

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**December 28, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 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. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for December 20, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one was present for the open forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, informed the Commissioners that David Chamberlain and Joshua Tipton passed their AEMT class and will begin their job duties once the State has approved them. Mr. Florian requested permission to pursue a grant to pay for 25% of the cost for LUCAS, a chest compression system. The State of Kansas is paying for 75% of the cost for LUCAS. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Nathan to apply for the KRAF (Kansas Revolving Assistance Fund) grant for the LUCAS. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth Co. Medical Center CEO**, reported that the hospital has had no COVID inpatients for the last three to four days. The clinic is seeing patients at pre-COVID level or higher. Mr. Kirkbride has hired a new finance director who will be getting entries fixed. For example, bad debt was not being logged correctly so last years report was not submitted correctly.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Abatement 2021 #28 for \$138.14. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners tabled Abatement 2021 #29.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve December payroll in the amount of \$329,358.46. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Resolution 2021R16, a resolution exempting Ellsworth County from Generally Accepted Accounting principles. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Resolution 2021R17, a resolution to join the statewide litigation regarding the opioid epidemic and to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Attorney General, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to appoint Tara Rush as Trivoli Township Clerk effective 1/1/2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the 2022 KAC dues for \$2,326.77. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk