

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**October 31, 2022**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 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 Rolfs moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes of October 24, 2022, with a correction. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, Josh Beckman & Clif McDonald, representing Kirkham Michael**, asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to buy land east of the Wilson cemetery for the new tree dump. The City of Wilson proposed this location to have current tree dump site closer to the city. The Commissioners asked Mr. Houston and Kirkham Michael to try and work with Wilson City and the land owner involved to come up with a solution for the tree dump. Mr. Houston presented two quotes from Mack truck for \$132,670.02 and Kenworth truck for \$156,290. The Commissioners asked to have a week to review the two quotes before deciding.

**Albert & Michelle Vanek and Gretchen Griffith-Hughes** discussed their concerns involving the Carneiro Township Trustee. Ms. Vanek said the trustee is suppressing public comment. The trustee dissolved the cemetery committee without open meeting or discussion and did not inform anyone that the township clerk resigned and unilaterally appointed Mike Ptacek as the new Carneiro Township Clerk. They believe there are private discussions and decisions are being made outside the public meeting. The Commissioners told them to talk to the County Attorney.

**Tate Majors, Wilson Economic Development & Tourism Fellow**, is serving the City of Wilson through the Lead for America's program. This grant was for small towns to succeed. The City of Wilson is in a great location being located next to Interstate 70. Mr. Majors is gaining resources to help the Wilson City and the community by going around and listening to leaders and answering questions to gain a better knowledge of the community.

**Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth County Medical Center, CEO**, informed the Commissioners that the hospital had a decent month. Mr. Kirkbride said when he started for ECMC the accounts receivable turn around was around 90 days and now they are down to 59 days.

**Amanda Ellis** gave an update on the door locks. Ms. Ellis said four doors up front do not automatically lock. Ms. Ellis received a quote to have all the doors lock. Commissioner Bender made a motion to put electric door locks on the remaining four doors for \$5,669.89 to be paid out of the County Building fund to be reimbursed with grant money if procured. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Sue Arensman, Register of Deeds**, asked if a decision had been made about the private bathroom. The Commissioners tabled the discussion on October 24, 2022 to change the private bathroom next to the Register of Deeds office into storage.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the October Payroll in the amount of \$269,545.46. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

---

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

October 31, 2022