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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2018

9:30 AM

Special Meeting

BOCC Meeting Room

Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:29 a.m. on November 19, 2018 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman David T. Dennis, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner David M. Unruh; Commissioner Michael B. O'Donnell II; Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner James M. Howell; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Thomas Stolz, Deputy County Manager; Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor;; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Heddie Page, Deputy County Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

Chairman Dennis said, "Next item, please."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dennis said, "Commissioner Unruh."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session for 10 minutes, until 9:41 a.m. to consult with an attorney for this Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The executive session is required to protect attorney-client privilege and the public interest and to consider a claim against the county and that the Board of County Commissioners will return to this room from executive session no sooner than 9:41 a.m.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, the vote was called.

VOTE

<i>Commissioner O'Donnell II</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Dennis</i>	<i>Aye</i>

The Board of County Commissioners recessed into executive session at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 9:41 a.m.

Chairman Dennis said, "State that during executive session no binding action was taken. Counselor."

Mr. Michael D. Pepoon, Interim County Counselor, greeted the Commissioners and said, "You have reviewed, you don't have before you right now because I have the only copy. But you have reviewed an agreement and release signed by Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor."

"To briefly summarize and most of it is just legalese, but to summarize the major portion of the agreement. Mr. Yost will be receiving a payment in the amount of \$77,077. This payment reflects six months of salary and an equivalent amount of money to pay for Mr. Yost's health insurance for 2019. We've worked with Mr. Yost's attorney, feel that this is a fair negotiation and fair agreement on behalf of the county and we would ask that you would approve the agreement."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the agreement and release.

Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Chairman Dennis said, "We have a motion and a second, discussion? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell thanked the Chairman and said, "I just want to make a comment that with this settlement today, we are choosing to move forward. Nevertheless, this is a sad day in our history in my opinion. I would like to say on a personal level that I have highest regards for Eric Yost. I think he's an honorable man and has done great work for the county. I appreciate his service and wish him the very best. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Commissioner Ranzau."

Commissioner Ranzau thanked the Chairman and said, "Yeah, I want to say that I hate to see Eric Yost go. He's a good man. He's done a lot of good work for us, updating some of our contracts and things that have been outdated for a long time and negotiated a lot of things for us. He's a good man. I just hate to see him go."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any further, Commissioner O'Donnell."

Commissioner O'Donnell thanked the Chairman and said, "I would also like to echo some of those sentiments. Eric Yost has been a family friend for a long time. One of my first political memories was working on his 1992 race for Congress. He's been a friend a long time, so I wish him well in the future."

Chairman Dennis said, "Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, call the roll."

VOTE

Commissioner O'Donnell II Aye

Commissioner Ranzau	Aye
Commissioner Howell	Aye
Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Chairman Dennis	Aye

Chairman Dennis said, "Is there anything else that needs to become before the board today. Seeing nothing."

Approved

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Approve separation agreement, release and payment to the County Counselor.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.