solid Waste Plan

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve the Solid Waste Plan as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Mental Health

A discussion was had regarding mental health issues in the jail.

Windfarm Discussion

A discussion was had regarding a situation that happened at the windfarm. It was agreed upon that Commissioner Kaminska will be the point of contact from this time forward. Brian Plymessenger stated there is a possibility of a donations from Enel of \$5,000 to be used for the pandemic. The Commission would like to see the money go to the Ministry Alliance Food Pantry to help individuals in need. The Commission would like to thank Mr. Plymessenger and Enel for everything they do for Elk County.

Break 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to take a 10-minute break. Motion carried 3-0

Back in session 2:25 p.m.

Resolution #20-06

The Road 433 closing was discussed in the road closing hearing. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adopt resolution 20-06 to close all that portion of Road 433 in the East ½ of Section 30, Township 28S, Range 13E for its entire length between the North boundary line of Section 30, thence South to the North right-of-way of Settler Road. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:33 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:38 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to compensate Marla Ware as a vender at a rate of \$15.00 an hour for her duties as the County's PIO. Motion carried 3-0.

Coronavirus Discussion

Discussion was had regarding the modification of the courthouse employees' hours due to the coronavirus. A resolution was reviewed and will be on the county website at www.elkcountyks.org and the Prairie Star for the public to view. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 20-07 to modify courthouse operations and restricting public access to the courthouse.

Abatement

Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve abatement number PP20-34. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

The warrant fund totals are as follows:

County General \$10,370.55, Ambulance \$1,376.54, Election \$48.16, Fire Equipment Reserve \$4,375.00, Rural Fire Dist. \$829.26, Health \$240.00, Mental Health \$23,909.24, Intellectually Disabled \$16,863.86, Road \$108,204.67, Service Program for the Elderly \$31,471.50, Special Bridge \$21,241.06, Noxious Weed \$12,912.19, Kansas 911 \$304.97. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$232,147.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:48 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)