

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 5, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 5th day of February 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

Co-Chairman Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda with a change. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the Minutes of January 29, 2018. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rush joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Rev. Billy Kryger was in attendance but did not want to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

A department head meeting was held and the following were in attendance: Carl Miller, Geneva Schneider, Janice Sneath, Brenda Buehler, Murray Marston, Peggy Svaty, Rod Rees, Rick Nondorf, Teresa Shute, Paul Kasper, Shelly Vopat, and Jeremiah Brown. Eagle Communications left a proposal for acquiring the phone lines at the Courthouse at a reduced rate. Several department heads spoke of phone problems with Eagle Communications and were opposed to the expansion. Sheriff Marston is checking into government pricing for his office and said he would inquire if the Courthouse would be eligible for this pricing also. A safety committee was brought up for a second time at a department head meeting with no action taken.

Commissioner Oller moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel's wages from 10:06 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. with **Rod Rees and Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director and Assistant Director.** Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Oller moved to stay in executive session until 10:30 am. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:30 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Oller moved to compensate Amy Eck back pay for when she started working as a paramedic in December, implement a \$4.00 an hour standby time as needed, increase part-time employee's wages by \$2.50 and raise the full time EMS employee's wages to 2% for February instead of the 1.50% approved in January. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sandra Hutchison, Imagequest Solution Specialist, asked the Commissioners if they would like to sign a purchasing COOP for pre-negotiated governmental pricing. The County can use this pricing when it benefits the County and will be able to still purchase locally. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Education Service Center, Region 20. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shawn Esterl, Saline County Environmental Services, presented the 2017 year-end wastewater statistics for Ellsworth County. Mr. Esterl said the water screening collections have lowered in the last year due to the increase in their fee. He believes this cost needs reviewed and adjusted in 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the January accounts payable in the amount of \$712,180.23 plus prewritten warrants of \$144,776.62 for a total of \$856,956.85. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve January Payroll in the amount of \$222,896.81. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve abatement 2017, 25-38 for \$4,244.32. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to contribute \$500 each to Ellsworth, Central Plains and Wilson After Prom. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to appoint Ronald Etchison, of Ellsworth and Sue Young, of Holyrood to be our Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Representatives for Ellsworth County. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to pay the annual dues to Kansas County Commissioner's Association (KCCA) in the amount of \$325.00. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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