

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 29, 2020

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 29th day of June 2020 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 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 Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for June 22, 2020. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Greg Bender, Commissioner candidate, was in attendance but did not ask to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director for North Central Flint Hills Agency Area on Aging (NCFHAAA), explained the invoice for the Senior Care Act is to help expand services. The Senior Care Act is a federally funded service, so the invoice would really be a county contribution.

Dru Richard, representing the Ellsworth County Historical Society, presented the 2021 budget request for \$39,500 same as last year.

Janice Sneath, Register of Deeds, submitted her 2021 budget request for \$102,660 an increase of \$2,425 or 2.4%.

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, and Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Counselor, discussed the hiring of a part-time employee at the County to handle all of the requirements for the SPARK grant. The committee will bring the Commissioners their suggestions for the part-time position. Ms.

Schmidt informed the Commissioners that Leland Francis resigned from the Economic Board, so they will need to find a replacement for him.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, submitted her 2021 budget for \$376,753.80 an increase of \$5,072.80 or 1.4%.

Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Counselor, reviewed the technology needs for the Ellsworth County Courtroom. Currently, there is no way to show photographs or video. Mr. Kasper believes that with KBI banning travel, there will be a need to do testifying by video conferencing. He believes the best solution would be to purchase a portable projector and screen for \$1,100 with diversion funds. Commissioner Rush made a motion to allow the purchase of the projector, screen, case and tripod to be paid out of the general fund up to \$1,250. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs returned to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Brent Goss, president of the 4-H Fair Association, presented the 2021 budget request for \$14,000 a decrease of \$3,000 or 17.6%. The decrease is due to not needing to print fair books and no advertising.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that he had to have some electrical work done. Mr. Brown thinks the building may have been hit by lightning. Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into executive session with Jeremiah Brown to discuss non-elected personnel staffing issues from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:45 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rush moved to approve June payroll in the amount of \$259,612.37. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to appoint Jennifer Nemnich and Stacie Schmidt to the Ellsworth County Medical Center Board of Directors effective immediately. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.