

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 30, 2023**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 30<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 Bender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for May 22, 2023. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Alma Mattas Deutsch, Jamie Reed, and Julie Phillips, representing Ellsworth County Council on Aging,** presented the 2024 budget request for \$32,800 no increase from last year.

Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with **Sue Arensman, Register of Deeds**, for non-elect personnel to discuss an employee from 9:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken. Ms. Arensman presented the 2024 budget for \$126,500, an increase of \$20,500 or 19.3%.

**Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent and Jon Halbgewachs (via phone), Kirkham Michael,** asked permission for Ellsworth County to join the Safe Streets grant. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion for the County to support the cities within the County of Ellsworth to apply for the "Safe Streets for All" application. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, partnered with the hospital to acquire nine more AEDs. Mr. Florian informed the Commissioners with the recent hire of one full-time and one part-time employee, the EMS is fully staffed. Mr. Florian asked if the Commissioners wanted him to get on the list for a new ambulance to lock down the price. The ambulance will not be available until 2026. The Commissioners gave EMS permission to put the county on the list for a new ambulance.

**Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff**, asked the Commissioners where they wanted to go with the Jail Needs Assessment. They decided to form a committee of nine or ten individuals from different occupations and areas of the county to work on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve abatements 2022-71, 72 and 73 for \$381.85. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve letter of engagement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris to do an Alternative Compliance Examination for grants. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Bender moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk