

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 10, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 10th day of May 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 with an addition. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, officially turned in his resignation. His last day will be June 18, 2021. He said he will miss all the relationships he has formed with the community.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Jeremiah Brown and Tim Korbe to discuss non-elected personnel issues from 9:05 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 9:25 a.m. with no action taken.

Kathy Mosher, Director of CKMHC (Central Kansas Mental Health Center), presented the CKMHC annual report. The pandemic caused more people to need their services and the need to add telehealth services to treat these individuals. CKMHC had the added costs for telehealth and more staff without any extra monetary budget. Ms. Mosher thanked the Commissioners for the funding they received through the Cares Grant. Without this money, CKMHC would have had a deficit for budget year 2020. CKMHC is requesting \$30,898 for the 2022 budget, an increase of \$2,021 or 7%.

John and Carol Kratzer, representing Immanuel Lutheran Church, introduced Keren a K-9 comfort dog available for anyone at no cost. They will be visiting hospitals, schools and nursing

homes. The K-9 comfort dog program began to deal with victims of Hurricane Katrina. If you need Keren's services, you will need to contact Carol Kratzer.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Alex Winters, Stacey Jordan, James Stout, Alexis Karst and Shawn Simmons to discuss the future of services non-elected personnel from 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:18 Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the future of services non-elected personnel with Alex Winters, Stacey Jordan and James Stout from 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:30 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to appoint Sandy Robinson, Wilson to the Ellsworth County Medical Center Board of Directors effective July 1, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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