

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**March 26, 2018**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

***Members Present:***

*Albert W. Oller, 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 Rush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for March 19, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rev. Billy Kryger and Economic Development Director Stacie Schmidt were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

### **OPEN FORUM:**

**Ron Etchison** submitted his resignation as representative from North Central Flint Hills. Commissioner Rush made a motion to accept Mr. Etchison's resignation as Ellsworth County's representative from North Central Flint Hills effective immediately. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor**, presented a grant application that she needs signed by Commissioners. Commissioner Oller made a motion to approve the Kansas Department of Health and Environment grant application for \$45,327. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Oller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel related to hiring a full-time registered nurse from 9:23 a.m. to 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 9:33 a.m. with no action taken.

**Paul Kasper, County Attorney,** requested to go into executive session to discuss mediation for the Ambulance wreck on December 1, 2015. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to go into executive session with Mr. Kasper for attorney-client privilege to discuss the March 13<sup>th</sup> mediation from 9:36 a.m. to 9:51 a.m. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:51 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to accept the proposed settlement of \$152,187.00 in which the County's portion is \$16,009.01 from the mediation of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Kasper informed Commissioners that the Citizens of Wilson, have donated a plot to bury the unclaimed body that the County took possession of after no family claimed the body.

**Michelle Brokes, County Fair Association,** updated Commissioners on the work they have completed since last year. The association had acquired 3 grants totaling \$35,000 in which they purchased new pins for different areas of the fair grounds. Ms. Brokes asked permission to leave the show ring up from April to July this year. They are doing a swine clinic for kids and it takes a great deal of time and volunteers to put up the show ring and take it down. Commissioners said they did not see a problem with leaving the show ring up on the condition if something comes up, they will need to take it down. Ms. Brokes said they would need a week's worth of notice to take them down.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Oller moved to approve abatement 2017-49 in the amount of \$276.34. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Oller made a motion lift burn ban affective today. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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