

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 15, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 Rolfs moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the minutes for May 8, 2023. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Don Siemsen keeps seeing in the news that there are people taking other people's property by filing fraudulent paper work with the county and individuals are losing their homes. Can something be put in place so property owners can be notified before transfers are completed. Commissioner Rolfs said we need to talk to our County Attorney.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, informed the Commissioners that the Health Department had major plumbing problems. It is fixed for the time being, but Water Works is constructing a bid to fix the problem. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Kerianne for non-elected personnel to discuss contracted and staffing from 9:15 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:25 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve Kerianne rescinding her resignation and stay an employee of Ellsworth County Health Department Director due to staffing changes. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor**, for non-elected personnel to discuss new employee from 9:30 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:35 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

**Joyce Kraus & David Trowbridge, representing the Wilson Heritage Museum**, presented the 2024 budget request for \$3,500, an increase of \$1,000 or 40%.

**Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff**, distributed a copy of the needs assessment for the jail. **Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Counselor**, was also in attendance. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to pay Bill Garnos \$3,420 for the needs assessment study for Ellsworth County to be paid out of the county building fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Marston had an estimate of \$8,700 to replace one of twenty-six units that need to be replaced. Sheriff Marston said he has been doing the bare minimum to keep the air conditioning barely going.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve Resolution 2023R04 to cancel certain county warrants. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk