

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 3, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of June 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for May 28, 2019. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Gary Oller, Palacky Landowner, displayed pictures from his phone showing his fence falling over. At the May 6, 2019, Commission meeting, Mr. Oller had asked the County to repair his fence due to the bridge that was built against his property. He said Mr. Nondorf had not contacted him yet. Commissioner Rolfs and Commissioner Dlabal said they would go examine the fence in question.

Alan Rusch, representing the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, asked Commissioners to consider purchasing an ad for the Progress Edition. Commissioner Rush moved to purchase a 1/4 ad for \$179.95 in the special edition. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cherie Sauers & Dru Richard, representing the Ellsworth County Historical Society, presented the Historical Society 2020 budget for \$63,760 an increase of \$4,000 or 11.26%. Mr. Richard explained that they would like to give the employees a raise. They have been paying \$7.25 an hour for several years.

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Economic Development Director, invited the Commissioners to the Launch Party. This program's goal is to improve the quality of life for current and future residents through home ownership. Financial incentives of down payment and closing cost assistance will make home buying more affordable.

Brad Moxter, American Boiler & Mechanical, and Rick Kempke, City Plumbing, Heating & Air, proposed two (2) bids to replace the Courthouse boiler. Commissioners asked Mr. Kempke's opinion. Mr. Kempke replied, "You get what you pay for." the Mohawk Scotch Marine boiler cost is \$100,424 and will last for a long time if maintained properly. The cost of the Superior Arrowhead boiler is \$85,424, but life expectancy is closer to the 10-year mark. The up-front cost is more, but the County will save in

the long run if they choose the Scotch boiler. Commissioners all agreed they would go with the Scotch but will make the motion after deciding what fund to use for payment.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, Pat Kinnard, and Susan Sprague, representing OCCK, presented the 2020 budget for \$68,000 the same as last year. In 2019 the County Attorney identified the need for OCCK to provide outreach in Ellsworth County. OCCK responded by having presentations at the library and hospital. Upcoming outreach will be provided at the Job Fair held in the ECMC administration building and the Ellsworth Schools. Ms. Sprague discussed the dementia “Lunch & Learn” that was held at the public Library. She also informed commissioners they will bring federal grant money to Ellsworth to help citizens and their families with Down Syndrome. They will also provide support for families in their home dealing with Alzheimer’s and brain injuries right in their homes. Commissioner Dlabal ask how much of the \$68,000 OCCK is requesting goes toward Administrative fees. Ms. Nelson-Stout said, “all \$68,000 and the State Aid goes to direct services.” Commissioner Rolfs questioned how the \$68,000 budget request was derived. Ms. Nelson-Stout said that amount was computed before she came to OCCK. It takes over \$2,000,000 to run this program. Mr. Kinard said originally this amount was figured from the State mandated formula. They have used the same amount every year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the May payroll in the amount of \$238,516.93. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the May accounts payable for \$378,778.78 plus prewritten warrants for \$1,868.60 for a total of \$380,347.38. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve Resolution 19R04, a resolution declaring a state of local disaster emergency for Ellsworth County, Kansas. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to appoint Tammy Moore to the Ellsworth County Medical Center Board of Directors effective July 1, 2019. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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