

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**November 14, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 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 Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2022, with the correction. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent and Phillip Pennington, representing Murphy Tractor & Equipment**, presented a quote on a new motor grader. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Dale to purchase a John Deere 672GP Motor Grader to be paid out of Road & Bridge equipment fund for \$344,190 and to trade in the 2008 model. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Lori Miller & Megan Redetzke, representing Heartland Retirement Consultant**, presented their quote for the 2023 Health Insurance rates. Also in attendance was Murray Marston, Nancy Hysong, Teresa Shute, Roberta Waymaster, Melissa Taylor, Amelia Fosdick, Jenny Kempke, Tim Korbe, David Chamberlain, Shelby Soukup, Dale Houston, Paul Kasper, Sue Arensman, and Debbie Habiger. Ms. Miller provided all the responses from the Surrency (Vision) survey. Ms. Miller said "Surrency is the clear winner." Employees voiced their concerns over switching insurance consultants so late in the year. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Waymaster said they could have gone on their spouse's insurance if they would have known the information in October. Ms. Miller said once they are Ellsworth County's consultant, they would be able to push for the numbers earlier. The employees expressed not knowing about what was going on was their

complaint but feel more comfortable after Ms. Miller answered their questions. Commissioner Bender made a motion to give Gallagher a 30 day notice effective December 31, 2022. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve Freedom Claims Management, Inc as Ellsworth County's broker effective January 1, 2023, with a \$10 generic drug change. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the 2023 NACo Dues. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to lift the burn ban until further review. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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