

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 27, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 27th day of June 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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the amended Minutes of June 20, 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, submitted the 2023 budget request for \$397,424, an increase of \$10,827 or 2.8%. Ms. Ehrlich requested permission to use grant money to purchase a new ice machine. Commissioner Bender said he did not see a problem with using grant money to purchase an ice machine.

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, requested permission to build a supply room and a storage room with left over money from the Kansas Gas Grant. The Commissioners said they did not see an issue with using grant money to buy the supplies to build two rooms.

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, asked the Commissioners to sign the awarded contract for the signage provided by the State of Kansas.

Jim Kirkbride & Charles Lewing, representing the Ellsworth County Medical Center, presented the 2023 budget request for \$202,017 an increase of \$2,017 or 1%.

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, discussed the next steps for the County now that we received the second tranche of ARPA funding. First the County will run an ad to raise public awareness of the funds available. Then in an open meeting the requests will be reviewed. The Commissioners will then need to decide how to distribute the money.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Abatements 2021-63 & 2021-65 in the amount of \$2,195.34. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to accept the Mortgage Release for Mortgage 110. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

On July 1, 2022, Commissioners held a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Post Rock Wind Power Contract last payment in 2022. The County Clerk requested whether to include Post Rock's PILOT payment in the 2023 County budget revenue. After conferring with Paul Kasper, County Counselor and Carl Miller, County Appraiser, the Commissioners concluded to budget the \$470,000 PILOT payment for the 2023 Ellsworth County Budget. Also included in the meeting were Sue Arensman and Terry Kueser. Chairman Bender adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Bender adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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