

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 3, 2021

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

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for April 26, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Vernon and Phyllis Dolezal were present but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director**, to discuss non-elected personnel employment from 9:05 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:37 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Mr. Brown to continue discussing non-elected personnel employment from 9:27 a.m. to 9:37 a.m. At 9:37 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Art Howell asked the Commissioners to sign a letter asking our State Legislator to restore constitutional government. Mr. Howell says the federal government is out of control and he feels that the State of Kansas needs a resolution calling for Article V Convention to end Washington's overreach. Commissioners thanked him for the information and would review it.

Andrew Bair, Ellsworth County Medical Center, CEO, confirmed his last day with ECMC is June 25th. The ECMC Board approved the purchase of new Anderson windows for the hospital and clinic. Mr. Bair thanked the Commissioners for the sales tax revenue, without this fund they would not have been able to resurface the parking lot at the Hospital.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners held a teleconference with Russell County Commissioners to discuss the agreement the two counties have sharing the Emergency Management Director. Russell County asked for an increase from \$2,916.67 to \$3,333.34 a month fee paid by Ellsworth. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the agreement with Russell County to share the Emergency Management Director with the increased fee effective June 1, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel staffing with Julie Neuman from 10:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Murray Marston, Sheriff, and Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, were contacted by Barton County asking if they would like to be part of the 20th Judicial District grant. The grant was to receive equipment for evaluating inmates and patients for mental addictions. The equipment was received and then Barton County asked for Ellsworth County's cost share for \$7,000. This was the first mention of a cost share for the grant. Murray would like to know if he can be reimbursed out of the special alcohol fund for the 2020 expense of \$7,000. The Commissioners asked the County Clerk to see if a transfer can be made out of Special Alcohol to the General (Sheriff) budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Resolution No. 2021R04, a Resolution Opposing Proposed Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve April payroll in the amount of \$260,670.51. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the April accounts payable for \$273,568.22 plus prewritten warrants for \$17,428.90 for a total of \$290,997.12. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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