

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 16, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 16th day of January 2018 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 Rush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2018. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

OPEN FORUM:

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Economic Director, updated Commissioners on her work with the Strategic Doing. Economic Development's annual meeting will be held April 11, 2018.

APPOINTMENTS:

Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor, informed Commissioners the federal exchange program had been modified. The County now has separate accounts to comply with the new federal exchange rules. Mr. Nondorf then asked Commissioners to modify the personnel handbook to allow employees to use as much sick or vacation time as they want while they are on Worker's Compensation Insurance. Currently the handbook states that Worker's Compensation Insurance will pay 2/3 of their wages and the employee is allowed to use 1/3 of sick to make up their full check. County Clerk asked to provide some research before a decision was made.

Murray Marston, Sheriff, and Larry Goldberg, Goldberg Group Architects, discussed our current jail's issues of building codes, functionality and security. Mr. Goldberg is working on three plans to present to Commissioners; Plan A: The cost to bring the current jail to current standards, Plan B: Renovate the current jail and add space around the jail, Plan C: Build a brand new building.

Robert Weatherly and James Miller, Eagle Communications, presented two proposals for communication services. One proposal is to acquire our phone lines and reduce the monthly bill. The

second proposal includes a brand new phone system with all new equipment. The Commissioners said we would discuss at the next Department Head Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve resolution 18-R-01. A resolution establishing the rates of compensation for elected officials. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk