

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
September 30, 2024

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024
Special Meeting Minutes of September 19, 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. –Facility Conservation Improvement Program - Rick Pemberton with KCC
2:15 p.m. – Resolution for Housing Inmates
2:30 p.m. – Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Public Works
2:45 p.m. – Executive Session Confidential Data/Legal
3:00 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	County Counselor: Paul Dean County Clerk: Kerry Harrod
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Others: Don Sanders, Public Works Kelly Young, Undersheriff John Walker, Sheriff Jessica Kessler Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser Janet Harrington Tisha McNown	Rachel Ware, Treasurer Todd Winscher, Rural Fire Nick Miller, Noxious Weed Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer Tina Blackburn, S.O. Day Clerk Joe Mueller Rebekah Osburn
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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 Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the September 19, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0

Public Forum
Tisha McNown stated her son is serving in the US Navy and he is currently deployed close to China. This makes her extremely worried about his safety. She is proud of her son and his shipmates for their service and offering their lives as a sacrifice for all our freedoms. She would like to see the commission do better and uphold the Constitution of the United States that our soldiers are fighting for. She would like to see the button at the entrance of the

courthouse removed and the commissioner's meeting moved to a different time so tax payers could attend meetings without taking off work. Janet Harrington presented the Commissioners and County Clerk a booklet of the constitution of the United States and the declaration of independence. She stated she does not like the button and it should be removed.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont presented the report for August. There were 23 total runs with total collections being \$16,361.29. Mrs. Beaumont stated there has been a paramedic and an EMT apply for positions.

Emergency Management

Ericia Cordell attended the KEMA conference in Manhattan and the Homeland Security Council meeting in Chanutte. Ms. Cordell stated the EMPG was submitted and accepted by the State. Ms. Cordell and Kandy Dowell attended a training for basic pet sheltering in disaster held in Emporia. Ms. Cordell stated she and Mrs. Dowell are in the early stages of planning a preparedness fair. There will be a water shortage regional tabletop exercise in Chanutte on November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Public Works

Don Sanders stated all blading has stopped due to the dry conditions. The project on Road 9 is almost complete. The Green Ranch bridge was viewed and is currently being worked on. Mr. Sanders said the county should be getting a check from FEMA soon.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated the generator on the rescue truck is bad and he would like to replace it. The commission gave the ok to replace the generator.

Sheriff

John Walker said that Deputy Beaumont has went to part-time and a new deputy has been hired. Sheriff Walker stated Montgomery County contacted him on joining them and a few other counties for a grant through the government for radios. Sheriff Walker has selected Deputy Kelly to be his new undersheriff. Sheriff Walker would like an executive session later in the meeting for non-elected personnel.

Treasurer

Rachel Ware stated the name of fund 136 has changed from KPCCI Grant (Sheriff/DCCA) to ECCE Coalition (Elk County Community Empowerment). Mrs. Ware said nothing has changed within the fund only the name so it reflects the proper usage of the fund. Mrs. Ware has been working with Klenda Austerman LLC on the next tax sale.

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

No discussion.

Property on Dove Road, Moline

The property is under contract waiting to sign.

Facility Conservation Improvement Program – Rick Pemberton with KCC

No discussion.

Resolution for Housing Inmates

Sheriff Walker would like an updated resolution for the housing of inmates. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve resolution 2024-12. The resolution is for the County Commission of Elk County to establish a daily fee for the housing of inmates by outside agencies at the Elk County Jail at a rate of \$55.00 a day. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 1:21 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss performance review with Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:30 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the merit increase for Robert Miller from \$20.21hr to \$21.21hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the transfer of Aaron Kokesch from the Noxious Weed Department to the Maintenance Department with a wage increase from \$14.00hr to 16.50hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the merit increase for Julia Coble from \$13.82hr to 14.82hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 1:32 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss performance review with Sheriff Walker and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:37 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:37 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the promotion of Kelly Young to Undersheriff and increase her wage from \$16.53hr to \$18.53hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 1:39 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal confidential data with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:50 p.m.
No action taken.

Recess 1:53 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess and not to return to open session until 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:00 p.m.

Payroll

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$273,801.64. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$150,531.65. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:18 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)