

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 11, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 11th day of April 2022 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Gregory C. Bender, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

Chairman Bender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Allen Glendenning, representing Watkins Calcara**, for possible litigation of a terminated employee from 9:05 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:25 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Sheriff Murray Marston** for confidential data to discuss information about jail consultants from 10:21 a.m. to 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:31 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to have Bill Garnos supply Sheriff Marston his fee for the jail needs assessment. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Janssen, representing the Post Rock Rural Water District, thanked the Commissioners for the \$117,350 Post Rock already received for the digital meters through ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funding. Mr. Janssen asked the Commissioners to consider \$28,000 for completion of this project with the second tranche of ARPA funding.

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, turned in the ARPA requests she has received from Wilson Community Thrift Shop for \$15,000 and Grandmas Soda Shop for \$50,000. Ms. Schmidt wanted to reiterate that ARPA requests must be in writing.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners tabled the boiler proposals until the County Clerk can clarify Bruce Bowie's intentions.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to hire Hall Construction to remodel the Clerk's office for \$19,787 to be paid by ARPA funds. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bender adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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