

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 1, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 1st day of August 2022 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 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 Bender moved to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2022. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, requested permission to purchase a vinyl garage door wide enough for the new ambulance. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to hire C & E Doors to install a 12' x 14' door for \$3,879 to be paid from the county building fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Alan Rusch, representing the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, asked the Commissioners to purchase an ad in the August 18th edition for Cowtown Days. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to purchase a ¼ ad in the paper for Ellsworth Cowtown Days for the August 18th paper. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Superintendent, informed the Commissioners they could attend a meeting on August 11, 2022. At approximately 10:30 a.m. there will be a drone demonstrating spraying weeds at the Ellsworth City Recreation Center. Ms. Shute is afraid of losing recycling. The public is putting trash in the recycling building and not separating recycling. The employees are catching as much of it as they can but some is still going to Lincoln. Commissioner Bender told Ms. Shute to try and put signs up inside and out to

see if that helps if it doesn't, put an ad in the newspaper. We will re-address if neither option works. Commissioner Bender made a motion to hire Wenz Interiors to install new windows in the amount of \$3,185.05. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Allison Koch, representing H&B Communications, discussed the new grant that H&B Communications is applying for through the State of Kansas. Also in attendance was Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director. H&B Communications is working through the grant application and Brandon Koch will come in next week to request more ARPA funds for Broadband.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Gregory Bender and Carl Miller, went to Lincoln County on Friday, July 29, 2022, to discuss the Post Rock Windfarm agreements that both counties have. The appraisers from Ellsworth and Lincoln County will look at numbers and come up with what they want for an agreement with Post Rock Windfarm. They are going to propose a 2% escalator for every year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the July Payroll in the amount of \$267,650.95. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the July Accounts Payable for \$132,746.61 plus prewritten warrants for \$91,088.52 for a total of \$223,835.13. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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