

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**June 26, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for June 19, 2023, with a correction. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed Superintendent**, asked if Brad Kratzer could keep his cell phone number and flip phone when he retires on July 14, 2023. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Brad Kratzer to keep his old phone and the phone number that will no longer be a county number. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth County Medical Center CEO**, presented the 2024 budget request for \$400,000 an increase of \$197,983 or 98%.

**Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, presented the 2024 budget request for \$409,009 an increase of \$13,009 or 3.3%.

**Geneva Schneider, Ellsworth County Treasurer**, said Filesafe offered her \$500 for the double-sided rotating file. The Commissioners told her to go ahead and accept the \$500 from Filesafe.

**Sheila Nelson-Stout, Pat Kinnard, Kendra Krier & Susan Sprague, representing OCCK**, presented the 2024 budget request for \$30,601 an increase of \$2,002 or 7%.

**John Shea, North Central Regional Planning Commission and Mason Herrman, Marvin Planning Consultants**, provided an addendum to the Ellsworth County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Herrman said that Fort Riley wants drone corridor language for land use added to the Comprehensive Plan. **Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Counselor**, asked if the Federal Statute has already put this into to place or was this a county decision to add this addendum. Mr. Kasper said he would not advise the Commissioners to put something in the plan that prohibits the landowners' use. Mr. Shea and Mr. Herrman said they would come back with clarification on this concern.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney**, from 10:53 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. to discuss road opening statutes. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 11:05 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Bender made a motion to go into executive session with Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney, from 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. to discuss road opening statutes. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners returned to open session at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve a bond of \$3,000 for any road opening in Ellsworth County. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, said the load system for the 2026 ambulance is looking at a 30% price increase in October of this year. Commissioner Bender made a motion to order the new loader for the new ambulance to avoid the predicted cost increase. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to approve Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris to assist in the preparation of the budget for 2024. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk