

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 6, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 6th 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 Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of May 31, 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel, specifically a contract from 9:03 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:10 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, presented the 2023 budget request for \$674,813, an increase of \$118,093 or 21.2%. Most of the increase is the salary line item. Mr. Florian requested approval to promote two individuals to shift supervisors. The Commissioners gave Mr. Florian the approval to promote two employees as shift supervisors.

Ken Ritz, with Images Recycling, Salina KS, asked if Ellsworth County was interested in processing our recycling or the collection of recycling through the trash services. The Commissioners said we were not interested in baling the recycling here and he would need to contact the City of Ellsworth as they oversee the trash service.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, Pat Kinnard, and Susan Sprague, representing OCCK, presented the 2023 budget request for \$28,599. The same request as last year.

Josh Beckman & Jon Halbgewachs, representing Kirkham Michael, and Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, discussed options the county is going to need to make on the Wilson Bridge. The project was originally priced at roughly 2.8 million and with huge price increases in steel and materials the estimate is now 4.1 million. Jon Halbgewachs asked, “can the county come up 1.3 million?” Mr. Beckman will get the cost for a concrete beam bridge; he believes this will be cheaper than a steel bridge. The County Clerk will check on doing a temp note.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to hire Levi Schneider to remove three trees and the debris for \$5,000 due to no other estimates. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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