

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2020

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – January 13, 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. – Steve - Advantage Computer

2:30 p.m. – John Hughes - Road Closure Petition

2:45 p.m. – Tornado Sirens

3:00 p.m. – East Elk Street Property

3:15 p.m. – KWORC Inspection

3:30 p.m. – Courthouse Generator

3:45 p.m. – Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel

4:00 p.m. – Commissioner Discussion

Abatements: RE20-13,RE20-14,RE20-15,RE20-16, OIL 20-17, 20-18, 20-19, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

David Evans, District III (Chairman)

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Don Sanders, Public Works

Beth Koehler, EM

Jenifer Clatt, EMS

John Hughes

William Bischof, Recycling

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Steve Prasko, Advantage Computer

Call to Order:

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse.

Commissioners Evans, Kaminska and Coble were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2020 as amended. Motion carried 2-0.

Public Forum

The County will be hosting a retirement party for Glenn Blackburn for his 39 plus years of service on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Elk County Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 pm. The initial map review meeting for the Verdigris River will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cox Building.

Emergency Management

Beth Koehler stated the Active Shooter Class will be Friday, February 21, 2020. Ms. Koehler will submit an application for access to the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). This will give the County the ability to send out messages that can hit multiple platforms at one time.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders stated he has been looking into contract rock hauling. Discussion was had and the Commission would like Mr. Sanders to get a few bids.

There have been two employees that have received their Class A CDLs. Mr. Sanders presented the payroll changes. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to increase the wages of Brent DeWitt and Jeremy Sutton each by \$1.00 an hour for acquiring their Class A CDLs. This would increase Brent Dewitt's hourly wage to \$13.70 and Jeremy Sutton's hourly wage to \$13.43. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Sanders stated he would like to purchase a 333G John Deere Track Loader with auger and post driver attachments. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to purchase a 2019 John Deere 333G Skid Steer with a auger and post driver from Murphy Tractor & Equipment at a cost of \$81,000, \$40,000 of which will come out of the Road Special Equipment Fund and the remaining \$41,000 will be paid out of the 2020 Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried 2-0.

Discussion was had regarding the chip seal roads in Grenola and Elk Falls. Mr. Sanders will be attending their next City Council meetings to discuss some of their road issues.

Maintenance

Mr. Sanders stated there is some small waterline issues dealing with old plumbing at the Sheriff's Office.

Recycling

There were 27 bales totaling 35,520lbs of cardboard sold last week.

Communication Tower

Beth Koehler stated we are still waiting on the frequencies for the license. Mrs. Koehler said she has spoken to both Hall's Communications and Action regarding quotes for the radio reprogramming. The quotes are the same at \$85.00 an hour. Mrs. Koehler stated some departments will go with Hall's Communications and some will go with Action. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to authorize the reprogramming of radios to include City Fire, Rural Fire, Sheriff, EMS, and EM at a rate of \$85.00 an hour plus mileage through either Action Communications or Hall's Communications. Motion carried 2-0.

Advantage Computer

Steve Prasko with Advantage Computer was here to discuss IT issues the County has been experiencing. Discussion was had with the Commission and Department Heads regarding changes they would like to see in the service. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to engage with Advantage Computer for the additional Manage Service Provider (MSP) at a cost of \$8,740.00 which will have an annual renewal fee of \$6,240.00. Motion carried 2-0. Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to renew the annual contract with Advantage Computer for the prepaid support contract in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried 2-0.

Road Closure Petition

John Hughes presented a petition to close Road 433. Discussion was had regarding the condition of the road and the lack of use of the road over the years. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to publish a petition to vacate 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 and set the viewing for February 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the south end of the site. Motion carried 2-0. The hearing will be held Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse.

Break 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to take a 5-minute break. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 2:45 p.m.

Tornado Sirens

Beth Koehler stated testing of the sirens will be done on the first Monday of each month. The January testing showed that the Elk Falls Siren did not work and the Moline Siren was having issues. The City of Moline asked Mrs. Koehler to contact Blue Valley Public Safety to assess their siren. Joe Mueller will relocate the antenna for the Elk Falls Siren as it appears that may be the issue.

East Elk Street Property

Commissioner Kaminska filled out the tax exemption paperwork on 809 E. Elk for the Appraiser's Office. Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to take sealed bids for the complete demolition of all structures at 809 E. Elk, Howard. The bids will be opened on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:10 p.m. at the Commission Meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

KWORCC Inspection

Jes Phannenstiel with KWORCC conducted a loss prevention analysis of the County. Kerry Harrod presented the findings to the Commission to be signed and returned back to KWORCC.

Courthouse Generator

Don Sanders stated he will start working with contractors to install the generator. The electrical installation will be the biggest issue with the switch over to the Courthouse.

Executive Session 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal matters with Don Sanders and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 3:10 p.m.

No action taken.

Commissioner Discussion

Southeast Kansas Works will be at Sweet & Spicy. There will be a legislative delegation at the Swinging Bridge Café on February 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. sponsored by the Elk County Farm Bureau.

Executive Session 3:50 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Kerry Harrod, Rachel Ware and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 4:00 p.m.

No action taken.

Abatements

Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve the following abatements; Real Estate 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, Oil 20-17, 20-18, 20-19, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24. Motion carried 2-0.

Warrants

The warrant fund totals are as follows:

County General \$11,110.25, Ambulance \$481.45, Fire Equipment Reserve \$503.39, Rural Fire District \$45.28, Health \$999.97, Road \$27,358.75, Special Bridge \$1,092.86, Kansas 911 \$2,225.51, EMPG \$4,000.00.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$47,817.46. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to pay the warrant in the amount of 38,231.00 for the purchase of 809 E. Elk in Howard, Ks. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Not Present
Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)