

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

July 2, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of July 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:

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

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for June 25, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Cherie Sauers & Dru Richard, representing the Historical Society, presented the 2019 budget request for \$36,500, an increase of \$2,000 or 5.8%.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling, & Wayne Scritchfield, Kirkham Michael, displayed the proposal for the new landfill pit. The cost estimate is \$221,000 for the new pit. Mr. Scritchfield explained that estimate is on the high side and thinks it will be closer to \$200,000. Commissioner Rush made a motion to accept the agreement with Kirkham Michael to provide services for the design, bidding and excavation of the new cell for \$18,900. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor, conveyed a bid from Murphy Tractor for a new John Deere motor grader for \$184,980. The cost reflects a trade-in on a Komatsu valued at \$40,000. Commissioner Oller made a motion to allow Mr. Nondorf to purchase a new (2018) John Deere 770G motor grader for \$184,980. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Geneva Schneider, County Treasurer, presented her 2019 budget request for \$155,000, an increase of \$2000.00 or 1.31%.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the policies that are being broken by non-elected personnel from 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. with **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:55 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken. Commissioners Rush moved to go into executive session with **Rod Rees, EMS Director, and Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, from 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. to discuss the County policies being broken by non-elected personnel. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:25 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

At 11:30 a.m. Chairman Rush recessed the meeting. At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Rush called the meeting to order. Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected positions with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Assistant Director**, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 1:20 p.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to move Rod Rees from EMS Director to a paramedic and move Jeremiah Brown to EMS Director effective now. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve July Payroll in the amount of \$259,041.09. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve June Accounts Payable in the amount of \$446,090.88 plus Prewritten Warrants, \$31,734.21 for a total of \$477,825.15. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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