

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 14, 2018

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 14th day of May 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Albert W. Oller, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

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

Commissioner Oller moved to approve the Minutes for May 7, 2018. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Development Executive Director, was in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Judge Mike Keeley, John Isern, Sabrina Chism and Peggy Svaty, representing the 20th Judicial Court system, presented their budget request for 2019. Legal defense costs for everyone who has the right to an attorney resulted in the request for \$96,500, an increase of \$18,500 or 24%.

Chairman Rush returned at 9:40 a.m. and presided over the rest of meeting.

Paul Kasper, County Attorney and Rick Nondorf, Road & Bridge, were present to address a complaint on two narrow bridges on 23rd road in Garfield Township. Mr. Nondorf contracts with Kirkham & Michael to assess all bridges in Ellsworth County. Neither of the bridges are structurally deficient or structurally obsolete.

At the request of **Brenda Buehler, Health Department Supervisor**, Commissioner Oller made a motion to go into executive to discuss non-elected part time summer help from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Buehler is hiring Pam Stiles for summer help.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill, & Recycling Supervisor, informed Commissioners that a part-time landfill employee was resigning so an ad for his position would be in the newspaper. The Commissioners addressed a complaint they had received about flowers in the roadway with Ms. Shute. She expressed that all counties had been instructed not to spray wildflowers because of bees.

Shelia Nelson Stout and Pat Kinnard, representing OCCK, presented their budget request for 2019 in the amount of \$68,135, the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Oller moved to approve Abatements 53 & 54 in the amount of \$41.90. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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