

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 10, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 10th day of January 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 Rolfs moved to approve the agenda with corrections. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

No one was present for the open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, presented the ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zones) resolution. The ROZ Resolution allows Ellsworth County Business to attract employees by participating in a match program with the State of Kansas by paying on their student debt. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve Resolution 2022R02, a resolution authorizing participation in rural opportunity zone student loan repayment program for calendar year 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, requested permission to pursue the Exploration Program sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. The exploration program would allow students age 14 to 20 years old to participate in a strict step by step process to job shadow at the EMS Department. The Boy Scouts of America carry the liability for the students while they are participants in the Exploration Program. The Commissioners were in agreement that this is a worthy program for Mr. Florian to pursue the implementation in Ellsworth County. Mr. Florian informed the Commissioners that the EMS Department received the 2020 Dodge Durango and would like to use the equipment fund to pay for the wrap that would match the new ambulance. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to purchase the

signage for the 2020 Durango from Mark's Custom Signs in the amount of \$2,390.80 to be paid out of the Equipment Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Florian said in the past the EMS Department had borrowed an UTV from Kan Equip or Carrico Implement to use at football games. In the last year neither business were able to lend a UTV to the EMS Department. Firehouse Sub has a grant available that would pay for the entire purchase price of a UTV for the EMS Department. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to apply for a grant through Firehouse Sub for the purchase of a UTV. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Resolution 2022R01, a resolution establishing the rates of compensation for officials elected to serve the County of Ellsworth. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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