

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 10, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 10TH day of June 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Kermit Rush was absent.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for May 28, 2019. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Economic Development Director, had three (3) announcements to share. North Central Regional Planning Commission received a grant from the Dane G. Hansen foundation for a Home Ownership Program. The Grant will provide a 0% interest loan with assistance up to a \$10,000 for the down payment on housing and up to \$2,000 on closing costs with no pay back. Out of 23 counties who applied to become an E-Community, Ellsworth was awarded the grant for entrepreneurship community partnership. E-Community will support start-ups and expansions for local entrepreneurs. Kansas Housing Resource Corporation has awarded Ellsworth County with 14 rental units. Twelve units will be built in the Canren addition in the City of Ellsworth and the other units will be in the City of Kanopolis.

APPOINTMENTS:

Pam Hays, Troy Soukup & Bernard Habiger, representing the Conservation District, submitted the 2020 budget request for \$32,000. The Conservation District just purchased a 2019 8-yard Holcomb Scraper for \$22,000. The Scraper will be rented to farmers for dirt work repair, resulting from the substantial amount of rain Ellsworth County has received in the past year.

Michelle Brokes & Pam Hays, representing the Fair Association, presented the 2020 fair budget for \$18,000 an increase of \$2,000 or 12.5%. Ms. Brokes said since the fair association formed in 2014, they have received just a little over \$50,000 in grants.

Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor, said his entire Department will be overlaying for the next two weeks. Mr. Nondorf advised Commissioners to expect calls from people complaining because everything, such as, mowing and maintenance will be shut down until the overlaying is finished. Mr. Nondorf asked about their decision on the fence referring to the June 3, 2019 minutes in which Gary Oller, Palacky township, asked for the County to fix his fence. Commissioner Rolfs said the east part of the fence may be the County's responsibility. Mr. Nondorf said Ernie Jezek will come in to testify that the fence in question has been this way as long as he can remember. Commissioner Dlabal said he does not think the County did anything to the fence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the purchase of the Mohawk Scotch Marine boiler for the Courthouse out of the Equipment Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,424. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve abatement 2018 – 82 for \$206.16. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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