

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

August 7, 2023

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 7th day of August 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

CANVASS OF BALLOTS:

The Board of County Commissioner met at 8:00 a.m. to canvass the votes from the Disorganization of USD 112 Special/Primary Election held on August 1, 2023. There were twenty-four (24) Provisional Ballots with ten (10) meeting the criteria for valid votes therefore they were included in the count. The vote count for the election after the Provisional Ballots were counted was Yes - 557, No - 380 for Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russell Counties. The vote for Barton County was Yes - 18, No - 651 and for Rice County Yes - 20, No - 163. Bringing the grand total to Yes - 595, No - 1,194. The Disorganization of USD 112 Special Primary Election did not pass.

OPENING BUSINESS:

Chairman Bender called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for July 31, 2023. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

John Shea, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Mason Herrman, Marvin Planning Consultants and Stacie Schmidt, NCRPC Board Member, explained the revised language requested to be added to the Comprehensive Vision Plan for Ellsworth County. Fort Riley only wants to be informed of development activity in the 4-mile-wide corridor for the unmanned aircraft system. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to amend the Comprehensive Vision Plan

to include revised language regarding the drone corridor from Fort Riley. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Todd Heitschmidt, Republican Precinct Committee Chairman, informed the Commissioners that an Elected Officials Replacement Convention was held on July 29, 2023. The Republican party nominated Shawn Thomas to replace Stephen Dlabal for commissioner district #3, pending Governor approval.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, reported that Water Works successfully installed an air conditioning and heating unit for a 5-pod housing unit. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow the purchase of two (2) more units with payment to be decided. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk