

June 13, 2016

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 May 31, 2016 minutes as amended. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 8:35 AM for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 8:40 AM. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 8:40 AM with no action being taken.

Vouchers were approved and warrants were signed for the following:

County General	\$74,865.01
Road & Bridge	\$42,004.15
Noxious Weed	\$11,372.87
Employee Benefits	\$10,260.21
County Health	\$6,357.98
Economic Development	\$1,769.66
Special Drug & Alcohol	\$500.00
Special Machinery	\$1,000.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$100.00
Total Voucher & Warrants:	\$148,229.88

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Brokar made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for United Telephone Association, Inc. to lay a fiber optic line along 80th Avenue in Sections 5 and 6, Township 25S, Range 19W in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along R Road in Sections 29 and 30, Township 25, Range 16 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along 270th Avenue in Sections 29 and 33, Township 25, Range 16 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along U Road in Sections 17 and 8, Township 26, Range 18 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along 150th Avenue in Sections 16 and 17, Township 26, Range 18 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along R Road in Sections 29 and 30, Township 26, Range 16 and Section 25, Township 25, Range 17 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to approve the application for temporary or permanent construction on, under or above county right-of-way for P.E.K. Inc. for the construction of natural gas distribution lines to be used for agricultural purposes along R Road in Section 25, Township 25, Range 17 and Section 30, Township 25, Range 16 in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Neilson reported that he had to replace the overhead door on the shop building as one of the employees backed into the door.

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report.

The Board opened the following sealed quotes for a used loader to be utilized at the transfer station which includes trading in the 1992 John Deere 544E:

The G.W. Van Keppel Co Garden City, KS 67846	2013 Volvo L70G 1,450 hours	\$114,000.00 Trade Difference: \$ 94,000.00
Foley Tractor Dodge City, KS 67801	2012 CAT 924K 1,950 hours	\$102,988.00 Trade Difference: \$ 88,488.00
Berry Tractor & Equipment Wichita, KS 67213	2015 Komatsu WA270-7 342 hours	\$112,000.00 Trade Difference: \$101,215.00

A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion to purchase the 2012 CAT 924K loader from Foley Tractor for a trade in difference of \$88,488.00. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Jean Huntley joined the meeting.

Ms. Huntley requested to move the fair building handicap parking from the east side to the north side of the building. A discussion followed and the Board requested Mr. Neilson to draw up plans to change the handicap parking and present to the Board for approval.

Ms. Huntley and Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Bob Wetmore, Great Plains Development Co-Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Wetmore reviewed with the Board the services that Great Plains Development, Inc. (GPDI) provides which includes the StartUp Kansas program which provides funds for business start-ups and business retention. Other programs include Community Development Block Grants and CDBG-ED Loans.

Mr. Wetmore presented a membership invoice from Great Plains Development, Inc. for an annual amount

of \$757.50. A discussion followed and the Board tabled the membership request for further discussion.

Mr. Wetmore left the meeting.

Nadine Lampe and Rita Brown, Arrowhead West representatives, joined the meeting.

Ms. Lampe reported that they currently serve 27 children and 9 adults from Edwards County. The Board inquired about the qualifications for assistance from Arrowhead West. Ms. Brown responded that the individual has to have an IQ of 70 or below or the disability occurs before age 18.

Ms. Lampe presented a 2017 budget request of \$32,500.00 which is the same amount as their 2016 approved budget amount.

A discussion followed and the Board will take this request into consideration during their 2017 budget preparation.

Ms. Lampe and Ms. Brown left the meeting.

Mr. Neilson rejoined the meeting.

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

Mr. Mitchell presented a 2015 summary report showing a total of 730.75 hours were spent in Edwards County issuing water well permits, wastewater permits, conducting water tests and lender evaluations. Mr. Mitchell added that 2014 was not as busy and 2016 has been rather slow in Edwards County.

Mr. Mitchell reported that he no longer has an office in LaCrosse, he strictly works out of his truck which has a computer set up in it.

A discussion followed and Mr. Mitchell advised that the requested 2017 contribution amount of \$5,518.50 has stayed the same for the last 6 years.

Mr. Mitchell left the meeting.

Linette Miller, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Ms. Miller presented a USDA grant / loan pre-application for the Board to review and sign. Ms. Miller advised that signing the pre-application is not binding, it only starts the grant / loan process.

A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion to sign the pre-application as presented. Mr. Brokar seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Ms. Miller and Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

At the request of the Board, Alice Lancaster, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Ms. Lancaster clarified how some of the county tax dollars are invested in CDs and the remainder in checking accounts. Ms. Lancaster left the meeting.

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

APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY ORDER OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 27, 2016

EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mica Schnoebelen, Chairman

LaVerne Wetzel

ATTEST:

Gina L. Schuette, County Clerk

Billy L. Brokar