

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

June 7, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 7th day of June 2021 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 Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for June 1, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Lori Miller & Lori Likes, Heartland Retirement & Benefits Consultant, LLC, proposed a plan from Freedom Claims Management, Inc. for Ellsworth County's health insurance.

Commissioner Bender said Long & Associates uses Freedom Claims Management for health insurance, and they are very satisfied with the company. Commissioner Rolfs said he has had experience with a similar company, and he thinks it would be a good option to save the County and the employees money. Commissioners said to work on some numbers and get back to them in early fall.

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, asked the Commissioners if they were willing to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program (ROZ). Commissioner Bender moved to approve Resolution 2021R06, a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program calendar year 2021. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. Schmidt submitted her 2022 budget for \$75,000 an increase of \$10,000 or 15.4%.

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to go into executive session with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel's job descriptions from 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:55 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel's job descriptions from 10:56 a.m. to 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:01 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Pamela Hays & Troy Soukup, representing the Ellsworth County Conservation District, presented the 2022 budget request for \$35,000 and increase of \$3,000 or 9.4%.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel's job descriptions from 11:35 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:50 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken on the billing/EMT position and consented to Mr. Brown promoting Timothy Korbe to assistant Director effective June 8, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners tabled approving the Austin Peters Proposal for Services until funding could be further explored.

Per Resolution 2020R16 the Commissioners transferred \$130,000 from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Per Resolution 2020R18 the Commissioners transferred \$200,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Road & Bridge Special Machinery Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bender moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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