

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

#### December 18, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

#### **Members Present:**

*Albert W. Oller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Kermit Rush, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Oller moved to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2017. 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 ask to address the Commissioners.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Murray Marston, Sheriff**, asked if he could get a feasibility study from Goldberg Group Architects. The architects will provide 3 options for redesigning the jail. Commissioner Rush made a motion to pay a fee to Goldberg Group Architects, in the amount of \$5,500 to provide a feasibility study for the Ellsworth County jail. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Gaye Woods, EMS Assistant Director**, was concerned that her position had not been filled. Terry Whitmer, Timothy Korbe, Stacey Jordan, Jenny Curnutt, Amy Eck and Jeremiah Brown were in attendance to say they did not want to cover the shift with overtime. The Commissioners are going to have a special meeting to discuss his plans on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. At the request of all the EMS employees in attendance, Commissioner Rush made the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wages from 9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 9:50 a.m. with no action taken.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Oller called the **2017 Amended Budget Hearing** to order. Terry Kueser was in attendance and asked how much extra money the amended budget would provide. County Clerk said roughly \$250,000. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the 2017 Amended Budget as presented. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Dale Houston, Interim Road & Bridge Supervisor**, informed Commissioners the bridge in Palacky Township is going to cost more than originally anticipated, due to the ground being solid rock. In

consideration of the cost running over on the Palacky Bridge, the decision was made to put off purchasing the tractor previously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Oller declared January 21-27, 2018 as Ellsworth County School Choice week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to purchase a card allowing Courthouse to have caller ID in the amount of \$376.50. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve Abatement 2017-16, in the amount of \$438.84. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to allow Ellsworth County Election Officer, Shelly Vopat, to purchase a counter and voting machines with the Equipment Fund, in the amount of \$63,902.50. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk