

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

November 8, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 8th 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. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for November 1, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Alan Rusch from the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter asked the Commissioners to buy an ad in the Thanksgiving issue. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to purchase a 3" x 5" ad for \$99.95 that says "Happy Thanksgiving". Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

Doug Janssen, representing Post Rock Rural Water District, explained they are trying to obtain a hazard mitigation grant through FEMA to replace a water line. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve a letter of support for Post Rock water grant application to receive the hazard mitigation grant. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session with **Shelly Vopat** to discuss non-elected personnel requesting FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) from 9:18 a.m. to 9:28 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:28 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Carl Miller, County Appraiser, presented the interlocal agreement between the County and the cities & schools. Also in attendance was Brandon Koch, Holyrood Councilmember, Mike Peschka, Wilson City Mayor, Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, Anthony Hopkins, Kanopolis City Mayor, Rusty Varnado, Ellsworth City Administrator, and Mark Kennedy,

Ellsworth City Mayor. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, relating to administration of Neighborhood Revitalization plans for Taxing Districts with Ellsworth County effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor, informed the Commissioners that the Kenworth truck approved for purchase on August 2, 2021, was cancelled. Mr. Houston wanted to know if he could purchase a 2021 Ford F-350 instead. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to purchase a 2021 Ford Super Duty F-350 for \$55,000 replacing the cancellation of the Kenworth Truck. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Road & Bridge to purchase a 2020 John Deere 672G motor grader for \$292,200 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Lori Miller & Glen Smithers, representing Heartland Retirement & Benefits Consultants, LLC, presented their health insurance proposal from Freedom Claims Management for Ellsworth County Employees. The Commissioners did not take any action because they decided to wait until next week after Gallagher, the County's current Consultant, has made their proposal.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the MOU & Risk Assessment for Maico Industries in the amount of \$80,500 with ARPA funds. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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