

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**March 1, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021 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 Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the Minutes for February 16 & 22, 2021. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Scott and Carol Clemenson asked why they must wear a mask when Commissioner Rolfs does not have to wear his mask. Commissioner Rolfs had lung issues prior to having COVID and now his condition has worsened. Mr. Clemenson was informed if he had a health conditions, he could remove his mask. Mr. Clemenson said he would take his chances and removed his mask. Ms. Clemenson asked why the meetings are so long when they could be done in an hour and half. She said they are boring. The Commissioners take appointments until Noon. It is the publics decision if they want to attend, but the Commissioners try to be available after the last meeting in case someone needs them.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to go into executive session with **Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor** and Shelly Vopat, County Clerk to discuss Road & Bridge non-elected personnel wages from 9:36 a.m. to 9:51 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:51 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to go into executive session with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel new hire from 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:15 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Commissioners are leaving the mask mandate as is, but Commissioner Rolfs has requested to meet with Kerianne Ehrlich and Dr. Whitmer to discuss leaving the choice up to private businesses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the 2020 Abatement #75 in the amount of \$49.28. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve February payroll in the amount of \$263,541.87. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the February accounts payable for \$104,140.43 plus prewritten warrants for \$5,588.04 for a total of \$109,728.47. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk