

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 13, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 13th day of August 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for August 6, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN FORUM:

Jon Halbgewachs, Kirkham Michael, informed the Commissioners that a joint legislative Transportation Vision Task Force has been formed to deal with the transportation budget constraints. The State of Kansas swept money from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) and now there is no money to complete highway projects. Mr. Halbgewachs asked the Commissioners to attend one of the meetings and inform the task force what important projects we need in this area and how it is important to keep our roads and bridges in reputable condition for economic mobility.

APPOINTMENTS:

A department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Janice Sneath, Nancy Hysong, Geneva Schneider, Brenda Buehler, Teresa Shute, Jeremiah Brown, Shelly Vopat and Paul Kasper. Ms. Vopat informed every one that she has had two different companies quoting health insurance due to complaints she has received regarding the price of our current insurance. She wants to know the concerns employees have if we leave the State Health Insurance plan. Brenda Buehler said "it certainly will not hurt to look into other options for insurance." A few attendees said they did not want to leave Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Ms. Vopat informed them that she had told both companies to quote BCBS.

Lori Miller, Heartland Consultant, explained how she utilizes Freedom Claims Management and how the plan and the savings worked for the partially funded insurance quote. Many questions arose from the Department heads that stayed for the meeting. Ms. Miller described all the options the County has with tailoring our own plan.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, requested to have the 2008 Ford Expedition be paid for through the equipment fund. Commissioner Rush made the motion to approve EMS to use the equipment fund to pay for the 2008 Ford Expedition for \$13,500. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the payment of the Courthouse server to be taken out of the equipment fund in the amount of \$22,753.16. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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