

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 29, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 29th day of November 2021 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 Dlabal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Nathan Florian at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for November 22, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Carl Miller, Marie Ranker, Nancy Hysong, Kari Maul and Melissa Taylor thanked the Commissioners for giving the County the 27th of December off. Commissioner Bender said he was not against giving the day off even though he didn't vote for it, he thought sometime after the first of the year would be a better time to give the employees an extra day off.

APPOINTMENTS:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, requested permission to except phase four of the CARES act in the amount of \$15,399.44. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to accept the \$15,399.44 for the phase 4 of the CARES act. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rusty Varnado, Ellsworth City Administrator, joined the meeting but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, ordered two Dodge Durangos to be paid from this year's budget but they will not be delivered until 2022. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow the Sheriff's office to purchase two Dodge Durangos in 2022 to be paid with 2021 money not to exceed \$90,000. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Sheriff Marston and Shelly Vopat from 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. to discuss issues of security. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:55 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor, informed Commissioners that the Landfill has been having more and more issues with irate citizens. Ms. Shute asked if they could add additional security for the safety of the Landfill workers. Commissioner Bender told Ms. Shute that they were looking into security for several locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to appoint Commissioner Bender to be the KAC Voting Delegate and Commissioner Rolfs as the alternate delegate to vote online for the January 5th election with the Kansas Association of Counties. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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