

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**June 13, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

Commissioner Dlabal joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Cynthia Edgerle and Melvin McCary, representing the Ellsworth County Historical Society,** presented the 2023 budget request for \$41,000, no increase from last year.

**Ron Tenbrink, Ellsworth City Recreation Director,** asked if the County would be interested in donating some money from the Parks & Recreation fund for renovations at the City's ball fields. Commissioner Bender said he would like to find out what the fund is to be used for and how much money is in that fund.

**Josh Beckman, representing Kirkham Michael, and Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent,** submitted the updated cost estimate for the Wilson bridge. The new estimate is for a concrete beam bridge that will be just a little shorter than the original estimate. The Commissioners said to proceed with this plan. Mr. Houston submitted the 2023 budget request for \$3,078,346, an increase of \$710,904 or 30%.

**John Dearoff, Interim Ellsworth City Administrator**, informed the commissioners that the city had a Ransomware attack. They are mostly back up and they have hired a firm trying to work with the bad guys.

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling**, presented her 2023 budgets as follows: Noxious Weed \$320,000 an increase of \$60,500 or 23.3%; Landfill & Recycling, \$100,650 an increase of \$7,025 or 7.5%. The reason for the large increase request is due to chemical is double this year and Brad Kratzer is going to retire next year so she will have to pay out his sick and vacation leave and pay two employees for a month.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender made a motion to renew the Ellsworth County Historical Society waiver to use at the landfill. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to appoint Brandon Hulse as the Langley Township Trustee. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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