

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 9, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 9th day of April 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. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the Minutes for April 2, 2018. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Kathy Mosher and Pat Kinnard, Central Kansas Mental Health, briefed Commissioners on the new at risk youth inpatient care opened in Salina. Ms. Mosher presented their budget request for 2019 with a request of \$26,958 an increase of \$1,958 or 7.8%.

Rod Rees and Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director and Assistant Director, informed Commissioners they were holding the Region four meeting at the EMS building tomorrow, April 10th at 10:00 a.m. The new EMS class should be done in July and should have new part-time employees beginning in September 2018. Mr. Brown asked for approval to use the EMS debit card to pay a license renewal electronically for \$150. The Commissioners said if that is how it has to be paid, they are okay with it.

Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director, gave a brief update on her work with the rural opportunity zone, encouraging people to relocate in rural communities.

Justin Nash, H&B Communications, presented a bid for the fiber optic internet for the Courthouse with 250 mb. Commissioner Rush was reluctant to have County buy out the

County's current contract with Eagle Communications. The Commissioners asked to have the Elected officials and Department heads meet next Monday, April 16, 2018 to discuss proposal.

Jamie Rathbun, Midway Extension District, educated Commissioners that the vending machine was misleading with fruit pictured and the words natural and smart on the outside of the machine. Ellsworth County has one of the highest obese statistics in the State. **Jerry Froese, J&A Vending**, explained that while he stocked candy bars, chips and soda, he had some healthy choices. Ms. Rathbun agreed that there were some *healthier* choices; the general population will pick the cheaper items which are the candy bars, chips and soda. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to allow J&A vending to put their vending machine in the Courthouse. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Keeley, Peggy Svaty and John Isern, 20th Judicial District Court, bestowed the Commissioners with a check for \$35, 891.47. The check was a reimbursement from Kansas State for sexual predator cases paid by Ellsworth County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 18R04, a resolution rescinding Resolution 17R19, whereas it is brought to the attention of the Board that the time requirements set out to procure a Road Agreement and PILOT Agreement by the end of this month are no longer necessary and it is in the best interest of all parties to rescind said resolution. 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

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