

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**December 19, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 the addition of Paul Kasper.

Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for December 12, 2022. Commissioner

Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Superintendent**, reported the cost to haul recycling to Hutchinson is \$96 a ton. Using recycling numbers from 2020, it would cost the County around \$3,000 a year. Teresa would like to wait until Chris Behrens can re-open CB Trucking in Lincoln, KS. The Commissioners agreed to wait on CB Trucking to re-open recycling.

**Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, spoke to Carl this morning about the PILOT agreement with Post Rock Wind Farm. Pattern Energy has budgeted the same payment as 2021 and does not want to pay the increase the County has requested. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go in executive session to discuss the negotiation with Pattern Energy for Attorney Client privilege with Paul Kasper from 9:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:50 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken. Mr. Kasper informed the Commissioners that he anticipates doing a tax sale next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the 2022 Abatements 22, 23, and 25 in the amount of \$7,439.25. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve resolution 2022R09, a resolution transferring from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve resolution 2022R10, a resolution transferring from the Health Fund to the Health Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve resolution 2022R11, a resolution transferring from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Resolution 2022R12, a resolution exempting Ellsworth County from Generally Accepted Accounting principles. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve November Payroll for \$295,960.57. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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