

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 29, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 29th 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 Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for March 22, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

John Kyler and Parker McGowan, Ellsworth High School Students, were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Rusty Varnado, Ellsworth City Administrator, informed the Commissioners the City of Ellsworth is no longer wanting to purchase the Rolling Hills Electric Building across the street south of the Courthouse. Due to unforeseen expenses the city is no longer interested. On March 15, 2021, Sue Arensman had asked if we could look into purchasing the office portion of the Rolling Hills Electric Buildings that are for sale. After investigating, it was discovered the COOP was already in contract to purchase all the buildings. Although the COOP was not interested in the office areas, they already had a verbal agreement with an entity, which turned out to be the City of Ellsworth.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to go into executive session with **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss legal questions from 10:19 a.m. to 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:29 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Keith Haberer, Emergency Management Director, notified the Commissioners that the Russell County Commissioners discussed the agreement they shared for the Emergency Management Director the two Counties signed in 2011. Ellsworth County still pays Russell County the same

amount that was agreed up when the contract was signed. Mr. Haberer wanted them to be aware that Russell County was going to ask for an increase for this payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to appoint Rusty Varnado as the advisory board member for the CKCC to represent Ellsworth County. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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