

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

May 31, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 31st day of May 2022 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 Bender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the agenda with and addition of Choitz Electric bill for the 4-H barn. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2022, with a correction. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Clay Rupp & Sharon Holloway, representing the Wilson Senior Center, presented the 2023 budget request for \$35,000, an increase of \$7,000 or 25%. The reason for the increase is because of the State cutting funds, utility costs and the need to purchase a new dishwasher.

Virginia Boots, Alma Deutsch & Julie Phillips, representing Ellsworth County Council on Aging, presented the 2023 budget request for \$33,000, an increase of \$1,000 or 3.1%. Ms. Boots said, "Ron Etchison could not attend the meeting but call him if you have any questions."

Jordan Smith & Jamie Cunningham, representing INA Alert, and Geneva Schneider, Ellsworth County Treasurer, discussed three quotes that Ms. Schneider requested for security at the Courthouse. One option discussed was for the front door to have video intercom to control who came in and out of the Courthouse. Another option was for the exterior doors. All employees would have an access card and if it was not returned at the end of employment, it could be deactivated. The last option discussed was for 16 interior doors that would need access cards to enter each office. Ms. Schneider said she would obtain an ARPA application from the County Clerk to apply for one of these quotes.

Commissioner Dlabal left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Josh Beckman & Jon Halbgewachs, representing Kirkham Michael, and Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, discussed options the county is going to need to make on the Wilson Bridge. The project was originally priced at roughly 2.8 million and with huge price increases in steel and materials the estimate is now 4.1 million. Jon Halbgewachs asked, "can the county come up 1.3 million?" Mr. Beckman will get the cost for a concrete beam bridge; he believes this will be cheaper than a steel bridge. The County Clerk will check on doing a temp note.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the May Payroll in the amount of \$272,186.84. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the May Accounts Payable for \$167,154.02 plus prewritten warrants for \$284,560.46 for a total of \$451,714.48. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the bill from Choitz Electric for \$1,398.80 to repair lights at the 4-H Barn. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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