

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
November 12, 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 October 28, 202- I did not get the minutes done.

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

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Bukaty Insurance – Derrick Dick

2:15 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. –

2:45 p.m. –

3:00 p.m. – Day Insurance Solutions – Scott Day

3:15 p.m. – Commission Discussion

Abatements:

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events: County Christmas Party December 13th @ 6:30p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II

County Counselor: Paul Dean

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

John Walker, Sheriff

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Bonnie Foged, Longton City Clerk

Scott Day, Day Insurance Solutions

Don Sanders, Public Works

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Erica Cordell, EM Director

Shari Kaminska, Community Development

Kaye Spooner

Derrick Dick, Bukaty Insurance

Call to Order

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

Minutes Approval

There were no minutes presented to approve.

Public Forum

Commissioner Hendricks would like to thank everyone who helped with the 2024 General Election. Kaye Spooner stated she was a poll watcher at the Longton polling site on election day.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont state a new prn paramedic was hired. There will be an employee out on FMLA for 6 weeks. Mrs. Beaumont is getting a quote on a blower motor for #205. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the hire of Alexander McWilliams as a prn paramedic at \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried 2-0.

Appraiser

Chris Miller presented a new NRP to the commission.

Emergency Management

Erica Cordell attended the Healthcare Coalition meeting in Chanute on October 29, 2024 and the monthly KEMA meeting in Allen County on November 5, 2024. On November 7, 2024 Erica Cordell, Commissioner Hendricks, Shari Kaminska, Kandy Dowell, and Jane Koster attended the Regional TTX exercise about water shortage in Chanute. This will credit the county toward the required exercises for the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant for 2024. All sirens passed the siren test on November 12, 2024. A reminder the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop will be this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Cox Building. Ms. Cordell would like to purchase a jetpack wireless router from Verizon and add the monthly cost of \$40.00 to her cell phone line. This will allow her to be able to work remotely at a call-out. The commission agreed that Ms. Cordell could purchase the jetpack wireless router.

Public Works

Don Sanders present an agreement with Montgomery County on hazardous waste to the commission. Mr. Sanders stated he would like to have Todd Winscher put up a fence around the county yard in Howard. Mr. Sanders would like an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss an employee review. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for household hazardous waste. Motion carried 2-0.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for October. They had a total of 43 instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$2,410.75.

Community Development

Shari Kaminska stated she has been working on the BASE Grant administration. The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge will be February 19, 2025 at West Elk.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher presented a bid on a 1988 Hemmt 8x8 10-ton truck in the amount of \$35,000. The truck if purchased would be housed in Howard. Mr. Winscher stated he has the funds to purchase the truck. The commission will wait to decide until all commissioners are present.

Sheriff

John Walker hired Teely Signer as a full-time deputy. Deputy Signer will be attending KLETC starting December 2, 2024. Sheriff Walker stated the body cam grant in the amount of \$16,000 has been approved. The sign in front of the Sheriff's Office is rotting. Sheriff Walker would like to replace the sign. Sheriff Walker would like an executive session for courthouse security.

County Clerk

Kerry Harrod stated the 2024 General Election Canvass will be November 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room. The County Christmas Party will be December 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Flint Oak.

Executive Session 1:23 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess into executive session for courthouse security with County Counselor Paul Dean and Sheriff Walker present not to return to open session until 1:28 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 1:28 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee review with Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 1:35 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 1:35 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the merit increase for Todd Winscher from \$22.56 hr. to \$23.56 hr. Motion carried 2-0. This will max out the pay scale for Mr. Winscher.

Executive Session 1:35 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal issues with County Counselor Paul Dean not to return to open session until 1:36 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 1:36 p.m.

No action taken.

Recess 1:39 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess until 2:00 p.m. or until Derrik Dick with Bukaty Insurance arrives. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 2:00 p.m.

Bukaty Insurance

Derrick Dick presented health, dental, and vision insurance benefits.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Russell would like to change the agenda format. New business will start at 2:00 p.m. and agenda items will be listed with no time slot. Twin Valley Broadband BEAD meeting in Grenola tonight from 6:00-7:30 pm and in Longton tomorrow from 5:30-7:00pm.

Payroll

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$281,540.13. Motion carried 2-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$86,591.70. Motion carried 2-0.

Day Insurance Solutions

Scott Day presented the health, dental and vision insurance renewal rates. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to renew BC/BS, Vision Care Direct with no rate increase and Delta Dental with a 2.31% increase. Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:53 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Perry Russell, District I (Zoom)

Doug Hendricks, District II