

AMENDED

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 4, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 4th 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 Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, asked Commissioners to sign a MOU with the State of Kansas for an EMS tech to receive a \$1,500 grant to take the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) class. Chairman Bender signed the MOU.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jamie Cunningham & Jake Strecker, INA Alert, presented their security software in the meeting room. Customers of INA Alert near County of Ellsworth, include the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth County Medical Center and the County of Rice. Mr. Strecker reminded the Commissioners that their equipment qualifies for ARPA (America Rescue Plant Act) funding.

Ron Etchison & Garry Wilkens, representing the Holyrood Senior Center, presented their 2023 budget request for \$12,500, an increase of \$1,000 or 9%. The main reason for the increase is the cost of utilities and insurance has skyrocketed in the last year.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Administrator, informed the Commissioners that Eugene Ranker's mowing contract went from \$60 per mow to \$65 per mow. Ms. Ehrlich had a copier bid for \$4,360. Although no motion was made the Commissioners agreed to purchase of copier and the contract with Mr. Ranker.

Brandon Scott, Enterprise Fleet Management, presented an overview for what he would like to do for the County of Ellsworth. Also in attendance was Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent. Enterprise finds the effective timeline for vehicles and advise when to buy and sell. The Commissioners told him to contact them in two weeks after they have had time to review the material.

Paul Kasper, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners that Parson's Funeral Home has an unclaimed body. Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Parson's Funeral Home to handle the unclaimed body with the most economical cost and Ellsworth County will pay for the statutory requirement. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Resolution 2022R05, a resolution implementing the Ellsworth County burn ban. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Vehicle Sales Agreement to sell the Ambulance to Claflin Ambulance Service for \$8,500. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the March Payroll in the amount of \$277,781.15. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the March Accounts Payable for \$146,094.90 plus prewritten warrants for \$35,245.25 for a total of \$181,340.15. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to make April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Ellsworth County. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bender adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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