

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 4, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 4th 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 Rush moved to approve the Agenda with additions. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for February 25, 2019. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the Public Forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Dlabal opened the hearing for a road opening in Trivoli Township. Jim & Joyce Shriner, Bernard Musselwhite and Stephen Donley were present for the hearing. Since there was no opposition to the opening of the road, Commissioner Rush moved to approve the opening of the following road:

A road running east one mile between Sections 28 and 33 (sixty (60) foot right of way) and continuing south one mile between Sections 33 and 34 forty (40) foot right of way (fr. S/2 28-17-7; fr. N/2 33-17-7; fr. SE/4 33-17-7 and fr. W/2 34-17-7).

Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, is afraid there is tension between the EMS Department and the Hospital. Mr. Brown shut down a transfer due to snowy icy roads. He said if this had been a true emergency, EMS would have taken the transfer. Mr. Brown said he would like to have a meeting with Andrew Bair, ECMC CEO, and the Commissioners to set up protocols for transfers during unsafe driving conditions.

Todd Wacker & Justin Wacker of Hi-Plains Sand Inc., discussed the condition of the rural roads in Ellsworth County. Mr. Wacker said the poor road conditions were due to the amount of moisture we have received since last fall. Mr. Wacker believes AB-3 gravel will repair the roads after it hardens to fix the base of the roads. Hi-Plains Sand is willing to donate the material, if the Road & Bridge will provide the labor for the application of the material. **Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge Supervisor**, stated his previous experience with AB-3 gravel would turn the roads to slime when it rained. The Commissioners and Mr. Nondorf agreed to use the material donated. Mr. Nondorf has 240 miles of road to maintain in Ellsworth County and knows road millings are the best fix for the roads, but is too costly.

Commissioner Rush moved to go into executive session to discuss a non-elected employee's salary with Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge from 11:03 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush moved to approve Abatements 2018, 76, 78 & 79 in the amount of \$3,127.98. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$230,635.37. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the February accounts payable in the amount of \$180,592.22 plus prewritten warrants of \$29,864.93 for a total of \$210,457.15. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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