

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**January 24, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 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 Bender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for January 18 and January 20, 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Lieutenant Justin Rohr, Kansas State Trooper, thanked the Commissioners for allowing the purchase of Ballistic Shields with Ellsworth County Diversion Funds. The shields have added a layer of safety when approaching vehicles.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Allison Koch, representing H & B Communications, & Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director**, provided a Letter of Support for the Commissioners to sign for a match grant with the State of Kansas that was discussed at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. After the Commissioners reviewed the letter, they signed the letter of support that stated they would provide \$225,000 to Broadband Development in Ellsworth County.

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor**, informed the Commissioners that the contract for road millings went up \$17,000 from last year. Mr. Houston said Ellsworth County was hosting the North Central Kansas County's Highway Officials Association meeting on April 6, 2022.

**Jim Kirkbride & Charles Lewing, representing ECMC (Ellsworth County Medical Center)**, reported the hospital had a good month in December and they will end in the positive for 2021.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive with Jim Kirkbride and Charles Lewing to discuss the future of the facility for commercial transactions to be negotiated from 10:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:25 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Abatements 2021-35, 36 and 39 through 43 in the amount of \$8,202.62. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Add 2021-44 in the amount of \$680.00. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners decided not to participate in the National Stalking Proclamation or School Choice Week due to the request being so late in the month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 11:37 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk

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