

ELK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVED MINUTES
MAY 26, 2020

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10:00 a.m. Fence Viewing – POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 8th

Located at Road 28 and Killdeer

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Minutes Approval – May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

1:10 p.m. – Public Forum

1:25 p.m. – Department Reports

Old Business:

Communication Tower

New Business

2:00 p.m. – Cost Savings Program – Albert Alfieri

2:30 p.m. – Fence Viewing Discussion – Road 28 & Killdeer

2:45 p.m. – Wind Farm – Brian Plymessenger & Danny Shipley

3:15 p.m. – Rural Fire Radios

3:30 p.m. – Judy Ranch Road Opening – Michael Beckerman

3:45 p.m. – Disaster Resolution - Flooding

4:00 p.m. – CDBG Grant Funding

4:15 p.m. – EMS/Health Facility

4:30 p.m. – Commissioner Discussion

Abatelements: RE20-38

Presentation of Claims

Other

Adjournment

Future Events:

Commissioners Present:

Shari Kaminska, District I

Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)

County Clerk: Kerry Harrod

County Counselor: Paul Dean

Others:

John Walker, SO

Rochelle Cookson, Treasurer Office

Don Sanders, Public Works

Teresa Wells, Appraisers Office

Rachel Ware, Treasurer

Sarah Evans, Public Works

Kandy Dowell, Health

Dana Denton

Robert Wager

Ken Patterson

Erica Cordell, Co Atty Office

Stephanie Ollenborger, ROD

Todd Winscher, RF

Ken Mitchell, EMS

Jenifer Clatt, EMS

Beth Koehler, EM

Lynnette Kill

Sherry Tuggle

Michael Beckerman

Randy Johnson

Call to Order

Chairman David Evans called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Commissioners Evans, Kaminska and Coble were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes Approval

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2020 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum

Dana Denton and Lynnette Kill are both citizens of Elk County that are helping with the Howard City Pool Restoration Project. They would like to see the County provide some funding to this project since the Howard City Pool is the only pool in the county. The City of Howard will be getting bids on the restoration project which should not be over \$150,000. The community has already raised \$50,000 so far. There are over 200 kids a year that are taught swim safety at the pool, adults that participate in exercise classes, and then the open pool time. USD 282 has

utilized their 21st Century Grant to bus students to the pool. Mrs. Denton and Mrs. Kill will contact USD 283 to see if they would be interested and visit with the surrounding cities within the county. The Commissioners feel the pool is great resource but they would like to talk to Howard City to see what plans they have.

EMS

Ken Mitchell presented the monthly report for April. The EMS department had 12 runs with collections totaling \$8,005.20. Ken Mitchell and Jenifer Clatt's CPR instructor cards have been renewed and everyone's CPR certifications are up to date now.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher stated the building frame on the Longton Rural Fire barn is up.

Public Works

Road

Don Sanders stated due to the rain there are several areas damaged. Mr. Sanders presented the biennial bridge inspection contract from Kirkham & Michael. This will be for 132 bridges at a cost of \$124.75 for each bridge totaling \$16,467.00. Kirkham & Michael would like to start the inspections in July. Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into agreement with Kirkham & Michael for engineering services for the biennial bridge inspections for a total of \$16,467.00. Motion carried 3-0. There is no start date yet on the low water bridge on Road 7. Mr. Sanders stated Kent Kincheloe has been hired. Mr. Kincheloe has his Class A CDL and will be working in the Southwest part of the County.

Noxious Weed

Don Sanders stated they have started spraying johnson grass. Mr. Sanders stated Dylan Full has been hired and is running the mower and brush cutter.

Maintenance

The permanent pass through window should be complete by June 8, 2020.

Executive Session 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Kerry Harrod and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:35 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 1:40p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Sanders and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 1:50 p.m.

No action taken.

Executive Session 1:50 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal matters with Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:00 p.m.

No action taken.

Cost Savings Program

A discussion regarding a cost savings program on the County's telephone bills was had with Al Alfieri and Robert Wager with Granite. There would be a monthly savings on \$817.78 a month with no risk to the County and no contracts. Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to go into an agreement with Granite to save money on the AT&T bill as long as the County will retain the lines. Motion carried 3-0.

Fence Viewing

Chairman Evans moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to hold a fence viewing at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020 located at Road 28 and Killdeer. Motion carried 2-0.

Communication Tower

Beth Koehler stated the County has received a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 for the repeaters from Enel Green Power North America. Mrs. Koehler stated all equipment has been installed. Dave with Action Communication is working to get internet connection for EMS and Sheriff Departments. A meeting will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. with Dave and the applicable parties to discuss any remaining issues.

Rural Fire Radios

Todd Winscher stated all equipment has been installed. The department needs to replace seven radios in the trucks and seven hand held radios because they are no longer programable and over 30 years old. The cost will be \$12,000 for the new radios. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to allocate funding out of the General Fund to purchase seven truck radios and seven hand held radios at an approximate cost of \$12,000 to be reimbursed by Rural Fire at the end of the year if possible. Motion carried 3-0.

Disaster Resolution – Flooding

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve Resolution 20-08 providing for a State and Local Disaster Emergency for Elk County due to flooding. Motion carried 3-0.

CDBG Grant Funding

There is CDBG Grant Funding for COVID-19 to help businesses reopen. The grant is up to \$300,000 and the County would administer it to the businesses. Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion that Elk County apply for the CDBG Grant Funding through USDA by contacting SCKEDD to have them make the application for the County. Motion carried 3-0.

Break 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to take a 5-minute break. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:45 p.m.

Health/EMS Facility

Discussion was had regarding the plans for the facility. A soil test will need to be done first by Morton.

Payroll Change

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to increase Gene Slinkard’s payrate from \$14.79 an hour to \$15.79 an hour resulting from his promotion to equipment crew foreman. Motion carried 3-0.

Abatement

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to approve abatement RE20-38. Motion carried 3-0.

Warrants

The warrant fund totals are as follows:

County General \$5,807.18, Ambulance \$253.01, Rural Fire \$125.78, Health \$238.99, Road \$36,187.10, Special Bridge \$4,875.00, Noxious Weed \$9,797.30, Kansas 911 \$1,145.97, Clerk Tech Fund \$250.00. Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to pay the warrants in the amount of \$58,680.33. Motion carried 3-0.

Judy Ranch Road Opening

Discussion was had with Michael Beckerman and Ken Patterson regarding the opening of a road to the Judy Ranch.

Executive Session 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Commissioner Coble seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal matters with Don Sanders and Paul Dean present. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 3:40 p.m.

Action: A new petition will need to be filed by the Judy’s to decide if they want a public or a private access road. Road 61 was a county road but was closed years ago making it no longer a county road.

COVID 19 Discussion

Commissioner Kaminska moved and Chairman Evans seconded the motion to remain in Phase 2 until June 8, 2020. Motion carried 2-1 Coble.

Adjournment

Commissioner Coble moved and Commissioner Kaminska seconded the motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:

Kerry E. Harrod
Elk County Clerk

Shari Kaminska, District I

Alan Coble, District II

David Evans, District III (Chairman)