

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 30, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 30th day of September 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. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for September 23, 2019. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Rev. Billy Kryger and Melinda Merrill were present but did not wish to address the Commission.

APPOINTMENTS:

Scott Moore, Ellsworth City Administrator, is working with North Central Regional Planning Commission to rehabilitate properties and demolish dilapidated buildings. In the search for landowners, the City discovered a strip of property owned by Ellsworth County that is only 10 ft by 150 ft. The County acquired it during a tax sale in 1943. Paul Kasper, County Attorney, said it would be better to gift this property also known as, the North Half of Lot 22 in Block 15 in the City of Ellsworth, to the City of Ellsworth and then the City could be in charge of deciding how to distribute it from there. Mr. Kasper will work with Patrick Hoffman, Ellsworth City's Attorney, to work out the details.

Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session to discuss preliminary acquisition for the transfer of real property from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with **Scott Moore, Stacie Schmidt and Paul Kasper**. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:30 a.m. Commissioners returned with no action taken.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor, provided pictures of all the damage she suffered at her buildings during the hailstorm on June 22, 2019. Ms. Shute expressed her displeasure of only receiving \$170.00 in damages. She said we only painted the Noxious Weed building last year so the paint alone will cost more than \$170.00. The Commissioners told Shute to reach out to the adjuster and have him come back to re-examine the damage. Shelly Vopat, County Clerk said to call her office if he was unwilling to come back out to Ellsworth and someone from her office would contact KCAMP.

Andrew Bair, Ellsworth County Medical Center CEO, said he restructured all key positions to level out responsibilities and to eliminate duplication of duties. Beth Vallier has accepted a position as the North Central Kansas Regional Hospital Coordinator. Her last day was September 27th. She oversaw three big roles; recruiting & training, marketing and emergency preparedness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the September payroll in the amount of \$242,404.04. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the September accounts payable for \$110,600.97 plus prewritten warrants for \$2,189.72 for a total of \$112,792.69. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.


Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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