

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 15, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 15th day of May 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 May 8, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

No one was present for the open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Shelia Nelson-Stout and additional staff representing OCCK, presented their budget request for 2018 in the amount of \$68,135, the same as last year. OCCK realizes that Counties are struggling with their budgets. They are making every effort to keep costs down while providing the necessary improvements to individuals with disabilities so they can stay independent in their homes. With funding being cut from the State, Mosaic has asked for \$50,000. Mosaic is a faith-based organization serving people with intellectual disabilities. Ms. Nelson-Stout said she would reach out to Mosaic to see if they can partner with them to help provide some services.

Jon Halbgewachs, Jerry Froese, Wayne Scritchfield, Kirkham Michael & Associates, gave a presentation of the drone flown over the landfill. Mr. Froese showed Commissioners the huge almost seamless picture created with the 272 images taken with the drone. Also in attendance, were Teresa Shute and Bradley Kratzer.

Garry Wilkens & Ronald Etchison, Holyrood Senior Center, presented their budget request for 2018 in the amount of \$10,500.00, an increase of \$207 or 2%. Mr. Etchison informed Commissioners the cook at the Ellsworth Senior Center had health insurance and was unsure why North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging was billing Ellsworth County for Blue Cross & Blue shield for the cook. The Commissioners asked the County Clerk not to pay the NCFHAAA bill until they have had time to investigate this issue.

At the request of **Carl Miller, County Appraiser**, Commissioner Oller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 10:12 a.m. to 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Rush seconded the

motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Oller made the motion to approve resolution 17-R-11, a resolution to appoint Carl Miller as Ellsworth County Appraiser for the next four years. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Miller presented his 2018 budget request of \$149,330, an increase of \$8,042 or 5.69%. This budget request is including the fee from ATCI of \$2500. ATCI is a service to look at properties for the public, insurance companies, realtors and etc. Commissioner Rush said they would consider it, if the Counties budget could handle it.

Patrick Hoffman, Attorney for Marquette Rec Commission, informed Commissioners that McPherson is willing to go to a five member board and change our resolution to say Ellsworth County *shall* have a representative on Rec Board. Commissioners asked Mr. Hoffman to have the corrected resolution to them next meeting.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Attorney, Paul Kasper from 10:44 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Oller made a motion to move Rick Soukup to unpaid leave effective May 31, 2017. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At the request of **Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor**, Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 10:50 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:05 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rush made a motion to move the two Health Department clerks from \$14.12 to \$15.00 an hour. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Keeley, Sabrina Chism, John Isern and Peggy Svaty, presented their budget request for 2018 in the amount of \$78,000, the same as last year. The Courts had some unexpected expenses in 2016 and went over budget. Judge Keeley feels confident these expenses will not continue.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session with **Rod Rees and Gaye Woods, EMS**, from 11:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken. Mr. Rees received permission to use debit card to pay \$200 for the CLIA waiver.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session with Julie Neuman from 12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 12:10 p.m. with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve Abatements 63-65 (Payments Under Protest) in the amount of \$1,270.64. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.