

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 20, 2021

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 20th day of September 2021 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

OPENING BUSINESS:

Chairman Dlabal 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 September 13, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Greg and Celia Heller were present but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

APPOINTMENTS:

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, asked for permission to acquire a Credit Card. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to obtain a credit card through Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. for the Ellsworth County EMS Department. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to go into executive session with Nathan Florian to discuss non-elected personnel wages from 9:11 a.m. to 9:21 a.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:21 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session with no action taken.

Terry Kueser joined the meeting but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

Carl Miller, Appraiser, informed the Commissioners the County Appraiser Chevrolet Blazer was starting to act up. Mr. Miller said the County should start thinking about where to get \$24,000 to purchase new vehicle. Mr. Miller explained since there was no sales of Commercial Vehicles in 2020, he was out of compliance with the Commercial vehicles section. A minimum of 75 points is required to successfully achieve substantial compliance. Ellsworth County has met the criteria with 90.6 points and is determined to be in substantial compliance. Mr. Miller said to avoid a property tax roller coaster he will be using 2019 real estate sales when things were more stable for his appraisal which will cause compliance issues next year.

Brandon & Allison Koch, H&B Communications, were following up on the ARPA funding the Commissioners had set aside for broadband and infrastructure. Mr. Koch does not want to foolishly spend this money. Mr. Koch said, “until he knows more about what the State and Federal are going to do, he is not comfortable accepting this money.” Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director, said she appreciated that H&B Communications is being good stewards of these funds. The Commissioners will be holding these funds back for broadband and revisit these funds when the County receives the second tranche for ARPA.

Matthew Fulkerson, owner of the old missile base outside of Wilson, asked if the Commissioners have heard back on how much it would cost to fix 4th Road which was discussed at the August 16, 2021 Commissioner meeting. The Commissioners had not heard an estimate yet. Mr. Fulkerson said that a guesstimate of \$40,000 was given to him. The Commissioners will contact Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Supervisor, to find out more about the cost and then follow up with Mr. Fulkerson.

Stacie Schmidt, Economic Development Director, has either received the risk assessment back from everyone or been in contact with everyone but Sheriff Marston. An Appointment was made to discuss the risk assessments at the September 27, 2021 Commissioner meeting at 11:15 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to hire Fox Landscaping for \$8,140.40 to be paid out of the Special Parks & Recreation fund. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the letter of support for the ECCA to receive State matching funds for the General Public Transportation. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the 2022 holiday schedule. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the KCAMP proof of loss from the hail damage on June 21, 2019. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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