

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

April 24, 2023

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 24th day of April 2023 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 Bender 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 April 17, 2023. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, shared the press release for the Ellsworth County youth who participated at the State Youth Entrepreneurship challenge. Layton Leiker placed 1st place as the trade show winner. Thaddeuz, Cruz and Owen Donley received a finalist rating.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth County Medical Center, CEO, informed the Commissioners that the hospital had a good month being \$26,000 ahead of budget for the year. ECMC has good applicants for a physician and a mid-level physician.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Kerianne Ehrlich, Krista Bohnen, Jim Kirkbride and Paul Kasper** for non-elected personnel to discuss the current contract from 9:18 a.m. to 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:38 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to reenter executive session with Kerianne Ehrlich, Krista Bohnen, Jim Kirkbride and Paul Kasper for non-elected personnel to discuss our current contract from 9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:45 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to accept the

resignation of Kerianne Ehrlich from the Health Department Administrator effective May 31st pursuing options to fill position including contracting with Kerianne to fill position by contract with the hospital. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent and Jon Halbgewachs, representing Kirkham Michael, have two applications they would like to pursue with the Commissioner's permission. If Ellsworth County is awarded the grants the County would be responsible to pay roughly \$230,000 for the \$2.1 million and \$84,000 for a \$800,000 bridge. The Commissioners told Mr. Halbgewachs to submit the two applications.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session with Paul Kasper for Attorney Client privilege for wind towers from 10:16 a.m. to 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:21 a.m. Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Amanda Cambrice, Sarah McCall & Marty Sneath, representing Pattern Energy, said Pattern will make a 5-year agreement to pay the \$470,000 as they have the last 11 years. Also in attendance was Mary Ann Fredrickson, Deena Hilbig, Carl Miller and Paul Kasper. Commissioner Rolfs said that the counties expenses have gone up in the last 11 years why wouldn't the windfarm be required to pay more. Ms. Cambrice said she understood the county's situation, but this is what their legal and financial team are willing to commit. Ms. Cambrice will send the County Clerk an email outlining what was said Pattern will commit to as of today.

Amy Boxberger & Marissa Woodmansee, Central Kansas Community Corrections, presented the Year-End Outcome Reports. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented and authorize its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Services. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve the Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Behavioral Health request for the fiscal year 2024 for Central Kansas Community Corrections and approve its submission to the Kansas Department of Corrections. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk

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