

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**February 1, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 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 Rolfs moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for January 25, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

**Gregory Clark, USD 112 Superintendent**, wanted to thank the Health Department and the Commissioners for their work on fighting the pandemic. Mr. Clark said the mask mandate helped to enforce the wearing of face masks in the schools and believes this contributed to the schools being able to stay open. He said Kerianne Ehrlich has been more help than Barton County when he would have believed the bigger County would have been on top of the pandemic. The Ellsworth County Health Department staff have been wonderful. Mr. Clark is on the SPARK committee and the school district really appreciates the funds the committee allotted to the school district. Mr. Clark said, "He is proud that his school district is in Ellsworth County."

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, gave a COVID update. USD 327 staff were administered their vaccine shot on Friday. The Health Department office is inundated with phone calls requesting information on receiving their COVID vaccine. Ms. Ehrlich invited the Commissioners to come to the Health Department to receive their vaccine shot after the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Paul Kasper, County Counselor**, to discuss Attorney Client Privilege regarding a billing dispute from 9:56 a.m. to 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:04 a.m. commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve January payroll in the amount of \$234,055.77. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the January accounts payable for \$540,326.13 plus prewritten warrants for \$8,481.19 for a total of \$548,807.32. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve 2020 Abatements 59 through 72 in the amount of \$7,776.02. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Commissioners decided to leave the mask mandate as is.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk