ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 3, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of September 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Commissioner Stephen Dlabal Jr. was absent due to a family funeral.

Members Present:
Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner
Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for August 26th, 2019. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Billy Kryger was in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Department Head, informed Commissioners that the County will no longer be paid for the recycled cardboard. Commissioner Rolfs said “even if we have a small fee, I think we should keep doing it” (Recycling cardboard). This will save on the cardboard being sent to the landfill. Commissioner Rush agreed. Ms. Shute said, the front door at Noxious Weed is rotting away. She was only able to get Wenz Interior from Holyrood to give her a bid. Ms. Wenz explained to the commissioners that the reason the door is so expensive is they priced a commercial door and lock. If a normal residential door was installed, the County would need to replace it in a couple of years, where-as a commercial lock and door will last for many years. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of $3,311.93 from Wenz Interiors to install a new steel door at the NW building including the optional keyless lock system.

Don Siemsen & Lois Wenz, representing the committee for the Santa Fe Depot Museum, inquired if the County has a fund for museums. Commissioner Rush said we have a historical preservation line item, but the 2020 budget has already been set. Mr. Siemsen and Ms. Wenz
want to know if in the future, they would be eligible to receive money for utilities, insurance, etc. They are unsure how much they will receive in donations. Ms. Wenz said “Please consider us.” Commissioner Rush said to submit their request in June next year for the 2021 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the August Payroll in the amount of $238,032.41. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the August accounts payable for $318,173.47 plus pre-written warrants for $2,607.09 for a total of $320,780.56. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Shelly D. Vogt, County Clerk

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