

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 11, 2020**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Kermit Rush, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 May 4, 2020 with a correction. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the open forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser**, presented the 2021 budget request for \$168,500, an increase of \$5,500 or 3.4%. Mr. Miller said the increase was due to the increase on Thomson Reuters fees and his salary as well as his staff's wages. Mr. Miller informed the Commissioners that he would certify the 2020 values to the County Clerk on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, asked the Commissioners how he should handle his calls from the City of Wilson. The bridge on highway Old 40 is being replaced so they have been traveling to the City of Wilson going on Highway 14 to the Interstate. Now the State of Kansas is going to widen and mill off Highway 14. He asked them if they want to delay their response time or see if the County of Russell could take the Wilson calls until one of those two highways become available. Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said he would contact APAC to see if they could allow the ambulance through for an emergency. The Commissioners said if APAC cannot accommodate this request to ask the County of Russell to respond to Wilson calls.

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent**, presented paperwork to sign so the Road & Bridge Department could receive State funding. Commissioner Rush made a motion to go into

executive session with Dale Houston to discuss non-elected personnel wages from 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:00 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve the raise for Brent Herlan from \$22.00 to \$24.00 an hour. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, informed Commissioners that Ellsworth County had its second case on COVID-19. She is still working with KDHE to track down all the facts. Ms. Ehrlich will be working with the fair board this week to try and find away for the kids to show off what they have done but keep within the guidelines during the COVID-19 epidemic.

**Kathy Mosher, Erica Green and Trudy Berthelson, representing CKMHC (Central Kansas Mental Health Center)**, discussed all the programs they have implemented into this region. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death for individuals aged 15 – 44. They have a crises team available by hotline 24/7. They have asked Ellsworth County for 28,877 for the 2021 budget an increase of \$1,111 or 4%.

**Amy Boxberger and Marissa Woodmansee, representing Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC)**, asked for approval of the CKCC Comprehensive plan for the fiscal year 2021.

Although no motion was made, the Commissioners approved the CKCC comprehensive plan for 2021.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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