

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 21, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 21st day of March 2022 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis 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 Minutes of March 14, 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Melinda Merrill asked if the County has received the second half of the ARPA funding. Shelly Vopat, County Clerk responded, “no, the County has not received the second half yet.”

Bob Fredrickson informed the Commissioners that Nextlink Internet out of Texas focuses on rural broadband. They are currently advertising in Saline County trying to find land for their towers and fiber optic cable.

APPOINTMENTS:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, wanted to clarify that he was not asking to change every County employee, he wants the EMS staff to receive 12 hours of sick & vacation a month and 12 hours of personal leave annually. The Commissioners will address approving the sick & vacation hours after the policy is updated by the County Attorney. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow a ½ day (12 hours) the day before the funeral, a day (24 hours) the day of the funeral and ½ day (12 hours) the day after the funeral if it falls on their scheduled work dates. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Terry Kueser joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

Keith Marvin & Mason Herman, representing Marvin Planning Consultants, have made all the changes to the Ellsworth County Comprehensive Plan. Also in attendance was Bob Fredrickson. They decided to change the name to the Comprehensive *Vision* Plan since Ellsworth County does not have any zoning. Mr. Herman said he hoped Ellsworth County can use this plan for the betterment of the County. Marvin Planning will send the document to the County Clerk's office, and Mr. Marvin thinks the County should put the plan on our website. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to accept the Comprehensive Plan provided by Marvin Planning Consultants. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the agreement with WorkforceONE. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to appoint Dr. Eastin Casey as an Ellsworth County Deputy Coroner. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the fence viewing at 7-17-8 as a 50/50 understanding between Jack Rathbun and Deanna Rathbun. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bender adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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