

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**March 6, 2017**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

***Members Present:***

*Albert W. Oller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Kermit Rush, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2017. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Rush moved to approve resolution 17-R-06, a resolution to impose a burn ban effective immediately. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor**, informed Commissioners that she contacted the State to make another burn pit south of the current burn pit. The State has been cutting down evergreens along the interstate and her current burn pit is full.

**Leland Francis, Smoky Hill Development Corporation**, asked the Commissioners to consider raising Economic Development's 2018 budget. Mr. Francis pointed out that Stafford County gets 1 mill for economic development and Russell and Lincoln County get a ½ cent sales tax. Commissioner Rush said some other Counties such as Cloud receive much less for their economic development.

**Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor**, requested permission to build a new bridge. Commissioner Oller moved to approve construction of a new bridge on Ave F section 29 & 32 in Sherman Township. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At the request of Mr. Nondorf, Commissioner Oller moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:35 a.m., Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**Murray Marston, County Sheriff**, discussed the options given for the phone line control unit being moved to the Sheriff's office from the Courthouse. If there is a power outage at the Courthouse, the

Sheriff's office would lose their phone lines too. H & B Communications said they could move the phone lines, but it would cost thousands of dollars. They suggested a cheaper alternative of buying a generator for the phone line control unit at the Courthouse. Sheriff Marston found some Honda generators for around \$800.00. H.I.S. Companies, LLC sent a contract proposal for microbial remediation at the Sheriff's Office. The Commissioners said to have the County Attorney look over the contract before signing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioners said they appreciated the offer to have the Spyglass Group look through our telecommunication bills, but they decline. Commissioners do not like to do business over the phone.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve abatement 2016-62 for \$18.00. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk