

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 20, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 20th day of December 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 Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for December 13, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one was present for the open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, requested permission to hire someone to fill the open position. Mr. Florian originally told the Commissioners when he was first hired that he would try to run without one full-time position. Now that EMS is short staffed with part-time positions, Mr. Florian and full-time staff are working lots of hours. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to advertise and hire another EMS position. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director, presented Ellsworth County Economic Development 2021 progress report. Ms. Schmidt said the biggest accomplishment was the GAP funding that secured \$748,600 to support Ellsworth County businesses. Mark your calendar for February 21st, the community is invited to the first-ever Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. Twelve Businesses (teams) will be competing to win \$1,500 locally and qualify to go on to compete statewide. Each team will be show casing their presentation and business plan at the Ellsworth High School on February 21, 2022.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Dlabal called to order the Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Stacie Schmidt was in attendance for the meeting but had no comment. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Resolution No. 2021R10, a resolution to exercise the authority provided in K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq. in order to rehabilitate, conserve or redevelop certain designated areas in the County.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director and Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth Co. Medical Center CEO, have met with all the medical providers about quarantines for individuals who have been exposed. Now that everyone who wants to be vaccinated has been, the health department and hospital are only going to quarantine those who have tested positive and household members to those who have tested positive. Health Care Providers will tell those who have tested positive to contact everyone they have had close contact with to watch for signs and symptoms. Business, Schools or other entities have the right to impose their own quarantine rules. Local Health Care Providers will continue to reassess the situation and will be educating and answering questions on COVID.

Shelly Vopat, County Clerk, presented the updated Holiday personnel policy for the employee handbook. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the updated Holiday policy (F3) in the personnel policy and employee handbook. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. Vopat also asked for clarification on the closing of the Courthouse on December 27, 2021, for payroll purposes. The motion was made on November 22, 2021. Commissioner Bender and Commissioner Rolfs said it would be like an extra vacation day to “Thank everyone for their hard work.” Employees who work Monday through Friday will be given the day off and the other employees will receive 8 hours of vacation added to their time.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employment issues involving non-elected personnel with Chis & Susan Roudybush and Paul Kasper, County Attorney, from 11:28 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners returned to open session at 11:45 a.m. with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Abatements 2021 #25 and #27 for a total of \$124.98. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the following resolutions:

2021R11, A Resolution Transferring from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund

2021R12, A Resolution Transferring from the Health Fund to the Health Capital Outlay Fund

2021R12, A Resolution Transferring from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Machinery Fund.

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

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License No. 2022-1, Hart Marina LLC, in original and unopened containers, No. 2022-2 Hart Marina LLC, for consumption on the premises, No. 2022-3, D & S Oil LLC, in original and unopened containers, No. 2022-4, Kanopolis Corner Store, in original and unopened containers and No. 2022-5, D&S Convenience Stop LLC, in original and unopened containers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk