

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**March 13, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Dennis Rolfs was not in attendance.

***Members Present:***

*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 Dlabal moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the minutes for March 6, 2023. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent**, had a State inspection on the Wilson River Bridge Friday, March 10, 2023. The State of Kansas lowered the bridge from 15-ton to a 5-ton maximum. **Sheriff Marston** said that someone needs to sit at Highway 156 and the other side of the bridge for the first 3-5 days to watch for overweight trucks. **Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, will investigate whether the County needs to approve a resolution. Commissioner Bender made a motion for a road closure on 105<sup>th</sup> Road also known as 1<sup>st</sup> Road to local traffic only, at Ave. E south bound and Ave. I north bound with a 5-ton limit. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Bender made a motion for signage to be put up as needed for bridge situation in conjunction with KDOT, Russell County and Barton County. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, requested a signature for her grant she applies for every year. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Kerianne to apply for a grant application to the Department of Health & Environment. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**Matthew Fulkerson** wants to apply for the Sprint grant to fix the road that leads to the missile base outside of Wilson, KS. Ted Weber out of Salina said it will cost \$45,000 to mill the road.

Mr. Fulkerson said he needs a real number if the County of Ellsworth could chip and seal the road. Mr. Houston said \$10,000 is a ballpark number to chip and seal half a mile. Paul Kasper said Ave. D is a township road so Mr. Fulkerson would need to contact the township. The township would be responsible for the upkeep on this road in the future. The township must approve this work before this moves any further.

**Jordan Smith and Cole Clawson, representing INA Alert,** discussed the issue with the functionality of a lock down at the courthouse. They proposed installing mag locks, changing out the hardware and looking at kill switches. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow INA to install door mag locks to address the door situation at no cost to the county. Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Dlabal moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk

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