

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**October 18, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Commissioner Bender was not present.

***Members Present:***

*Dennis L. Rolfs, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

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

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the Minutes for October 11, 2021. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Ron Etchison and Virginia Boots, representing the ECCA (Ellsworth County Council on Aging),** wanted to discuss the \$1,000 not paid to NCFHAAA (North Central Flint Hills Agency Area on Aging) through the ARPA funds. Mr. Etchison stated that in May 2021, NCFHAAA requested \$7,500 to defray expenses incurred during COVID-19, if the request was honored, they would clear the past due balance for Ellsworth County Senior Care Act bill. The Commissioners allotted \$6,500 to NCFHAAA for ARPA funding. Ms. Boots asked if ECCA will be liable for the \$1,000 not paid with ARPA funds now that they have taken over the billing from NCFHAAA. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to pay \$1,000 to NCFHAAA for the Senior Care Act Bill from the General Fund. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**Teresa Shute, Noxious Weed, Landfill & Recycling Supervisor,** presented a letter she received from the State of Kansas informing the County that they needed an engineering firm or geologist to write a letter informing them of all the water testing that has been done at the landfill for the last 25 years. Ms. Shute said that Kirkham & Michael will write the letter to the State but wanted the Commissioners to know that this would be a hefty bill for the Landfill.

**Tracey Barton, representing the KNRC (Kansas National Resource Coalition),** came back to visit the Commissioners since Mr. Dlabal was not present when she visited them September 27, 2021. KNRC is coming up with a land use to be tied to the resolution opposing the National Heritage Area. Membership to the KNRC is \$5,000 a year. Commissioner Rolfs asked that this be put on next weeks agenda so Commissioner Bender can be involved in the discussion as to whether or not Ellsworth County becomes a member of the KNRC.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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