

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

October 16, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 16th day of October 2017 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3rd 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 October 9, 2017. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Randy Hofmeier, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, and Commissioners had a teleconference discussing the general fund balance. Eighty-two percent of the budget has been spent with 4 months remaining in the budget year. Mr. Hofmeier explained the majority of the general fund is the Sheriff's Office. Since he has exhausted his budget for this year, the County is only responsible for paying the payroll, fuel and ammunition expenses. The Clerk will send Mr. Hofmeier more reports at the end of November to determine whether the budget will need amended.

Shelly Vopat, County Clerk, presented a proposal from Wilson Communications to monitor the fire wall for the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Ms. Vopat explained that three Counties in Kansas have been targeted for ransomware and the Secretary of State's office would like Counties to be proactive. Commissioner Rush moved to accept the proposal for Trezor Managed Service for \$290 a month. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session with **County Attorney, Paul Kasper**, to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Topic being discussed will be collection of County Equipment. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 9:50 a.m. with no action taken.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed & Landfill Supervisor, inquired on hiring someone part-time for Landfill, since the current employee has fallen ill. Commissioners said she had their approval to start the hiring process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.