

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**January 22, 2019**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Kermit Rush, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Rolfs was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Agenda with an addition. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for January 14, 2019. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Patrick Hoffman, Attorney representing Ellsworth, Holyrood & Kanopolis Cities**, would like the Commissioners to have a tax sale on properties that have delinquent taxes. **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, said the main cost is the title search work for each property. Mr. Hoffman believes the cost would be recouped once the properties are sold and the taxes are being paid again. Potentially some of the properties could be used for economic development. He would just like the County to start working on the list of the properties three years behind on taxes.

Commissioner Rolfs joined the Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m.

At the request of **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wages from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Rush made a motion to stay in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wages until 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:50 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor**, discussed the complaint received about 21<sup>st</sup> road in Thomas Township. The oversized equipment traveling on 21<sup>st</sup> road to the quarry is destroying the road. Mr. Nondorf said they are trying to keep 21<sup>st</sup> road in good condition; more money is spent on that area than anywhere else in the County. Mr. Nondorf stated quarry roads are just not good roads in any county. Commissioner Rolfs commented that since 21<sup>st</sup> road is a school bus route it should be a priority. Commissioner Rush said they would be willing to pay overtime if his workers would be willing to work on weekends to maintain the road.

**Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, presented the variance he and **Andrew Alexander, Graves Garrett Attorneys**, agreed upon. The variance is specific to the property located at 88B Campbell Road, Marquette KS 67464. Any property in the future will be done on a case by case basis. After reviewing the final document, Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve the written variance and finalize the variance that was approved last week. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wages including the County Clerk from 11:25 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. with no action taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman: Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr.

Vice Chairman: Kermit Rush

### **2019 APPOINTMENTS**

Health Supervisor  
Noxious Weed-Landfill Supervisor  
Road & Bridge Supervisor  
Health Officer  
County Coroners

Special Deputy Coroner  
Workman compensation Physicians  
EMS Director  
EMS Medical Advisor  
EMS Liaison  
Emergency Management Director  
Official Newspaper

Brenda Buehler  
Teresa Shute  
Richard Nondorf  
Dr. Ronald Whitmer  
Dr. Ronald Whitmer  
Dr. Jerzy Smolka  
Dr. Katie McWilliams  
Shawn McGowan, PA  
ECMC Providers  
Jeremiah Brown  
Dr. Jerzy Smolka  
Shawn McGowan  
Keith Haberer  
Ellsworth County Independent Reporter

Commissioner Rush moved to approve abatement 2018-51 in the amount of \$84.34. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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