

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 25, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 25th day of March 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd 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 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for March 18, 2019. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the Open Forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

A Department Head meeting was held at 9:05 a.m. Those in attendance were: **Carl Miller, Geneva Schneider, Paul Kasper, Brenda Buehler, Teresa Shute, Jeremiah Brown, Janice Sneath, Rick Nondorf and Shelly Vopat.** Carl Miller wanted to compare the County employee's wages with the wages reported for the City of Ellsworth. Commissioner Rush said with the cap on the County's mill levy, we cannot compete with the City's wages. Geneva Schneider pointed out that the State is contributing less money for the Treasurer's office programs, yet adding to the work load of the office. Shelly Vopat commented that the Clerk's office is in the same position as the Treasurer. Jeremiah Brown asked why the County couldn't give raises out of the savings from switching from the State health insurance to Aetna health insurance.

Carl Miller, Appraiser, asked if the Air Force is going to stop the new windfarm. The Air Force is going to fight at least part of the Cross County Windfarm, but Invenergy will need to work with the Air Force.

At the request of **Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor,** Commissioner Rush made the motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a new hire from

10:32 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:37 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor, informed Commissioners that he would be building a bridge south of Holyrood Lake. He knows it will cause complaints because he is not able to have a shoofly around the bridge and there are no other convenient routes for people to travel for a detour.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush moved to approve Abatement 2018-80 in the amount of \$18.14. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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