

ELLSWORTH COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 21, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 21st day of February 2018 in a Special Meeting 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

At the request of **Michael Gillaspie & Steve Johnson, Oneok**, the Commissioners met at 1:55 p.m. to discuss the new Elk Creek Pipeline and answer any questions anyone may have. In attendance were Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser and Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney. Carl asked if this pipeline would fall under the 10 year exemption and they replied it would. They said if the Commissioners or anyone else has a question about this project to please contact them.

Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser, stated he thought the 10 year exemption was fair and wanted to pursue the windfarms to be under the same exemption. The windfarms have a lifetime extension in the State of Kansas. He wanted to know if the Commissioners would like him to look the Statute the pipeline falls under and try and make windfarms have a 10 year exemption. Mr. Miller stated Ellsworth County would be in a much better situation if the windfarms would go on the taxes after their 10 year exemption instead of paying the PILOT agreement for life. Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney, would like more time to research the issue before giving his opinion on the matter.

At the request of **Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney**, Commissioner Oller made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Client Attorney Privilege discussing the PILOT agreement from 2:33 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 2:40 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat
Ellsworth County Clerk