

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved Minutes

February 24, 2025

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Minutes Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2025

Public Forum

Department Reports

Ambulance

Appraiser

Emergency Management

Health

Public Works

Register of Deeds

Community Development

Rural Fire

Sheriff

Treasurer

County Counselor

County Clerk

County Attorney

Old Business:

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

New Business

2:00 p.m.

Adjustable Hiring Tool/Wage Scale

Kansas Historical Society Tax Credit Application Amendment #2370

Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Commission

Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – County Clerk

Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel - Appraiser

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

Others:

Todd Winscher, Rural Fire

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Abby Holden

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser

Nick Miller, Noxious Weed

Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk

Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Kaye Spooner

Don Sanders, Public Works

Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director

Erica Cordell, EM

Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser

Rachel Adams, Health

Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk

Diane Cucar, Community Development

Call to Order

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

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2025 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Kaye Spooner spoke of elections going back to paper ballots and hand counting. Ms. Spooner stated these are changes that need to happen.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont stated she has been covering shifts for those employees that have been out on sick leave. Abby Holden attended the Guardians of the Heart Class in Joplin last week.

Appraiser

Jeremy McCully stated the change of value notices are going to be mailed out this week.

Emergency Management

Erica Cordell presented a bid on a new vehicle. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to allow Ms. Cordell to proceed with the purchase of the 2024 Dodge Durango through Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in the amount of \$49,329.64. The financing will be through the Howard State Bank with a 4.90% interest rate and annual payments. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Works

Don Sanders would like to purchase two 2018 770 Series John Deere Road graders in the amount of \$500,000 from a township in El Dorado. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to allow Mr. Sanders to move forward on the purchase of two 2018 770 Series John Deere Road graders in the amount of \$500,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for January 2025. They had a total of 40 instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$1,922.50.

Community Development

Diane Cucar stated the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge has been rescheduled to March 5, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at West Elk. Ms. Cucar has been working with the Chambers and Brandi from the Elk County Community Foundation regarding surveys, grants, and Kansas tourism.

County Clerk

Kerry Harrod stated mandatory election trainings will be held March 10th & 11th in Salina and March 27th & 28th in Topeka. Ms. Harrod presented a quote for a new microphone system for the zoom system for the commission meetings. Commissioner Liebau moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the purchase of 3 gooseneck desktop microphones, 1 handheld microphone with stand, and 1 digital mixer with USB/Network output with the estimated cost being \$2,600 from Advantage Computer. Motion carried 2-1 Russell.

Real Estate @ 1285 Evergreen, Moline

Discussion was had regarding the cleanup of the property.

Executive Session 1:47 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wages with Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:07 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:07 p.m.

No action taken.

Adjustable Hiring Tool/Wage Scale

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to table the wage scale until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Kansas Historical Society Tax Credit Application Amendment #2370

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the Kansas Historical Society Tax Credit Application Amendment #2370. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:12 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for employee review with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:15 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:15 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to give Malarie Chamberlain a merit increase from \$15.89hr to \$16.39hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:16 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for employee review with Appraiser Jeremy McCully and County Counselor Paul Dean present 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 Liebau seconded the motion to give Chloe Hebb a merit increase from \$15.39hr to \$16.39hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to give Christina Miller a merit increase from \$18.57hr to 19.57hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session 2:24 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal road issues with County Clerk Kerry Harrod, Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:28 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:28 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 2:29 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for legal attorney-client privilege with County Clerk Kerry Harrod 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 2:33 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess for 5-minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:38 p.m.

Executive Session 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to recess into executive session for courthouse security with County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:44 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:44 p.m.

No action taken.

Warrants

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$78,441.67. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Perry Russell, District I

Doug Hendricks, District II(Chairman)

Jake Liebau, District III