

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

June 30, 2025

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2025

Public Forum

Department Reports

Ambulance

Appraiser

Emergency Management

Health

Public Works

Register of Deeds

Community Development

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

County Attorney

Old Business:

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

New Business

2:00 p.m.

Bill Barnaby - Questions

Recycling – Shirley Black

2026 County Budget Requests

Executive Session Legal – Road OS 13.5-R.1 Right of Way Acquisition

Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel - Treasurer

Commission Discussion

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III

County Counselor: Paul Dean

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk

Erica Cordell, EM

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Kandy Dowell, Health

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Bill Barnaby

Don Sanders, Public Works

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Diane Cucar, Community Development

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Erin Meador, District Court

Shirley Black

Call to Order

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

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

Emergency Management

Erica Cordell attended the Healthcare Coalition meeting in Chanute on June 24, 2025. Ms. Cordell stated both Elk Valley and West Elk schools have received Stop the Bleed wall kits provided through the Homeland Security Council. The County received the LEPC 2024 compliance approval letter. The next LEPC meeting will be July 17, 2025 at 6:30p.m. at the Cox Building. The Regional Table Top in Chanute will be on July 9, 2025 from 9-12p.m.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont presented the report for June 2025. There were 17 total runs with total collections being \$2,635.47. Ms. Beaumont requested an executive session for non-elected personnel.

#### Appraiser

Chris Miller presented the Kimble Mapping Agreement. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the Kimble Mapping Agreement in the amount of \$6,000. The Sheriff will pay \$1,500 and the Appraiser's Office will pay \$4,500. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for May 2025. They had a total of 51 instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$2,699.75.

#### Community Development

Diane Cucar stated the water is turned off at 300 N. Plum in Moline due to a water leak. Ms. Cucar will be having weekly meetings for the website.

#### County Clerk

Kerry Harrod stated the 2026 Budget Prep and the 2024 Audit Delivery will be July 14, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

#### Executive Session 1:20 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wages with EMS Director Gillian Beaumont and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:25 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to increase Taylor Dory's hourly wage due to going part-time from \$13.50hr to \$16.97hr. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 2026 County Budget Requests

Kerry Harrod presented the County Departments Budget Requests for 2026.

#### Executive Session 1:29 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal issues to discuss right of ways with Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:39 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:39 p.m.

No action taken.

#### Bill Barnaby – Questions

Bill Barnaby would like Chairman Hendricks to drive Road 31 to Harvest to June Bug on a rainy day or right after a rain. Mr. Barnaby stated the railroad damaged about six miles of road while working. The railroad told Mr. Barnaby they would repair the road when they were finished working. Mr. Barnaby was told by the railroad that the County would not let them fix the road. Mr. Barnaby would like to know why the County is turning down free rock and labor. Don Sanders stated he did speak to the railroad. Mr. Sanders said the railroad was doing damage to the road and not fixing it correctly. Mr. Barnaby asked Chairman Hendricks if he could tell him when the road would be fixed. Chairman Hendricks said no he could not because he was not the road boss. Mr. Sanders stated the road was not a priority and he would not give Mr. Barnaby an answer.

#### Recycling – Shirley Black

The county is having a problem with people not using the program correctly. Discussion was had regarding possible solutions to the problem. Shirley Black presented an article she would like to publish in the paper and on the county website.

#### Executive Session 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wages with County Treasurer Rachel Ware and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:11 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:11 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to increase Kristina Kraft's hourly wage from \$18.58hr to \$18.95hr for her annual review. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Commissioner Discussion

Chairman Hendricks asked Don Sanders if Road 31 to Harvest to June Bug was that bad. Mr. Sanders stated it goes through stages and there is a problem at June Bug where the water sits out on the road and the ditches are plowed shut but it just is not a priority at this time. Mr. Sanders stated the road itself needs to be completely rebuilt.

#### Payroll

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$272,754.23. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Warrants

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$308,628.61. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

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Kerry E. Harrod  
Elk County Clerk

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Perry Russell, District I

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Doug Hendricks, District II(Chairman)

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Jake Liebau, District III