

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 12, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 12th day of December 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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to Approve the minutes for November 28 and December 5, 2022. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, requested the Commissioners approve the annual resolution that allows employers to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone program with no cost to the county. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve Resolution 2022R13, a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, provided a bid from Hilbilt for a dump body, snow, and ice equipment in the amount of \$75,452. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to purchase a dump body and snowplow out of the special equipment fund. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. **Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael**, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to inform the Commissioners that the plans for the Wilson River Bridge will be done by the end of this week. The only loose end is the City of Wilson has not found an acceptable burn pit. Mr. Houston, Josh Beckman, and Commissioner Bender will go and visit with Mike Peschka, Wilson City Mayor.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Superintendent, received a call on Thursday from Chris Behrens and informed Ms. Shute that the Lincoln County Commissioners are shutting down all his recycling as of December 31, 2022. Mr. Behrens wants to re-open his recycling business, but he doesn't know when that will be. The Commissioners decided to shut down recycling on Friday, December 16, 2022, until Teresa can find an acceptable solution.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Marty Sneath, Pattern Energy; Carl Miller, County Appraiser; Paul Kasper, County Attorney; and Amanda Cambrice, Pattern Energy (via telephone)** from 10:34 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to discuss confidential data more specifically the updated PILOT for Post Rock Wind Farm. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Marty Sneath, Pattern Energy; Carl Miller, County Appraiser; Paul Kasper, County Attorney; and Amanda Cambrice, Pattern (via telephone) from 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to discuss confidential data more specifically the updated PILOT for Post Rock Wind Farm. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:15 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Resolution No. 2022R14, a resolution to implement the Burn Ban issued last week. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses 2023-1, D&S Convenience Stop LLC, and 2023-2 D&S Oil LLC in original and unopened containers. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Abatements 2022-12 through 21 for \$850.50. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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