

May 4, 2015

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 enter into executive session at 8:32 AM for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 8:37 AM. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:37 AM with no action being taken.

Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the April 13, 2015 canvass minutes, April 13, 2015 minutes and April 20, 2015 minutes as presented. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Vouchers were approved and warrants were signed for the following:

County General	\$38,650.71
Road & Bridge	\$16,231.16
Noxious Weed	\$1,386.17
Employee Benefits	\$58,550.76
County Health	\$5,340.50
Economic Development	\$3,567.30
Edwards Co 911	\$129.74
Motor Vehicle Special	\$25.63
Total Voucher & Warrants:	\$123,881.97

For the record, Richard Neilson, County Works Director, did not meet with the Board today as his approved vacation time was through May 5, 2015.

Sheriff Bryant Kurth and Undersheriff Bobby Blackwell joined the meeting.

Undersheriff Blackwell reported that the 2008 Ford F150 Pickup is having engine problems and it will soon be time to replace this vehicle. Undersheriff Blackwell advised that the Sheriff's department is requesting to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe through the Kansas Highway Patrol Partners Program. The program allows them to purchase this new vehicle with a 28.95% discount off the MSRP price. The cost of the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe will be \$32,542.20.

Sheriff Kurth advised that he did budget for vehicle replacement in his 2015 operating budget and they do plan to sell the 2008 Ford F150 Pickup. After some discussion, Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the sheriff's department proceeding with purchasing the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe through the KHP Partners Program to be paid off out the sheriff's department equipment reserve and operating budget. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 9:42 AM for 10 minutes to discuss on-elected personnel and to reconvene at 9:52 AM. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 9:52 AM with no action being taken.

Sheriff Kurth and Undersheriff Blackwell left the meeting.

Linette Miller, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Ms. Miller presented a work summary for April 2015 and reported that the March 2015 unemployment rate for the county was 3.4% and the State of Kansas was 4.2%.

Ms. Miller reported that the Rustler's Saloon is working on a restaurant expansion and Midway Bar and Grill is changing to the Commander's Lounge and has reopened and the grill will open this week. The Route 50 Liquor Store is now open.

Ms. Miller advised that the Dollar General construction should begin soon. Ms. Miller added that it has been held up a few times by the fact that part of the property had never gone through probate so they are waiting on that to be finalized.

Alice Lancaster, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 10:02 AM for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data and to reconvene at 10:12 AM. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 10:12 AM with no action being taken.

Ms. Lancaster left meeting.

Ms. Miller gave an update on the Safe Routes to School Project and the Kinsley Master Plan Project. A discussion followed regarding the Hays Water Project.

Ms. Miller presented 2015 first quarter financial reports.

Ms. Miller left the meeting.

Sandy Kurth, Edwards County Emergency Medical Service Director, joined the meeting.

Ms. Kurth advised that May 17-23, 2015 has been designated as Emergency Medical Services Week and an EMS Week Proclamation will be published in the Edwards County Sentinel. Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve and sign the EMS Week Proclamation. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Ms. Kurth reported that currently they have three full time EMTs including herself. The rest of the EMTs are PRN and some of them are from Larned, Dodge City and Finney County. Ms. Kurth advised that there will be an EMT Class starting on June 6, 2015. Ms. Kurth added that there are 9 local individuals signed up to take the class. The cost of the class per person is around \$1,300.00 and they have all applied for state grants which will pay \$812.00 per student leaving a balance of \$488.00 per person.

Ms. Kurth inquired if the county would be willing to contribute towards the balance of the EMT training. A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion for the county to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the new EMT training to be paid out of the special drug and alcohol fund. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

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Ms. Kurth thanked the Board and left the meeting.

J.R. Thiel joined the meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the status of his micro loan with the county.

Mr. Thiel left the meeting.

Sue Bagby and Susan Rehmert, Edwards County Chamber of Commerce, joined the meeting.

Ms. Bagby advised that the Chamber has contracted with a carnival to come and set up in Kinsley on June 18-20, 2015. There will be 10 to 11 rides and they plan to set up mainly on the City of Kinsley property, but some of the carnival will overlap onto the county property. The Chamber is requesting permission from the county for the carnival to be located on county property.

A discussion followed and the Board decided to approve the carnival being located on county property as long as the county's insurance carrier (KCAMP) does not have a problem with it. The Board requested Ms. Schuette to contact KCAMP about the carnival location request. Ms. Schuette will report back to the Board at their next meeting.

Ms. Bagby and Ms. Rehmert left the meeting.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 18, 2015

EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mica Schnoebelen, Chairman

ATTEST:

LaVerne Wetzel

Gina L. Schuette, County Clerk

Billy L. Brokar