ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 14, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 14th day of January 2019 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 Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the Minutes for January 7, 2019. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dennis Rolfs, Commissioner Elect, and Terry Kueser were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Economic Development Director, was in attendance for a follow up on the support letter she requested for the tax credit application to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. Chairman Dlabal supplied her the support letter.

APPOINTMENTS:

Carl Miller, Appraiser, informed the Commissioners that he and the County Clerk had been gathering information for citizens asking for values for USD 112. Mr. Miller said the State was putting a comprehensive spread sheet together with the information for USD 112. He presented the contract from Kimble mapping for the Commissioners to sign. Kimble mapping will replace the old GIS system that is starting to fail. The cost of the contract is $10,800 a year. This contract will save the County from hiring an additional employee for the appraiser’s office. He will be able to afford the cost through the Appraisers budget. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to enter into the five year contract with Kimble mapping. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Miller asked if the Cross County Wind Project’s
conditional use permit was still good. The County Clerk will provide him with a copy of the resolution.

**Andrew Alexander, Graves Garrett Attorneys**, representing Cheryl Dirks, asked if we could come to a resolution with the property at Kanopolis Lake. Ms. Dirks originally asked the Commissioners for a variance on June 4, 2018 to replace the holding tanks that had been altered. Commissioners had not issued the variance because the lot size was not large enough to meet Ellsworth County’s sanitation code. Mr. Alexander said there is 400 square feet in the front of the property that should adequately hold the tanks. Commissioner Rush made a motion to issue a variance subject to Paul Kasper, County Attorney and Mr. Alexander preparing a written agreement. The agreement will contain the setback requirements from the Kansas Department of Health Environment. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rush made a motion to proclaim January 2019 as National Stalking Awareness Month. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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