

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 25, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 25th 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 18, 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mike Slechta, representing the Ellsworth Senior Center, expressed the senior center's need for a van for the Friendship meals program. They applied for a \$38,000 grant through the Smoky Hill Charitable Program and were awarded \$8,000. Mr. Slechta asked if ARPA funding was available. The Commissioners told Mr. Slechta to fill out a request for ARPA funding and they would see if the County can help.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed Department Superintendent, presented a bid from Gale Hunter to prepare and paint the Noxious Weed building where needed for \$450. Although no motion was made, the Commissioners did not oppose the bid.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Administrator, requested permission to accept a bid from Wenz Interior for \$17,247.84 to replace the carpet at the Health Department and \$7,283.78 for removal of carpet on walls and replace with paneling. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the use of grant money at the Health Department for new carpet in the amount of \$17,247.84 and remove the carpet on wall and replace with paneling for \$7,283.78. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shawn Estrel, Saline County Environmental Services, provided the 2021 year-end environmental health services report. Ellsworth County had 17 wastewater systems of which 5 were new systems and 12 were replacement systems and 22 water testing requests.

Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director, informed the Commissioners that the report for ARPA funding was completed. The report was due April 30, 2022. The County should be receiving the second tranche of ARPA funding at any time.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, passed out Bill Garnos proposal for the Jail needs assessment. Sheriff Marston asked the Commissioners to review the proposal and call him if they have any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to rescind Resolution2022R05 and replace it with Resolution 2022R06, a resolution to implement the burn ban.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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