

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 19, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 19th day of April 2021 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Commissioner Dennis Rolfs was not in attendance.

Members Present:

Gregory C. Bender, 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 Bender moved to approve the Agenda with an addition. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for April 12, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor, informed the Commissioners that C&B Trucking, Beverly Kansas, will no longer be able to pick up Ellsworth County's recycling. Yesterday, April 18, 2021, the Beverly location was destroyed due to a fire. Ms. Shute feels Ellsworth County has no choice but to shut down their recycling program until they can secure a feasible place to take their recycling. Commissioners told her to keep looking because they hated to see the recycling program discontinue in Ellsworth County.

APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss a new hire from 9:23 a.m. to 9:33 a.m. with **Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor** and Shelly Vopat. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. At 9:33 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Bender made a motion to stay in executive session until 9:38 a.m. for non-elected personnel to discuss the new hire with Mr. Houston and Ms. Vopat. At 9:38 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

At 9:44 a.m. Kermit Rush joined the meeting to provide the Commissioners with an article from the High Plains Journal. It discussed the issues author Trent Loos has with the 30 x 30, Net Carbon Zero, a Heritage Area and an American Prairie Reserve.

Andrew Bair, ECMC CEO, notified the Commissioners that Kenny Beneda has turned in his resignation on the Hospital Board. The Commissioners need to find a replacement for the Wilson

area. Mr. Bair asked if they wanted the board and himself to come up with candidates or if the Commissioners would find the replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the 2020 abatements 81 & 82 for a total of \$260.64. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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