ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 20, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 20th day of August 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:
Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner
Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner
Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the Minutes for August 13, 2018. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Canvass Minutes for August 14, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM: Billy Kryger, Pastor of the Smoky Hill Baptist Church in Ellsworth, and Dennis Rolfs, Republican Nominee for Commissioner, were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners. Shelly Vopat, County Clerk, informed the Commissioners she will have a high school senior working for 35-45 minutes a day in her office Monday through Friday until the semester ends in December.

APPOINTMENTS:

Greg Heller, Representing Kanopolis Fort Harker, sought permission to close a portion of Ohio Street, a County Road in the City of Kanopolis, on August 25, 2018 for the 150th Grand Reunion of the Forsyth Scouts. They would have the City of Kanopolis put up barricades and signs to reroute traffic. Commissioner Oller made a motion to allow the City of Kanopolis to close Ohio Street from Wyoming Street to Kansas Street on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor, presented a bid from Nex-Tech to purchase a new computer to replace her secretary, Kayla Gourley’s computer. Commissioner Oller made
a motion to allow Noxious Weed to purchase a computer from Nex-Tech in the amount of $1,383.99 to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. Shute updated the Commissioners on the Landfill project. Wayne Scritchfield, Kirkham Michael, has turned the landfill plans in to the State of Kansas and we are waiting for approval before we can solicit for sealed bids.

The Commissioners requested the Fair Association to tear down the show ring from the fair barn. **Michelle Brokes, representing the Fair Board,** said it takes a full day of work from volunteers to take it all down and another full day to put it back up. Commissioner Dlabal referred to the March 26, 2018 minutes, which stated if the fair barn was needed the fair board would take the show ring down. They finally agreed that removing the panels around the show ring would allow the saddle club to use the portion of the barn they require.

**Murray Marston, Sheriff,** informed the Commissioners that he still has three foot and five foot chest deep freezers as surplus equipment. Sheriff Marston wanted to know if the freezers needed to be placed in an email to let other departments have the opportunity to acquire them before he tried to sell them. Commissioner Rush said the senior center just had a deep freezer break down, he would check with them to see if they could use them. Sheriff Marston asked if anything had been decided on the 2007 van the EMS was disposing of. He would like to utilize the van for the Sheriff’s office, but is willing to lend it to other County departments for meetings or etc. The Commissioners agreed to let him contact Jeremiah Brown and change the title from the EMS to the Sheriff’s office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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