

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 22, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 22nd day of April 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 Rolfs moved to approve the Agenda with an addition. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for April 15, 2019. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the Public Forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Carl Miller, County Appraiser, presented his 2020 budget for \$163,000, an increase of \$9,415 or 6%. The increase is mainly due to needing a copier that will print maps for the Appraiser's office. He would like to start an equipment fund so in the future; he will not have to increase his yearly budget by a large percentage for replacement of large equipment and vehicles. Commissioners informed him the general fund has an equipment fund. Commissioner Rush made the motion to allow the Appraiser's office to use the equipment fund to purchase a copier for \$9000. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cody Sparks & Josie Wacker, representing Central Kansas Mental Health Center, requested the Board of Commissioners to consider declaring May as Mental Health month in 2019. Commissioner Rush made a motion to proclaim May 2019 as Mental Health Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental health for all citizens in Ellsworth County. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Andrew Bair, ECMC CEO, announced the Hospital is looking for a new Chief Financial Officer to replace Preston Sauers. Mr. Bair also mentioned that the Hospital's generator fails every time

they run a test on it. They have applied for a grant through Dane Hanson to replace the generator. If the Hospital does not receive the grant, they will need to use monies from the sales tax fund. One half of the sales tax fund was set up for the Hospital to use on aging equipment and etc.

Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor, revealed her retirement date to be May 31, 2019. Ms. Buehler recommended they replace her with Kerianne Ehrlich as Supervisor. Ms. Buehler said they had several conferences with hotel stays and their \$1000 credit card was not covering all of those expenses. Commissioner Rush made a motion to extend the Health Department's credit limit to \$2,000. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Judge Mike Keeley, Sabrina Chism, Lundy Settle and Peggy Svaty, representing the District Court, presented their budget request for 2020 of \$104,980. Jonathan Dahlke is retiring so they have opened the position of probation officer.

Commissioner Rush left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Jessica Kootz, Midway Extension District, informed Commissioners they were having a National Walk at Lunch Day this Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the Kriesek Park. Ms. Kootz invited the Commissioners to be on the Ellsworth Courthouse team for the Ellsworth County Cancer Tri-Athlon, June 14, 2019. Although, they did not commit they seemed interested in the Tri-Athlon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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