

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

July 3, 2023

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 3rd day of July 2023 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 Rolfs moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for June 26, 2023. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jerry Marsh expressed his concerns about Dr. Katie McWilliams being driven out of the Ellsworth County hospital. Mr. Marsh asked the Commissioners to talk to Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth County Medical Center CEO, to find out why they refused to make reasonable accommodations for Dr. McWilliams to stay at ECMC.

Kelly Cikanek, Carneiro Township Trustee, recommended Angie Ptacek to replace Gail Bettenbrock as the Carneiro Township Treasurer. Gretchen Griffith-Hughes thought this was a bad idea since Mike Ptacek, Angie Ptacek's husband, is the Carneiro Township Clerk. Michelle Vanek said she would like to see Ms. Griffith-Hughes replace Mr. Bettenbrock as Treasurer. The Commissioners tabled the appointment of the new Carneiro Township Treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the 2024 budget request for \$3,213,688 an increase of \$353,688 or 12.4%. Commissioners would like a stop sign to be put at Avenue V and 10th Road (Lorraine). They asked the County Clerk to have a resolution ready for approval for the stop sign for July 10, 2023.

Brett Goss, representing the Ellsworth County Fair Association, presented the 2024 budget request for \$17,750 an increase of \$1,250 or 7.6%.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session with **Shelly Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk,** to discuss non-elected personnel FMLA from 9:54 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:59 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Sheriff Murray Marston and Marianna Kinnard, Administrative Assistant, presented the 2024 budget request for \$1,580,229 an increase of \$111,229 or 7.6%. Sheriff Marston said the back up server must be replaced, and he does not have enough in his budget to pay for it. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to pay LockIT Technologies out of Beloit for a server upgrade for \$20,371.35 out of the Equipment Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Geneva Schneider, Ellsworth County Treasurer, presented the 2024 budget request for \$195,000 an increase of \$10,000 or 5.4%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve abatement 2022-74 in the amount of \$290.92. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve June payroll for \$296,609.69. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve June Accounts Payable for \$335,295.54 plus prewritten warrants in the amount of \$2,446.04 for a total of \$337,741.58. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners would like the County Clerk to check with commercial plumbing companies for an estimate to revamp the Courthouse plumbing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk