

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

October 2, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 2nd day of October 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 September 25, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

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

Kevin Shoemaker and Terry Kueser were present to listen to the discussion on the Tyson Chicken matter, but did not ask to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Patrick Hoffman, Attorney representing Marquette Recreation District, presented a resolution to create the Recreation District. The first step in this process is to pass resolution with interlocal agreement with McPherson County. Commissioner Rush made a motion to pass Resolution 17-R-15, a resolution creating the recreation district. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

Scott Moore, Ellsworth City Administrator and Dan Mount, Post Rock Rural Water District, discussed the potential project for a Tyson poultry plant in Ellsworth County. Mr. Mount said they would need to complete some upgrades to furnish the water needed for this type of plant, but they were on board. Commissioner Oller said he was against this project. Pollution will erase the benefits that Ellsworth County might see from this industry, but if the public wants it, he will support it. Commissioner Rush said we need to have a public meeting. The public meeting will be held at the Ellsworth American Legion on October 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Amy Boxberger, Central Kansas Community Corrections, informed Commissioners that 158 offenders completed the program. Unfortunately, they were unable to obtain their goal of less than 25% of offenders entering the prison system. Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve the submittal of

the 2017 Central Kansas Community Corrections Year-End report. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Roger Masse, ECMC Director, updated Commissioners on Physician candidate recruitment. The Financial Statement shows a loss but the audit is not complete and adjustments have not been made as of September 30th.

Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor, informed Commissioners that the tearing out of Black Wolf bridge will begin October 30th. Invoices will be paid as they come in for this project. Mr. Nondorf asked for permission to train 5 employees to become certified crane operators. The cost is \$1500 per employee and the license will be good for five years. The Commissioners agreed that he needed to get them certified. Mr. Nondorf presented quotes on a new 2018 welding truck for \$29,191 and 2011 yard truck for \$22,000. The Commissioners told him that he had their permission to purchase the two trucks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the September Accounts Payable in the amount of \$151,133.98 plus pre-written warrants for \$28,719.58 for a total of \$179,853.56. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve September Payroll in the amount of \$235,094.32. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk