

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

December 5, 2022

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 5th 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 Bender noted no minutes were available to approve.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Sue Arensman, Register of Deeds, met with Commission to discuss the bathroom renovation plan. The Historical Society gave approval to renovate the existing first floor private bathroom into storage space. Arensman informed Commission, Ethan Finke of Water Works Inc, assessed the project Friday and is ready to start work immediately. Arensman was given the go ahead, by Commission, to contact Finke and have him begin work. Commissioner Bender made a motion to turn the men's private bathroom, currently being used as a private employee bathroom, on the main floor into a storage area for the Register of Deeds but leaving it capable of going back to a bathroom when something more substantial is found. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commission further discussed looking into organizing the upstairs storage areas to free up space and noted the upstairs bathroom next to the District Judge's office is a single stall lockable area for anyone needing private restroom accommodations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve replacing the old resolution on the burn ban with a new one, effective upon publication, until rescinded. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, addressed the approved holiday schedule dated November 14, 2022. Sheriff Marston noted the approved schedule, did not reflect the addendum made previously for the 24-hour department employees. Commissioners stated this has been addressed and approved in the past. In hopes as a way to remedy this reoccurring problem, Commissioner Bended made a motion to approve the amended holiday schedule and to make this into the handbook about holidays that move their days of observance. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Teresa Shute to close the landfill on Christmas Eve. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the November Accounts Payable for \$131,453.63 plus prewritten warrants for \$7,7332.20 for a total of \$138,785.83. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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