

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 26, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 26th day of April 2021 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

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. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for April 19, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present at the public forum to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Judge Steve Johnson, Lundy Settle, Raylene Mattocks and Kristy Battershell, representing the District Court, presented the 20th Judicial District Court 2022 budget request for \$104,980. The same request as last year.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, asked the Commissioners to reimburse him for providing lunch to four dispatchers during dispatch week. Commissioner Bender made a motion to reimburse Jeremiah Brown \$74.11 for the lunch from Orozcos during Dispatch week.

Commissioners Rolfs wanted to say that after the tour of the Rolling Hills Electric Building and speaking with the City, he thinks the County should look at other storage options and he feels it is important to keep all the offices in the Courthouse.

Angel Cushing a citizen of Lyon County, KS, wanted to discuss the National Heritage Area (NHA). Also in attendance was Mike Mattas, Leeroy Charvat, Dr. Dennis Kepka, Stacie Schmidt, Tami McGreevy, Barry Reinert, Bob Reinert, Art Howell, Sarah Goss and Melinda Boeken. Ms. Cushing pointed out that the NHA is telling everyone they are only promoting tourism. However, once they enter a County, they provide a management plan which includes zoning for the County. Ms. Cushing asked, "How does this tie into the Biden 30 30 plan?" She asked the Commissioners to consider passing a resolution opting out of the NHA and the 30 30 plan. Dr. Dennis Kepka asked

Ms. Cushing how our senators stand on this issue. She replied that Marshall is concerned but not overly concerned, Derek Schmidt is not concerned at all, Tracy Mann & Jerry Moran are very concerned. Sarah Goss, representing, Kansas Farm Bureau, encouraged the Commissioners to heavily consider their decision before passing a resolution and to do their own research. Currently fear and skepticism is high as it should be, but she wants them to take their time so they can make the best decision for the good of Ellsworth County residents. She ended with encouraging the Commissioners to please personally contact your senators and legislators. Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, does not believe the NHA is trying to infringe on property owners' rights.

Teresa Shute, Recycling Supervisor, informed Commissioners she will be opening the recycling doors on Monday morning.

Amy Boxberger & Marissa Woodmansee, representing the Central Kansas Community Corrections (CKCC), presented their Comprehensive plans. Also, in attendance was Rusty Varnado, CKCC Advisory Board Member. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve the Central Kansas Community Correction Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Health Request for fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to approve the application for the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Justice Comprehensive Plan for fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Appointment for the Board Member of the Ellsworth County Medical Center was tabled until they had a chance to talk to some individuals.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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