

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes
December 30, 2024

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1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
2024 Budget Amendment Hearing
Adjournment

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:05 p.m. - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 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

New Business
2:00 p.m.
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – County Clerk
SEK District Meeting
Storage
Site Certification
Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel - Commission

Commission Discussion
Abatements: PP24-144, PP24-150, TK24-149, TK24-151, RE24-146, RE24-147, RE24-152
Presentation of Claims
Other
Adjournment
Future Events:

Call to Oder

Chairman Liebau called the budget hearing to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Hendricks and Russell were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod.

Budget Amendment Hearing

Discussion was had regarding the County General, Ambulance, and Employee Benefits amendments. Commissioner Hendrick moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the 2024 budget amendments as presented by Jarrod, Gillmore and Phillips. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn the budget amendment hearing at 1:05 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners Present:
Perry Russell, District I
Doug Hendricks, District II

County Counselor: Paul Dean
County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:
Don Sanders, Public Works
Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD
Todd Winscher, Rural Fire
Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director
Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk
Erin Meador, District Court
Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed
Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser
John Walker, Sheriff
Erica Cordell, EM
Kandy Dowell, Health
Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk
Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Call to Order

Chairman Liebau called the regular meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Commissioners Hendricks and Russell were 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 regular minutes of December 9, 2024 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont stated she has hired a part-time EMT. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to hire Taylor Dory at \$15.00/hr. Motion carried 3-0. Mrs. Beaumont stated she is applying for the KRAF Grant. This matching grant would help pay for one of three items, a stair chair, a pediatric restraint system or ventilator. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to allow Gillian Beaumont to apply for the KRAF Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

Appraiser

Chris Miller presented a new NRP application. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to transfer \$20,000 from the 2024 Appraiser Budget to the Appraiser Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

District Court

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve District Court to transfer \$20,000 from their 2024 budget to their Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management

Erica Cordell stated all sirens passed the test for December. Ms. Cordell attended the monthly KEMA meeting in Neosho County, the Four Corners Emergency Management Conference from December 9-11, 2024 and the Healthcare Coalition Meeting in Chanute on December 17, 2024. The SAMs registration has been successfully renewed for another year. This is the program that must be in compliance for the county to receive grants. The next LEPC meeting will be January 16, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Cox Building. This meeting is open to the public. The Storm Fury on the Plains is scheduled for March 5, 2025 at 6:30p.m. at the Cox Building.

Public Works

Don Sanders stated the county has received a \$63,000 reimbursement check from FEMA for the Green Ranch Bridge. Mr. Sanders stated three bids have come in for the six-foot fence around the county yard. The bids all are around \$37,000. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to transfer \$35,000 from the 2024 Road & Bridge budget to the Road Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to transfer \$8,000 for the 2024 Noxious Weed budget to the Road Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Sanders stated the recycling trailer is getting a lot of trash in it that is not recyclable.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated they did not receive the grant that was applied for back in September.

Sheriff

John Walker stated they are working with other counties to apply for a grant to purchase radio equipment.

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

Don Sanders stated the tree removal should be finished today. Discussion on fence placement was had.

Executive Session 1:56 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:02 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:02 p.m.

No action taken.

SEK District Meeting

Elk County is not going to host the SEK District Meeting this spring.

Storage

The old road and bridge office in the basement of the courthouse will be used for county storage.

Certified Sites

Will discuss at the next meeting.

Executive Session 2:13 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:25 p.m.

No Action taken.

Executive Session 2:32 p.m.

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:37 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:37 p.m.

No action taken.

Abatements

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve abatements PP24-144, PP24-150, TK24-149, TK24-151, RE24-146, RE24-147, RE24-152. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$119,677.87. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrant to Flint Oak for the Christmas Dinner in the amount of \$1,904.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$262,339.77. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Hendricks moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:49 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)