

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2022

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Fence Viewing – 10:00 a.m. Meet at Indigo & Road 30.

1:00 p.m. – Fence Viewing Hearing

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:10 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting November 28, 2022

1:10 p.m. – Public Forum

1:15 p.m. – Department Reports

Old Business:

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Event Center Report

Wage Scale

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Kansas Dept of Revenue - Property Valuation Division

2:30 p.m. – Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel - EM

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

3:00 p.m. – Executive Session Legal – Hendricks

3:15 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. – Commission Discussion

Abatements: RE22-097, PP22-091, PP22-092, PP22-093, PP22-099, PP22-100,TK22-094, TK22-095, TK22-096

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:

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Jenifer Clatt, EMS

Jill Gillett, Co Atty

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Teresa Wells, Deputy Appraiser

William Bischof

Verlon Saxton

Greg Drechsler

Don Sanders, Public Works

Beth Koehler, EM

John Walker, Sheriff

Todd Winscher, R Fire

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser

Kaye Spooner

Lisa Townsley

Connie Hey

Marlin Baumgartel

Fence Viewing

Chairman Hendricks called the fence viewing hearing 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.

Discussion was had regarding the fence between 4 B Ranch and SKOL Railroad located at Section 21, Township 30, Range 10. The landowner and tenants of the 4 B Ranch have been repairing the fence for many years. The fence is now in disrepair and needs to be rebuilt. It is the railroads responsibility to build the fence. Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to notify SKOL Railroad that the fence at section 21, Township 30, Range 10 needs to be brought up to Elk County's fence standards within 60 days starting February 1, 2023. Motion carried 2-0 Kaminska abstained. County Counselor Paul Dean will prepare the order.

Fence viewing hearing closed at 1:10 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Hendricks called the meeting to order at 1:10 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 November 28, 2022 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Ken Mitchell presented the November 2022 report. There were 25 total runs with total collections being \$24,247.71. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to sign the grant application for a KRAF grant for a stair chair with the grant being a 75% grant. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Mitchell stated #205 is in the shop at Rusty Eck for a new motor.

Sheriff

John Walker would like to make a secure impound yard with a fence around it to hold seized vehicles. Sheriff Walker stated the toy drive is going well. There will be a TIM's class on December 15, 2022 at the Cox Building. The north jail cells do not have water. Parts have been ordered and will come out of the maintenance budget to repair the north jail cells water issue. Sheriff Walker would like a resolution to increase the storage to \$20.00 a day after the first 24 hours and a \$35.00 processing fee. Sheriff Walker would also like another resolution for a \$45.00 booking and processing fee. County Counselor Paul Dean will prepare these resolutions.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated the Fire Chief from Atlanta said their board meeting is tonight and he will have an answer if he can purchase the truck. If the purchase does not happen Mr. Winscher will list it with Purple Wave. Mr. Winscher and Nick Miller will be working on a match grant through the Forestry Service.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware presented a list of outstanding checks. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to cancel the outstanding checks and put the money back into the fund from which it was paid. Motion carried 3-0.

Kansas Department of Revenue

Property Valuation Division went over the 2022 compliance review with the County Commission.

Appraiser

Jeremy McCully stated Chloe Zamon was hired for the data collector position and will start December 19, 2022.

County Clerk

Kerry Harrod asked the Commission if the \$25.00 paid for the Christmas party would be reimbursed if the employee and spouse did not attend. The commission said the money would not be reimbursed due to the County already paying for the meals and they did RSVP.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders presented work reports from the past two weeks. Mr. Sanders would like guard rail installed for the Safety Program this year.

Public Works Building

Greg Drechsler of Drechsler Construction and Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders presented a payment schedule for the construction of the new building. This should be a 120-day project. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to sign the document provided by Drechsler Construction setting out the payment terms for the County's Public Works building. Motion carried 3-0.

Property Tax Impact Statement

Verlon Saxton stated his concerns regarding his taxes being so high on his new storage unit building. Commissioner Kaminska stated the County does not set the assessed rate for commercial property, the State of Kansas does. The Commission would like for everyone to see the breakdown of their taxes on their statements, because all the property tax paid does not go to the County it is distributed out to different entities.

Property Deeds from 2022 Tax Sale

Marlin Baumgartel would like to know when he would be receiving his deeds to the properties, he purchased at the tax sale back in October. County Counselor Paul Dean stated the order just got filed and approved by the court on Friday. Mr. Dean stated the deeds should be out in a few weeks.

Executive Session 3:16 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel including Emergency Manager Beth Koehler and County Counselor Paul Dean not to return to open session before 3:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:30 p.m.

No action taken.

Recess 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess for 5-minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:35 p.m.

Executive Session 3:36 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Emergency Manager Beth Koehler and will not return to open session before 3:51 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:51 p.m.
No action taken.

Executive Session 3:55 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and legal matters to include Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean not to return to open session before 4:10 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 4:10 p.m.
No action taken.

Executive Session 4:15 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel not to return to open session before 4:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 4:25 p.m.
No action taken.

Abatements

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to approve abatements RE22-097, PP22-091, PP22-092, PP22-093, PP22-099, PP22-100, TK22-094, TK22-095, TK22-096. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to pay the regular warrants in the amount of \$180,680.11, a batch of warrants in the amount of \$9,756.84, and \$2,453.00 that total \$183,003.68. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the November payroll in the amount of \$242,733.45. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 4:51 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel not to return to open session until 4:53 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 4:53 p.m.
No action taken.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II (Chairman)

Jake Liebau, District III