

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**January 9, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for January 3, 2023. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mary Ann Fredrickson and Kermit Rush were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Carl Miller, County Appraiser**, updated the Commissioners on the ag values. Value for ag is based on what it is used for and the soil types. The land value is down due to income decreasing for farmers. The value of commercial, real estate and ag buildings have all gone up causing the overall value to increase for the county.

**Geneva Schneider, County Treasurer**, expressed the need to have the county tax roll online. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to use the Local Emergency Tribal Consistency Fund to pay Sonny Sagar \$9,985 for the tax program with an annual maintenance fee of \$1,795. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs left the meeting at 9:38 a.m. to attend a funeral.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss pending litigation with **Shelly Vopat** from 9:39 a.m. to 9:49 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal

seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. At 9:49 the commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**Murray Marston & Katie Nelson, Ellsworth County Sheriff's Office,** asked the Commissioners to come up with a more consistent way to know when there is a burn ban. Sheriff Marston was unaware of the burn ban in the month of December. The County Clerk was sick along with other personnel the day the burn ban was put in effect. Greg Bender said he would stop by the Sheriff's office after a burn ban has been put into effect in case of miscommunication in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to appoint the 2023 County Officers as listed. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Bender moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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