

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 17, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 17th day of April 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 Oller moved to approve the Agenda with an addition. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

High school students David Koralek, Wyatt Ploutz and Janae Schulte were in attendance for extra credit, but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor, discussed the in-kind contribution Scott Moore, Ellsworth City Administrator, had asked for last week. Ms. Shute is concerned she cannot provide a paid receipt to Ellsworth City unless the services have been paid. The Commissioners asked the County Clerk for ideas on a solution. The County Clerk agreed to talk to the County's Auditor to find an answer. Ms. Shute informed Commissioners that the landfill has been extremely busy on Saturday mornings. She asked permission to hire a part-time employee at the landfill. The Commissioners granted permission to hire a part-time seasonal worker for Saturday mornings.

Kathy Mosher & Pat Kinnaid, representing Central Kansas Mental Health Center, enlightened the Commissioners on the partnerships they have created with local agencies. CKMHC assesses the needs of the Community. The need for psychiatrists is prevalent in the State of Kansas. They have partnered with jails to work with the mentally ill inmates and have had a significant success in the re-entry of these inmates. While they are working to keep their costs down and building partnerships they asked for an increase for the 2018 budget of \$6,715 or a 27%.

Murray Marston, Sheriff, informed the Commissioners the Sheriff's office is safe to occupy since the air samples have been received. He feels his next move is to get sheetrock to put back up on the walls and get organized.

Edward, Jake and Geneva Schneider, 4S Feeders, asked Commissioners to sign a letter to KDHE to reduce the separation distance for the owners of habitable structures from 4,000 feet to 1,820 feet due to the expansion of the confined feeding facility. The Commissioners wanted more information from the County Attorney and to talk to KDHE. The Schneider's thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller motioned to pay Paul Kasper, County Attorney, \$100.00 an hour for criminal appeals. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk