

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 3, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of December 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 November 26, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the open Public Forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, updated Commissioners on the Stryker Load system he discussed during the November 13th Commissioner meeting. Mr. Brown was informed he does not have to commit to purchasing the cot lift until he receives the dollar amount Ellsworth County will receive for the grant. Although no motion was made, the Commissioners gave Mr. Brown permission to apply for the grant.

At the request of **Carl Miller, Appraiser**, Commissioner Oller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel salaries from 9:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:30 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve the 2 percent raise, effective January 1, 2019. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Rush asked Mr. Miller to explain abatement 2018-3. Mr. Miller said this piece of property's value pulled into the Clerk's tax file from Orion four (4) times. He has contacted the person who wrote the program at the State of Kansas and he was unable to explain why this happened. Going forward the State has a fix to catch this type of error ahead of time. The Commissioners asked if this was the only property that pulled over more than one time. The County Clerk assured the Commissioners that the Clerk and Appraiser value matched the difference between the file was the same amount of the abatement.

Andrew Bair, ECMC Administrator, briefed the Commissioners on the Hospital's website. To be compliant with a new law, the hospital must post their pricing for procedures. Mr. Bair exclaimed that ECMC received an award for patient satisfaction.

Geneva Schneider, Treasurer, asked permission to pay the bill for opening her safe that had malfunctioned out of the Building fund. Commissioner Oller made a motion to pay File Safe \$1,878 out of the building fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor, presented a bid from Ellsworth Correction Facility for three (3) new Recycling bins in the amount of \$1,532. Although no motion was made, Commissioners gave permission to Ms. Shute to accept the Ellsworth Correction Facility bid. Ms. Shute asked for permission to update eight (8) lights to LED. Commissioner Oller made a motion to allow Ms. Shute to hire Briscoe Services to install eight (8) LED lights for \$800. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the November accounts payable in the amount of \$145,517.37. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the November payroll in the amount of \$255,394.76. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller moved to approve Abatement 2018-3 in the amount of \$4,971.38. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk