

May 1, 2017

The Edwards County Board of Commissioners met with Mica Schnoebelen, Billy Brokar and LaVerne Wetzel present. Gina Schuette, County Clerk, was also in attendance.

Chairman Schnoebelen called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the April 17, 2017 canvass minutes as presented. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

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Mr. Brokar moved to enter into executive session at 8:35 AM for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 8:45 AM. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 AM with no action being taken.

Vouchers were approved and warrants were signed for the following:

County General	\$37,581.94
Road & Bridge	\$16,311.85
Noxious Weed	\$1,511.62
Employee Benefits	\$74,190.11
County Health	\$5,584.60
Economic Development	\$3,252.26
Edwards Co 911	\$134.31
Motor Vehicle Special	\$83.19
<b>Total Voucher &amp; Warrants:</b>	<b>\$138,649.88</b>

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson advised that Darrell Dupree, Murphy Tractor Sales Representative, is snowed in and unable to meet with the Board this morning.

The Board opened the following sealed bids to extend the parking area on the east side of the courthouse where the trees were taken out:

Eslinger Construction & Ready Mix Inc.	\$24,000.00
Strate Construction, Inc.	\$22,800.00

A discussion followed and Mr. Brokar made a motion to accept the bid of Strate Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$22,800.00. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Neilson advised that the road department has been renting a used 2016 John Deere 624K Loader for the last month and would like to purchase the loader. Mr. Neilson added that the loader has 284 hours on it and

the purchase price is \$150,000.00 less \$6,100.00 rental charge for a total of \$143,900.00.

A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion to purchase the 2016 John Deere 624K Loader for a total of \$143,900.00 to be paid out of the special machinery fund. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion. More discussion followed and the motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Brokar moved to enter into executive session at 9:30 AM for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to reconvene at 9:40 AM. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 9:40 AM. Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the employee status change form for George Rhoades hired as an equipment operator II at the road department effective May 15, 2017. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Robert Mitchell, Director of the Central Kansas Local Environmental Group (CKLEPG), joined the meeting.

Mr. Mitchell presented a 2016 summary report showing a total of 782.00 hours were spent in Edwards County issuing water well permits, wastewater permits, conducting water tests and lender evaluations. Mr. Mitchell added that 2015 was not as busy in Edwards County.

A discussion followed and Mr. Mitchell advised that the requested 2018 contribution amount of \$5,518.50 has stayed the same for the last 7 years.

Mr. Mitchell left the meeting.

For the record, Mark Frame, County Attorney, did not meet with the Board at 9:45 AM.

A discussion followed about the water testing wells at the transfer station.

There was discussion about the installation of the courthouse windows. No action was taken at this time.

At 10:05 AM the Board recessed for a break.

At 10:10 AM the Board reconvened.

Rob Cross and Jerry Anderson, Edwards County Historical Society, joined the meeting.

Mr. Cross presented an annual recap of the Edwards County Museum which included a 2016 treasurer's report and a current 2017 treasurer's report along with projected income and expenses through the end of 2017. Mr. Cross added that they estimate that they will be around \$5,000.00 short this year due to the additional repairs to the church.

Mr. Anderson advised that Paul Swartz has started the repairs on the church for a total cost of \$14,500.00.

Mr. Cross presented a 2018 budget request of \$12,000.00 which is a \$4,000.00 increase above the 2017 approved amount of \$8,000.00.

A discussion followed and the Board will take this request into consideration during their 2018 budget preparation.

A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion to distribute \$2,500.00 from the parks and recreation fund to the Edwards County Historical Society. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Cross and Mr. Anderson thanked the Board for their continued support and left the meeting.

Bradley Benish, Edwards County Chamber of Commerce, joined the meeting.

Mr. Benish advised that the Chamber has once again contracted with the carnival company, WEEE Entertainment, to come and set up in Kinsley on May 18-21, 2017. With the County and City's permission, they plan to set up in the same area as last year. A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the carnival being located on County property as long as the County and the City of Kinsley are named as additional insureds on WEEE Entertainment's liability policy for the term of the carnival. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Benish agreed to the insurance requirement and will have WEEE Entertainment's insurance company provide a Certificate of Insurance Liability to the County prior to the start of the carnival.

Mr. Benish thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mr. Neilson left the meeting also.

Alice Lancaster, County Treasurer, and Lana Sexton, County Treasurer Elect, joined the meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the policies of the Treasurer's Office for administering drivers' license services. Ms. Lancaster stated that they are not a full service station and they do reserve the right to refuse services and direct people to a full service station if they are not comfortable with the situation. Ms. Lancaster added that the office policies of the Treasurer's Office for administering drivers' license services will now be at the discretion of Ms. Sexton, Treasurer Elect.

Ms. Lancaster and Ms. Sexton left the meeting.

David Kearney joined and Ms. Sexton rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Kearney expressed deep concerns about the policies of the Edwards County Treasurer's Office regarding drivers' license services. Mr. Kearney stated that in 2011, the Edwards County Treasurer's Office would not process his driver's license renewal due to their office policy of not providing driver's license services to anyone that uses a walker, cane, wheel chair etc. and Mr. Kearney uses a walker. Therefore, Mr. Kearney went to Great Bend and had his driver's license renewed and was told that the use of a walker was not a valid reason for the Edwards County Treasurer's Office not to renew his driver's license.

Mr. Kearney advised that he went to the Edwards County Treasurer's Office on April 20, 2017 and they again would not renew his driver's license due to his use of a walker. Mr. Kearney returned to the Treasurer's Office the following week and left his walker outside the office and his driver's license was renewed.

Mr. Kearney proceeded to read the American Disability Act (ADA) and Mr. Kearney expressed concerns that the Treasurer's Office was not in compliance with the federal law. A discussion followed.

Mr. Schnoebelen apologized for the situation and Mr. Kearney left the meeting.

Ms. Sexton agreed to review their driver's license office policies and implement adjustments where needed so that this situation does not continue to happen.

Ms. Sexton left the meeting.

The Board requested to add Mr. Frame to their next agenda on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 30, 2017

EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Mica Schnoebelen, Chairman

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LaVerne Wetzel

ATTEST:

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Gina L. Schuette, County Clerk

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Billy L. Brokar