

## **ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**August 19, 2019**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

#### ***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

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

*Stephen S. Dlabal, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for August 12, 2019. Commissioner Rush 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.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

A Department Head meeting was held at 9:05 a.m. Those in attendance were: Carl Miller, Geneva Schneider, Peggy Svaty, Dale Houston, Teresa Shute, Jeremiah Brown, Kerianne Ehrlich, Janice Sneath and Shelly Vopat. Shelly Vopat came across some information that is not up to date with current law in the County handbook. Ms. Vopat would like to see a handbook committee formed to go over the ThinkHR website's example. The County Clerk's office will be able to provide an up to date handbook to all new county employees from the ThinkHR website. Teresa Shute and Kerianne Ehrlich volunteered to be on the Handbook Committee. Carl Miller volunteered Marie Ranker and suggested that Linda Kohls and Shelly Vopat also work on the committee. It was decided Ms. Vopat will email the committee members with a deadline for the corrections found and plan a meeting to discuss any issues that were found. At the conclusion of the meeting, Commissioner Rolfs wanted to let everyone know that when asked how he likes being a Commissioner, he tells them the County has a great group of Department Heads which makes his job easier.

**Brandon Koch and Justin Nash, representing H&B Communications,** said they would like to have their firewall in the Courthouse so they could have an end to end view. If the Courthouse is having any issues with the internet, it would take one call to H&B and they would be able to immediately start working on the problem. They feel it would be simpler for the County Clerk's office when there are internet issues. Mr. Nash then showed the Commissioners the 31 email instances that were discovered on the dark web from an email list Ms. Vopat provided. H&B wants to do this for the County to make us safer and they are willing provide this to the other departments outside of the Courthouse. They feel providing safer practices will protect the entire County all under the fee from the original contract. The Commissioners did think it would be better to have it all with one company after listening to the discussion points. Commissioner Rush made a motion to go with firewall protection with H&B Communications to have end to end coverage in the Courthouse. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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