

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
OCTOBER 31, 2022

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting October 11, 2022

1:05 p.m. – Public Forum

1:10 p.m. – Department Reports

Old Business:

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Event Center Report

Wage Scale

Road Closing Petition Rock Rd between Rd23 & Rd 21

New Business

2:00 p.m. – 4 County Mental Health - Greg Hennen

2:15 p.m. – Contract for Sale and Purchase – USD 282

2:30 p.m. – Day Insurance Solutions – Scott Day

2:45 p.m. – Ambulance Finance Proposals

3:00 p.m. – Executive Session Non-Elected Personal-ROD

3:15 p.m. – Public Works Building

3:45 p.m. – Commission Discussion

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Beth Koehler, EM

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Mel Lyman, S.O.

John Franks, S.O.

John Walker, Sheriff

Perry Russell

Joann Hunter, City of Howard

Eric Watts, EM

Jenifer Clatt, EMS

Todd Winscher, R Fire

Teresa Wells, Deputy Appraiser

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Kaye Spooner

Call to Order

Chairman Hendricks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Kaminska, Hendricks and Liebau were all present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the special meeting minutes of October 18, 2022 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Kaye Spooner would like to count and compare all ballots to the machine totals. Mrs. Spooner stated she does not like all the ballots being counted in a central location.

EMS

Ken Mitchell stated the new ambulance and the new cot will be delivered November 14, 2022.

Sheriff

Melody Lynam presented the report for September. Mrs. Lynam stated all the shredding has been completed. The Dodge Durango has been delivered and is waiting on decals to be put on. Dispatcher Lauren Goyne has given her two weeks notice to quit. Mary Ellerman has been hired as a new dispatcher.

Health

Kandy Dowell stated she has been administering flu shots and covid-19 boosters.

Emergency Management

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to apply for the 2022 EMPG grant in the amount of \$6,435.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the monthly report for September. They had a total of 52 instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$3,554.50.

County Clerk

All bills for the new EMS/Health Facility will be split 75% EMS and 25% Health Department.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders presented reports. Mr. Sanders stated there was a fencing issue on Road 31 and Settler but it has been resolved. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to accept the low bid for the bridge at Road 18 and Oxen from Bridge's Inc. The County's share will be \$142,300. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Sanders stated he used the KCAMP grant to pay for the replacement bumper on the county truck.

Recycling

Mr. Sanders stated the recycling department might need to go to a 5 day a week job.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated the department received \$15,000 grant money and will be purchasing four sets of turn out gear.

Wage Scale

A wage scale was presented to the Commission for elected officials. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adopt the revised wage scale for elected officials. The changes will be effective on the November payroll. Motion carried 2-1 Kaminska.

Four County Mental Health

Greg Hennen presented plans for a mental health facility to be built west of the EMS/Health Facility. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to commit to donate land for the Four County Mental Health to build a Mental Health Clinic in Howard, Kansas adjacent to our new EMS/Health Facility on Elk Street subject to a survey and also subject to resention if Four County does not proceed with the clinic. Motion carried 3-0.

Days Insurance Solutions

Scott Day presented renewal options for county health insurance. Mr. Day will send off for quotes from Atnea and Blue Cross and Blue Shield for level funded plans. Mr. Day will be back of November 14, 2022 to present those quotes.

Contract for Sale & Purchase – USD 282

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the contract of the sale of the land to USD 282 in the amount of \$10,000 plus splitting the cost of the title work. Motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Finance Proposals

Ken Mitchell presented proposals for the new ambulance. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to finance the 2023 Osage Ambulance through the Howard State Bank with an interest rate of 4.2% for 5 years. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Works Building

Don Sanders presented plans for a new public works building. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to move forward with contacting Dressler Construction and move forward with the plans. Motion carried 3-0.

Letter of Support

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to sign the letter of support for transit transportation. Motion carried 3-0.

Letter of Support

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to sign the letter of support for Four County transportation. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 3:35 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:35 p.m.

No action taken.

Fence Viewing Request

Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to hold a fence viewing on November 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 2-1 Kaminska.

Commissioner Kaminska left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Executive Session 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters with County Counselor Paul Dean not to return to open session until 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 4:05 p.m.

No action taken.

Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$142,894.01 with the exception of check number 41767 until itemized invoice is complete. Motion carried 2-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$220,737.59. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:17 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II (Chairman)

Jake Liebau, District III