

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 27th day of February 2017 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

Chairman Oller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Billy Kryger, Pastor of the Smoky Hill Baptist Church in Ellsworth, was in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor, delivered her yearend report for the State of Kansas and asked the Commissioners to sign. She also informed Commissioners she had sent a warning letter to Kanopolis City on the Recycling trailer. An individual did not have cleaned out milk jugs that caused a terrible odor and people are still using it for a trash receptacle.

Rod Rees, EMS Director, presented the 2016 Budget Report consisting of all the write-offs and accounts receivable. At the request of Mr. Rees, Commissioner Rush made a motion to go in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:50 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Murray Marston, County Sheriff, informed the Commissioners that he had two bids for the clean of black mold in the Sheriff building's basement. The Commissioners and Sheriff Marston agreed on the bid of \$15,000 with no more than \$20,000.

Bill Lawrence, Spyglass Group, had a conference call with the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence explained that his company tries to find savings with our telecommunication bills. There is no fee if they do not find any savings or use their suggestions. Commissioner Oller said he would have to see the contract before he would make any decision on the proposal.

Roger Masse, ECMC Director, reported on the Medicare Share Savings Program they recently joined. Mr. Masse explained the program is hard for a critical care hospital, but that is how the trend is going. He pointed out that Ellsworth County Medical Center had a \$200,000 financial gain on their Income Statement.

Robert Weatherley and Mike Doerfler, Eagle Communications, asked permission to do a free site analysis. Mr. Weatherley explained because they bring our internet to the building, they are the best choice for our centralized IT Department. Commissioner Rush said that when we had a Department Head Meeting, the idea of contracting with them for IT, was not well received. A Department Head said they would keep their IT people even if they contracted with Eagle Communications. Mr. Weatherley asked if it was okay to speak to the different departments in the Courthouse. Commissioner Rush said "good luck".

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Paul Kasper, County Attorney. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:05 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rush moved to approve transferring 200 sick leave hours from William Beck to Rick Soukup. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve abatement 2016, 60 & 61 for a total of \$146.98. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the February accounts payable in the amount of \$132,483.72 and prewritten warrants for \$16,864.51 for a total of \$149,348.23. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$235,034.02. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners want to participate in Job Fest, if Ellsworth City is willing to divide the fee of \$500.00. They asked County Clerk to contact Ellsworth City and Rob Fillion, Economic Development Director.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk