

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**October 1, 2018**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2018 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for September 24, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Billy Kryger, Pastor of the Smoky Hill Baptist Church in Ellsworth, was in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Murray Marston, Sheriff**, began looking into expanding the dispatch area last year so two dispatchers would have the ability to take calls at the same time. When he discovered the cost was going to be \$300,000, he decided to explore more options. Sheriff Marston presented Commissioners with the three proposals from the Goldberg Group Architects. Option A is renovations only, by utilizing space within the present building footprint with an estimated cost of \$4,360,375. Option B is renovations and expansion of the existing facility, primarily for upgraded and increased housing capacity with an estimated cost of \$6,166,015. Option C is a new jail facility with an estimated cost of \$4,853,460. Commissioner Oller asked Sheriff Marston what his thoughts were on the proposals. Sheriff Marston would like to keep the existing jail and leave it as is for Administration and construct a new building.

At the request of **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session for Attorney-Client privilege to discuss health insurance from 9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:50 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**Eric Sexton & Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Insurance**, informed the Commissioners if they chose their company, the County would have a compliance department at their disposal. Mr. Sexton and Mr. Gilson will distribute surveys to find out our employee's needs versus wants and tailor a plan for the

employees. Mr. Gilson said we can build a plan that is more affordable and provide open enrollment where employees will understand how all the benefits work together.

**Amy Boxberger, Community Corrections**, presented her Comprehensive Plan and explained the State wants less than 25% of offender's paroles revoked and returned to prison. Ms. Boxberger discussed the challenges she faces, such as having the prison located here in Ellsworth and those offenders count against her percentages. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion for approval to submit the Kansas Department of Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Year End Outcome Report. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the September payroll in the amount of \$239,008.24. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the September accounts payable for \$218,280.60 and prewritten warrants for \$185,121.36 for a total of \$403,401.96. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve resolution 18-R-08, a resolution to approve participation in and adoption of the update to the North Central Kansas solid waste management committee plan. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners proclaimed October to be Ellsworth County's Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk