

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

July 29, 2024

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – June 24, 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:

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

Property on Dove Road, Moline

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation & Adoption - EM

2:15 p.m. – Senior Center Budgets

2:30 p.m. – Executive Session Legal - Co Atty & Sheriff

3:00 p.m. – Executive Session Legal – Community Development

3:15 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. –

3:45 p.m. – Commission Discussion

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

Jake Liebau, District III

Deputy County Clerk: Stefni Hebb

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

Don Sanders, Public Works

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Erica Cordell, EM

John Beaumont, SO

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Jill Gillett, County Attorney

Bonnie Foged, City of Longton

Michael, Lawrence Accountability

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Kandy Dowell, Health

John Walker, Sheriff

Joe Love, SO

Shari Kaminska, Community Development

Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Babette Russell

Justin Spiehs

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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 Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the June 24, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the June 8, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Dr. Justin Spiehs expressed his concerns regarding having to state your name and destination to enter the courthouse, Sheriff John Walker, and Deputy Joe Love's false charges against him and one of his friends and

concerns of County Attorney Jill Gillett's leak of medical records in a certain case. Michael with Lawrence Accountability stated he has submitted KORA requests and there has been no response. He also stated Elk County has been violating the first and fourth amendment. John Dupuis expressed concerns regarding charges filed against him while at the Sheriff's Office with a friend. Kaye Spooner spoke about the digital disaster that happened on July 18, 2024 with Microsoft.

#### EMS

Gillian Beaumont stated she is working with US Cellular to get a quote.

#### Emergency Management

Erica Cordell stated she completed FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy in Topeka. Ms. Cordell attended the Homeland Security Meeting in Chanute on July 16, 2024. On July 18, 2024 Elk County hosted the monthly KEMA meeting in Howard and held the LEPC meeting. Ms. Cordell stated everything has been moved to Wholesale 23 radio tower and should all be working.

#### Health

Kandy Dowell invited the commission and other officials to the Kansas Public Health Roadshow September 10, 2024 at Eureka for lunch.

#### Public Works

##### Road

Don Sanders presented reports. The road grader that was wrecked will be totaled. Mr. Sanders stated 2019 FEMA money in the amount of \$333,691 has been received so the work on the Green Ranch Bridge can begin. Mr. Sanders said the Road 9 project is running a little behind schedule.

##### Noxious Weed

The old spray truck is not in service due to the slave cylinder being out.

##### Maintenance

The plumbing repairs will start on Monday in the Register of Deeds Office. The generator was moved from the courthouse to 300 N. Plum, Moline.

#### Community Development

Shari Kaminska stated Mr. Freese will finish up at 300 N. Plum, Moline in the next couple of days.

#### Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated he has a couple of trucks down. Mr. Winscher stated there was a couple of grass fires over the weekend.

#### Sheriff

John Walker stated insurance totaled out the Toyota that was wrecked and paid out \$23,295. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Toyota SR5 Tundra in the amount of \$54,379. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Walker stated \$30,000 will come out of the Sheriff Equipment Reserve Fund and the remaining balance will be paid out of the Sheriff's budget for the 2024 Toyota.

#### County Counselor

Paul Dean presented bids for the county tax foreclosure sale. Greenwood County Title \$50.00 per tract, Moon Title & Escrow LLC \$125.00 per tract and Security 1<sup>st</sup> Title \$125 per tract. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to accept the bid from Greenwood County Title \$50.00 per tract for the next tax foreclosure sale. Motion carried 3-0.

#### County Clerk

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to hold the Primary Election Canvass on August 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elk County Courthouse. Motion carried 3-0. The Alan Carpet 2022 invoices will be paid out of the County General Fund. The invoices were for the carpet that was installed in the Extension Office.

#### 1285 Evergreen, Moline

Shari Kaminska stated we did receive the first half of the grant funds last week. Ms. Kaminska will be working with SCKEDD to do the quarterly reporting. The surveying and clearing are completed.

#### Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation & Adoption

Erica Cordell presented the plan to the Commission. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adopt resolution 24-06 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 3-0.

#### ECCA-Senior Center Budgets

Discussion was had regarding the senior center budgets. The ECCA budget was increased \$10,000 to go to the senior centers. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to increase Howard Senior Center's distribution by \$7,500, Grenola Senior Center's distribution by \$500, Elk Falls Senior Center's distribution by \$1,000 and Longton Senior Center's distribution by \$1,000. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Recess 2:09 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess for 5 minutes not to return to open session until 2:14 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:14 p.m.

Executive Session 2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal to discuss security not to return to open session until 2:45 p.m. with County Counselor Paul Dean, County Attorney Jill Gillett, and Sheriff John Walker present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:45 p.m.  
No action taken.

Executive Session 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal to discuss real estate not to return to open session until 2:54 p.m. with County Counselor Paul Dean, and Shari Kaminska. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:54 p.m.  
No action taken.

Commission Discussion

Shari Kaminska stated Andy Miller from Wilson County received a USDA Grant for a meat processing plant.

Warrants

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$161,681.44. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$279,888.04. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:22 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

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Jake Liebau, District III (Chairman)