

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**August 30, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

#### ***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Gregory C. Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

#### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

Chairman Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the agenda with the addition for the Federal Exchange funds request. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for August 23, 2021 with a correction. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Greg & Celia Heller and Scott & Carol Clemenson were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director**, presented all of the policies needed for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) except for the Procurement Policy and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Policy. **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, also in attendance, had approved the policies pending any new guidelines provided by the Federal Government. Commissioner Rolfs asked what the Procurement Policy was? Ms. Schmidt explained that the Procurement Policy would require any entity awarded over \$250,000 through the ARPA funding to have a single audit performed and supply the County of Ellsworth with the audit. Ms. Schmidt urged the Commissioners to take their time and read the policies carefully before approving them. An appointment will be set at the next Commissioner meeting to discuss and approve the policies and begin making a budget for the ARPA funds.

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, informed the Commissioners that the County does not need to pay any money for the new ambulance until it is delivered. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to the purchase the 2022 Osage Super Warrior Ambulance and chassis from Osage Ambulance in the amount of \$239,790. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Dlabal called to order the Post Rock Water District Hearing. **Sharon Condit, Post Rock Water District Office Manager** and Terry Kueser were in attendance. The Commissioners asked if the petition was just a boundary change. Ms. Condit conferred that this was a petition for the attachment of lands to the Rural Water District No. 1, in McPherson County. Commissioner Bender

made a motion to approve the petition for the attachment of lands to the Rural Water District #1. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Dave Cox, representing Maico Industry,** expressed his appreciation for the Commissioner's Service. Mr. Cox said he just wants to keep his request in the front line. Mr. Cox said, "I would like to see the ARPA funding done sooner rather than later."

**Sue Arensman, Register of Deeds,** wanted to provide an update on the water fountains for the Courthouse. Ms. Arensman had put a request in for new water fountains through the ARPA funding. Jim Bowie, Alamo Specialties, can order them but he couldn't cut the marble. Ms. Arensman said Robert Hicks from JR Granite said he could cut the marble for installation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the request for the Federal Exchange Funds Master Agreement for \$67,576.05. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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