

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 25, 2019

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 25th day of November 2019 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Kermit Rush was absent.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st 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 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for November 18, 2019. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Rev. Billy Kryger was present but did not wish to address the Commission.

APPOINTMENTS:

Heather West, representing Security 1st Title, LLC, asked if the Commissioners had any questions on the real estate transaction for the former Ellsworth Ready Mix building. Ms. West displayed all the places to sign and initial. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to pay \$1,054.19, the closing costs, out of the County Building fund for a total of \$76, 054.19 from the building fund and \$25,000 out of the Road & Bridge fund for a grand total of \$101, 054.19. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor, Jon Halbgewachs & Josh Beckman, representing Kirkham Michael, discussed the shape the bridge was in about 3 miles south of Wilson. Concrete is cracked, beams are rusted, and rebar is exposed from the 50 to 62 years of salt and wear & tear. He estimated the cost to rehab the bridge to be around \$1,200,000, whereas a new bridge would cost between \$1,600,000 to \$1,900,000. Mr. Halbgewachs and the Commissioners agreed a more extensive study needed to be done on both options. Mr. Halbgewachs and Mr. Beckman will bring the study back after the first of the year.

Andrew Bair, ECMC CEO, said the hospital is writing the grant for the community center that the American Legion is spearheading.

Clint Laflin, Marcia Gier, Jessica Kootz & Craig Dinkel, representing K-State Research and Extension, informed Commissioners on their work for the last quarter and their upcoming events, training and meetings. Ms. Kootz is busy with Medicare appointments. Ms. Gier is working on the fair book because it needs updated. Mr. Laflin and Mr. Dinkel are presenting an appreciation award to the Cattlewomen tomorrow, November 26, 2019 for all their hard work they provide to the community.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor, reported she did not believe that KCamp Insurance had allotted enough funds to fix the Recycling building properly. Commissioner Dlabal told her to get at least one estimate to see what, if any differences were between the insurance adjuster and the contractor.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, invited Commissioners to come look at the storage area that was cleaned by an Eagle Scout a year ago. VFW stores several items in the cargo area of the building. While Mr. Brown loves that the County is able to help out such a worthy organization, they have run out of room and it is starting to clutter again. He needs them to be aware that they cannot have anymore stored at the EMS facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve cereal malt beverage license for Service Oil Company at the Travel Shoppe #2. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioners tabled the decision on whether to hire JMH Cleaning Service to clean the marble in the Courthouse or not.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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