

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

February 26, 2024

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – February 12, 2024

1:05 p.m. – Public Forum

1:10 p.m. – Department Reports

Ambulance	Rural Fire
Appraiser	Sheriff
Emergency Management	Treasurer
Health	County Counselor
Public Works	County Clerk
Register of Deeds	County Attorney
Community Development	

Old Business:

Courthouse HVAC and Windows

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Real Estate Purchase Agreement for Moline UMC

2:15 p.m. – Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel (Clerk)

2:30 p.m. –

2:45 p.m. – Commission Discussion

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: Presidential Preference Primary Election March 19, 2024, SEK District Meeting April 25, 2024,

Election Canvass March 27, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m., County Audit April 15 & 16, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Erica Cordell, EM

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Shari Kaminska, Community Development

Kaye Spooner

Don Sanders, Public Works

John Walker, Sheriff

Kandy Dowell, Health

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Call to Order

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

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Kaye Spooner stated she attended the meet and greet Saturday at the Swinging Bridge Café. Ms. Spooner spoke with our Senator and Representative regarding elections.

EMS

Ken Mitchell stated 2 employees went to the Guardians of the Heart Conference last week. The newer ambulance is going to the shop tomorrow. It has a misfire on the number six cylinder. The ambulance is still under warranty.

Emergency Management

Erica Cordell stated Dave with Action Communications found 2 blown fuses in the charging modules on the Grenola tower. They will do another test on Thursday to see if the batteries are staying charged. Ms. Cordell will be attending workshop and exercises at the Operational Coordination Symposium in Wichita on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Storm Spotters training is on Thursday at the Cox Building at 6:30 p.m.

Health

Kandy Dowell stated she and Kristi will be attending the Governor's Conference next week.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders stated the Gravel Road Maintenance Class will be March 6, 2024. An open house will be held on March 28, 2024 from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the new public works building.

Noxious Weed

Nick Miller is attending the Annual Noxious Weed Conference this week. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to rehire Gordon Everett at \$14.75 an hour in the Noxious Weed Department. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to rescind the motion from last meeting to purchase a 2021 F550 for \$73,284.00 from Century Trucks. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to purchase a 2022 F550 with 74,000 miles and \$25,000 warranty for \$68,274.81 from Century Trucks. Motion carried 3-0. The truck will be paid out of the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund and the Noxious Weed Department.

Maintenance

There have been no applications submitted for the maintenance position. Mr. Sanders would like to get bids for mowing and seasonal grounds work.

County Development

Shari Kaminska stated the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge will be Wednesday at Elk Valley. The trade show portion of the challenge is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated he is highly recommending individuals not to burn due to the dry conditions. The rescue truck in Moline needs a long block. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve Rural Fire to replace the motor in the Moline Rescue Truck. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion was had regarding putting a fuel tank at Grenola.

Sheriff

John Walker presented the report for January 2024. Deputy Young has finished the academy and is scheduled to work tonight.

1285 Evergreen Property

The contract has been signed by all parties and the termite inspection is scheduled for this Friday.

Real Estate Purchase Agreement for Moline UMC

Discussion was had regarding title insurance.

Executive Session 2:16 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess to executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wages to include County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean not to return to open session until 2:21 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:21 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to give Malarie Chamberlain a merit raise from \$14.49hr to \$15.50hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:25 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess to executive session for confidential data to discuss legal matters with Shari Kaminska and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:35 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:35 p.m.

No action taken.

Recess 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to take a 5-minute recess not to return to open session until 2:45 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:45 p.m.

Warrants

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$84,535.42. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$69,274.81. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$277,666.37. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III (Chairman)