

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 10, 2017

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 10th day of April 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 with a change. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes of April 3, 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 wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jamie Rathbun, Michelle Buchanan and Michelle Beran, Midway Extension Agents, presented their quarterly update. Ms. Buchanan informed the Commissioners that Ellsworth County and Russell County offices would be hiring summer help. Midway Extension Agent Cashley Schweer resigned as Midway's Livestock Agent. Ms. Rathbun helped 172 Medicare recipients. She was able to find prescription savings for about 50% of those she helped. Ms. Beran is trying to get Ellsworth and Russell County fairs lined up for the same week this year.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning, and Scott Moore, Ellsworth City Administrator, educated Commissioners on the weatherization home assistance program. Since 1978, the NCRPC has helped 4-5 low income households in Ellsworth County reduce their energy consumption by 20 to 40%. Mr. McKinney asked the Commissioners to sign a letter of support providing additional airspace training. Commissioner Rush made a motion to support the pursuit of a Joint Land Use Study of the Smoky Hill Range and the flight corridor from Fort Riley for military training. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Debra Habiger, Health Department Secretary, provided a proposal from High Plains Roofing to fix the Health Department's roof. They had encountered two spots leaking after the recent rain storms. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the High Plains Roofing proposal of \$825.00 to repair the Health Department's roof. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Oller

made the motion to enter into agreement with Eugene Ranker to mow the Health Department's lawn for a fee of \$50.00 per mowing. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Murray Marston, Sheriff, explained the leak at the Sheriff's office is believed to be a design flaw. High Plains Roofing cannot determine where the leaks are on the roof. Sheriff Marston replaced a 2002 washing machine that no longer worked at a cost of \$700.00.

Scott Moore, Ellsworth City Administrator, asked the Commissioners to give the City an in-kind contribution at the landfill. KDHE will pay 75% of the cost to tear down a little house through the Hansen Grant the County received. Mr. Moore estimated the in-kind contribution to be about \$675.00. He requested to be billed for the total amount and the County will waive the other 25%.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Olen Svoboda resigned from the Smoky Hill Development Board position, effective April 10, 2017. Commissioners will need to appoint someone.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Oller adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk