

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 15, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 15th day of March 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 Bender moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for March 8, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Teagan Nienke, Ellsworth High School Student, and Kermit Rush were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session to discuss attorney client privilege with **Paul Kasper, County Counselor**, regarding the audit from 9:58 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. At 10:10 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Commissioner Bender informed the two other Commissioners that **Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director**, called to let the Commissioners know that over one million dollars will be coming to Counties for COVID19 relief. Ms. Schmidt said she is willing to help facilitate the grant. She has not talked to Sarah Goss to find out if she is wanting to administer the new grant. Ms. Schmidt said she will come in the next two weeks to update us on the new grant.

Sue Arensman, Register of Deeds, asked the Commissioners if the County would look into purchasing the old Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative's office area. She stated all the offices in the Courthouse are running out of room. The Commissioners asked how much they are asking for the office area. No one knew of a price being disclosed.

The Commissioners had a telephone conference with Janice Sneath regarding Avenue M southeast of the City of Kanopolis. Ms. Sneath said the area was so muddy that neither fire or EMS would be able to get through the road. Ms. Sneath let them know she called Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor, and he said they were going to work on Avenue M, but she thought Road & Bridge should have been better prepared. The Commissioners told Ms. Sneath in the future, they would ask Mr. Houston to call EMS and the Sheriff's office when Road & Bridge are aware of impassible roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve abatements 2020-76 & 77 in the amount of \$193.00. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk