ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Approved Minutes
May 12, 2025

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Regularly Scheduled Meeting
1:00 p.m. - Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Public Forum
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.
EMS Budget

Commission Discussion
Abatements: PP25-005
Presentation of Claims
Other
Adjournment
Future Events:

Commissioners Present:
Perry Russell, District I
Doug Hendricks, District II
County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

Others:
Don Sanders, Public Works
Gillian Beaumont, EMS Director
Chris Miller, Deputy Appraiser
Malarie Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk
Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD
Kaye Spooner
Erica Cordell, EM
Nick Miller, Noxious Weed
Stefni Hebb, Deputy Clerk
Diane Cucar, Community Development
Kristina Kraft, Deputy Treasurer

Call to Order
Chairman Hendricks called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Russell was present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod.

Minutes Approval
No minutes to approve.

Public Forum
Kaye Spooner stated the individuals involved in manipulating the vote count in the 2020 and 2024 elections from outside the country are now in the country being interviewed. Chairman Hendricks stated the Patterson Grant will match up to $100,000 of donations raised for the year 2025. This is a 30% increase from last year. Chairman Hendricks stated there is an act that requires scrap metal dealers to register with the Kansas Attorney General Office.

Emergency Management
Erica Cordell stated she attended the monthly KEMA meeting in Bourbon County on May 1, 2025. The May siren test passed successfully. Ms. Cordell will take the jeep to Alan Johnson's lot in Eureka to be sold.

EMS
Gillian Beaumont requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Public Works
Don Sanders stated the Road Department has been working with asphalt south of Fall River.

Register of Deeds
Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for April 2025. They had a total of 56 instruments recorded and a total deposit of $3,786.

Community Development
Diane Cucar stated she has been working with SCKEDD and 4-County on getting a building constructed. The county does not qualify for the low-income survey, so we will have to do a survey. Ms. Cucar has been in contact with Janet Miller who is the E-Community and Network Kansas person for Elk County learning about all the GAP loans. Ms. Cucar will be attending workshops on May 22, 2025 and June 10 & 12th. Ms. Cucar would like to use the $5,000 ROZ Grant on a new county website. Ms. Cucar has been working on the 1285 Evergreen site certification.

Tower/Land License Colocation
A letter was received from US Cellular. Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve and sign T-Mobile's colocation at the tower site Moline/589307. Motion carried 2-0.

Executive Session 1:33 p.m.
Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wages with EMS Director Gillian Beaumont and County Clerk Kerry Harrod present not to return to open session until 1:43 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

Back in session 1:43 p.m.
No action taken.

EMS 2025 Budget
The EMS Department is low on cash funds due to the high amount of overtime due to short staffing. Effort has been made to hire more employees but has not been successful. Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to transfer $100,000 from the Windfarm Fund to the EMS Fund. Motion carried 2-0.

Abatements
Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve abatement PP25-005. Motion carried 2-0.

Warrants
Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of $140,290.30. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to approve the warrant in the amount of $37,149.95 for the new Health Department vehicle. Motion carried 2-0.
Adjournment
Commissioner Russell moved and Chairman Hendricks seconded the motion to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.

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(Chairman)