

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**April 17, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 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 Dlabal moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Paul Kasper. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the minutes for April 10, 2023. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Olivia Neuman was in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Paul Kasper, County Attorney**, presented quotes from Security 1<sup>st</sup> Title Company for \$135 per track and Smoky Hill for \$275 per track for the tax foreclosure proceeding. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve Security 1<sup>st</sup> Title Company for initial title work on 31 tracts. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**A Department Head Meeting was held with the following present: Keith Haberer, Nathan Florian, Dale Houston, Shelly Vopat, Paul Kasper, Murray Marston, Nancy Hysong, Teresa Shute, Sue Arensman, and Geneva Schneider.** Ms. Shute wanted to know if anyone has had trouble with the secondary card from Freedom Claim Management Inc. (FCMI). Commissioner Bender said the best thing to do was contact Lori Miller or Megan Redetzke if anyone had issues. Ms. Schneider said the tax search link is up and running on our website and anyone can do searches. Mr. Kasper brought up the debate of set amount or percentage-based increases for the 2024 salary increases. Commissioner Bender said the commissioners had not discussed the 2024 wages yet. Sheriff Marston said he would like to know now so he can put into his budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk

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