

February 8, 2010

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

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

Mr. Dupree moved to approve the February 1, 2010 and February 4, 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 8:35 AM for 30 minutes for non-elected personnel to discuss the Noxious Weed Director position and to reconvene at 9:05 AM. Mr. Dupree seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 9:05 AM with no action being taken.

Vouchers were approved and warrants were signed for the following:

County General	\$57,877.85
Road & Bridge	\$7,924.95
Noxious Weed	\$3,877.75
Employee Benefits	\$1,139.42
County Health	\$1,809.78
Hospital Maintenance	\$137,997.24
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$3,197.69
911 Telephone Tax	\$4,423.00
Total Voucher & Warrants:	\$218,247.68

Stephanie Brake, Deputy County Clerk, joined the meeting.

Ms. Schuette and Ms. Brake reported that effective January 1, 2011, IBM will no longer support TEAM, the county's payroll time management system. Therefore, other time management programs and services have been reviewed and they are as follows:

ExecuTime Software	\$23,500.00 + \$2,000.00 annual maint. = \$25,500.00
Attendance on Demand Service	\$2,480.00 (No annual maintenance or upgrade fee) (Includes a one time \$500.00 set-up fee)

Ms. Brake explained that the price of the Attendance on Demand program is determined by the number of employees and supervisors per month. Ms. Brake added that the Attendance on Demand is supported by Secured Payroll Partners in Manhattan, KS.

A discussion followed and Mr. Wetzel made a motion purchase the Attendance on Demand Web-hosted Service for \$2,480.00. Mr. Dupree seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Ms. Brake left the meeting.

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson gave an update on road and bridge projects.

Mr. Neilson presented the annual noxious weed eradication progress report for 2009. The Board reviewed the report and Mr. Dupree made a motion to approved the report as presented. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Neilson advised that there will be a second planning meeting to develop the FEMA compliant Edwards County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. The meeting will be held at the Fair Building on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Neilson reported that the Edwards County Emergency Operational Plan is in the updating process and should be completed by June 1, 2010.

In regards to zoning, Mr. Neilson reported that he contacted County Attorney, Mark Frame, about developing a plan or policy to manage the potential influx of windmills into the county.

Mr. Neilson advised that he will be taking vacation time March 2-9, 2010.

Donna Meier-Pfeifer, Director of the Cannonball Trail Chapter American Red Cross, Ron Lindberg and Kayla Burr, Board Members of the Cannonball Trailer Chapter American Red Cross, joined the meeting.

Ms. Meier-Pfeifer explained that the Cannonball Trail Chapter serves the following counties: Barber, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pratt and Stafford. Ms. Meier-Pfeifer added that her office is located in Pratt and presented current photos of the facility. Ms. Meier-Pfeifer advised that the facility needs to be updated and the cost will around \$25,000.00.

Ms. Meier-Pfeifer advised that last year was the first time they did not meet their budget, therefore they are requesting a contribution of \$3,000.00 from each county to assist in meeting their expenses. A discussion followed and the Commissioners inquired about each county paying the same amount as the counties are not the same size and population and this should be reflected in the contribution amounts.

Ms. Meier-Pfeifer explained that during a disaster, all of the six counties are considered one unit and Ms. Meier-Pfeifer added that they do not request funding each year, only when it is absolutely necessary. Ms. Meier-Pfeifer advised the Chapter has two full-time employees and a total operating budget of \$91,000.00.

Ms. Meier-Pfeifer presented information on upcoming fund raising events and added that if the Chapter cannot be funded, Wichita will most likely close the Pratt office and then they would probably have a satellite office in Wichita. Following a discussion the Commissioners decided to table the funding request for further discussion as this funding request was not included in their 2010 budget.

Ms. Meier-Pfeifer, Ms. Burr, Mr. Lindburg and Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Mr. Dupree moved to approve the 2010 contract with Iroquois Center for Human Development as presented. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel moved to donate \$100 each to USD #347 and USD #351 from the Special Drug & Alcohol fund to be applied towards their After Prom Parties. Mr. Dupree seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Dupree made a motion to contribute \$300.00 to the Men's Health Fair to be paid out of the Special Drug & Alcohol Fund. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Mr. Wetzel made a motion to contribute \$1,500.00 to the Cannonball Trail Chapter American Red Cross. Mr. Dupree seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

In regards to the vacant Noxious Weed Director's position, after reviewing the submitted applications and conducting the job interviews, Mr. Wetzel nominated Tommy Haynes and Mr. Dupree nominated Jason Arensman for the position. With no further nominations from the floor, Mr. Schnoebelen called for a vote on the submitted nominations: Tommy Haynes received two votes in favor from Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Schnoebelen and Jason Arensman received one vote in favor from Mr. Dupree.

A discussion followed and Tommy Haynes was hired to fill the position of Noxious Weed Director.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Neilson rejoined the meeting.

The Board requested Mr. Neilson to send Jeff Cramer to the upcoming school for noxious weed training. The Board would like to have more than one person licensed to spray noxious weeds. A brief discussion followed and Mr. Neilson agreed that it would be better to have more than one person licensed.

Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Mr. Dupree made a motion to begin the next meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 8:30 AM, to review the township annual reports. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

*Approved As Presented
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