

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**August 29, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

#### ***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Gregory C. Bender, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

#### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

Chairman Bender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the agenda with changes. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2022. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Steve Donley, Virgil Huseman, Bob Fredrickson and Terry Kueser voiced their concerns about the 2023 budget increasing 5 mills. Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser, said all government entities are going to be in trouble in the next 5 years.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser**, is working on the agreement with Lincoln County for the Post Rock Wind Towers. Mr. Miller will supply the Commissioners with the agreement for them to review it on an individual basis and see if he is going down the right path.

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, supplied pictures during the reskin of the EMS building. It was worse than originally expected. The reskin is complete and all the mold and rotten material is gone. \$1,351.25 will be added to original estimate for a new section of base angle and girt. Mr. Florian asked if he could use the left-over grant money on the kitchen. Commissioner Bender said he did not see an issue with using the funds since the grant was for EMS building update.

**Clint Laflin, Jessica Kootz and Craig Dinkel, representing K-State Midway Extension District**, informed the Commissioners that the 4-H agent resigned. Mr. Laflin said the livestock numbers

continue to be good at the fair. Mr. Dinkel said the milo plots have not been successful this year. Only four of the fifteen plots headed out.

**Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff**, asked why he was asked to submit a budget for \$10,000 less than his original 2023 budget and then they cut \$29,000 from his 2023 budget. The Commissioners could not remember specifically why \$29,000 was but they cut everyone's budget to try to get the mill levy under 58 mills for the county.

**Shawn Esterl, Environmental Sanitarian**, gave the Commissioners a heads up on the violations he will write. Motor Cross Park south of the City of Wilson dug a well a couple of years ago. Since then, they put up a concession stand and restrooms without acquiring the required permits. The property sold and the realtor failed to write up a real estate transaction report. The new owner wanted to hook up a septic system and Mr. Esterl informed them there was no septic system. The seller and buyer are fighting about who is going to pay for this. The Ellsworth County Code clearly states the seller or realtor are responsible for this expense. The owners of 885 4<sup>th</sup> Rd will also receive a violation letter, but he believes this will be an easy fix as he thinks a pipe was ran over and that's why its bleeding out into the field.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to take \$239,790 from the equipment fund to pay for the new ambulance. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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