

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**December 4, 2017**

***Members Present:***

*Albert W. Oller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

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

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

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

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes of November 27, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal 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 ask to address the Commissioners.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Justin Lindsley, Smoky Hill Economic Development President**, introduced **Stacie Schmidt, the new Economic Development Director**. Ms. Schmidt asked the Commissioners if there was anything they wanted her to do for them. Commissioner Oller said he just wanted her to stay in contact and give them updates. Ms. Schmidt said she would make sure to stop in periodically to keep Commissioners informed of Economic Developments progress.

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor**, requested to post the cost of painting the Noxious Weed building from her 2017 budget in 2018 due to the fact the work cannot be completed until after the New Year. At the request of Ms. Shute, the County Clerk will inquire into the possibility of transferring funds from the Noxious Weed fund to the Equipment fund.

**Jamie Rathbun, Michelle Beran & Clint Laflin, Midway Extension District**, discussed how they could reach people who have not previously used the extension office. Mr. Laflin invited the Commissioners to attend the luncheon at Made from Scratch in Wilson December 13<sup>th</sup>, where he will give a presentation on livestock production.

**Krista Mann, Invenergy Wind**, asked commissioners to temporarily waive certain conditions imposed by Resolution 2016-R-17. The conditions for the waiver are: prior to construction of the wind farm, Developer and County shall agree on a road maintenance agreement and a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT). Ms. Mann asked to start minor construction by installing ten mud mats to qualify for the federal renewable electricity production tax credit. Resolution 2017-R-19 is no agreement, but will give Invenergy wind 5 months to agree on a PILOT and Road agreement. Commissioner Rush made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-R-19, a resolution approving a temporary and limited waiver to the satisfaction

of certain conditions of approval imposed by Resolution 2016-R-17. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor**, asked if she could close the Health Department December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioners expressed the Health Department should remain open even if both nurses are on vacation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rush made a motion to pass Resolution 17R16, a resolution exempting Ellsworth County from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as promulgated by F.A.S.B. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the following resolutions:

- 17R17 A Resolution Transferring from the Health Fund to the Health Capital Outlay Fund
- 17R18 A Resolution Transferring from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve Abatements 2017, 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 in the amount of \$2,146.26. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve added tax 2017-5 & 9 in the amount of \$306.04. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve the 2018 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for the D & S Convenience Stop and D & S Oil Company. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to amend the 2017 budget and set budget hearing for December 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve November Payroll in the amount of \$246,007.67. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the November Accounts Payable in the amount of \$121,346.88 plus pre-written warrants for \$74,208.87 for a total of \$195,555.75. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion to pay the dues of \$450 to join National Association of Counties (NACo). Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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