

February 16, 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 8, 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed and confirmed the following 2009 annual township reports: Jackson Township, Kinsley Township and Trenton Township. The Board reviewed the annual report of South Brown Township but did not confirm the report until a copy of their current treasurer's bond is received with the requested increase.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 8:57 AM for 3 minutes for non-elected personnel to review payroll reports and to reconvene at 9:00 AM. Mr. Dupree seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 AM with no action being taken.

At the request of the Board, Sheriff Bryant Kurth joined the meeting.

Mr. Wetzel moved to enter into executive session at 9:00 AM for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel discussion 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.

Sheriff Kurth left the meeting.

Vouchers were approved and warrants were signed for the following:

County General	\$35,056.74
Road & Bridge	\$15,556.57
Noxious Weed	\$78.66
Employee Benefits	\$7,551.78
County Health	\$6,089.85
Economic Development	\$1,588.23
Special Drug & Alcohol	\$500.00
911 Telephone Tax	\$278.27
911 Wireless Phone Tax	\$378.68
BIO / EPR Grant	\$107.07
Motor Vehicle Special	\$68.07
Total Voucher & Warrants:	\$67,253.92

Mr. Dupree made a motion to pay the 2010 Kansas County Commissioners Association Membership Dues

in the amount of \$165.60. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Richard Neilson, County Works Director, joined the meeting.

Mr. Neilson gave a work in progress report and advised that the cost to date for snow removal is \$17,605.40. Mr. Neilson reported that John Roth from the State of Kansas Division of Water Resources will be here this afternoon to review a proposed bridge project.

Mr. Neilson reported that he received information from the Kansas Surplus Properties about a used power lift to be used to access the vault basement in the county clerk's office. Currently, the basement area has a very steep set of stairs and carrying items up and down the stairs is very awkward and dangerous. Mr. Neilson advised that the power lift is a 2007 model and appears to be in very good condition and the cost is \$1,500.00. Mr. Neilson added that the cost for a new power lift is around \$5,000.00.

A discussion followed and Mr. Dupree made a motion to purchase the used power lift from the Kansas Surplus Properties in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid out of the courthouse capital improvement fund. Mr. Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

A discussion followed regarding the wooden fence that was hit and knocked down at the fair grounds. Mr. Neilson agreed to obtain an estimate to repair the fence and present to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Neilson left the meeting.

Linette Miller, Economic Development Director, joined meeting.

Ms. Miller presented a work summary for February 2010 which included meetings that were attended. Ms. Miller reported that the unemployment rate was up to 4.3% in December 2009.

A discussion followed regarding the meeting with Terracon and KDHE on Brownfields Development. Ms. Miller gave a Micro Loan update.

Ms. Miller reported that 11 people attended the Strategic Planning Retreat held on February 1, 2010. One of the main items of discussion was housing.

Ms. Miller left the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Approved
As Amended
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