

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**September 7, 2021**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 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 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 August 30, 2021. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Celia Heller and Stacie Schmidt were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

Bob Fredrickson commented that he had attended the Ellsworth County Comprehensive plan meeting on August 30, 2021 and was disappointed that only six people showed up to the meeting. Mr. Fredrickson said the North Central Regional Planning Commission did a very good job with the presentation and he was just disappointed that more people did not show up and that only one of the three Commissioners were present.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Nathan Florian, EMS Director**, asked for permission to purchase the classroom flooring using the County Credit Card. Mr. Florian said the cost of the flooring was half the price if he purchases it out of town. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow Nathan Florian to use the County Credit Card to purchase the flooring from Menards for \$1,176.76. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Florian informed the Commissioners they had planned on the HVAC unit to cost around \$6,000. Mr. Florian had one quote to present to them and said Ethan Finke was going to be around \$11,000. Mr. Finke has been too busy to provide a paper quote. The Commissioners requested a second quote before making any decision on the HVAC unit.

Present for the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget Discussion** was Stacie Schmidt and Justin Lindsley, representing the Ellsworth County Economic Development, Terry Kueser, Dave Cox, Nathan Florian, Celia Heller and Bob Fredrickson. Commissioner Bender and Commissioner Rolfs compared

their numbers and came to a decision on how much each requestor for ARPA funds would receive. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to approve and adopt the Procurement Policy, Records Retention Policy, the Risk Assessment Policy, the Pre Award Subrecipient Risk Assessment, the Pre Award Risk Assessment Tool, the Conflict of Interest Policy, the Suspension & Debarment Policy and the Single Audit Certification. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Bender made a motion to approve the disbursement of the ARPA funds as follows: Maico Industries \$80,500, H&B Communications \$73,512, Post Rock Rural Water \$117,350, Ellsworth County (Water Fountains) \$6,000, Ellsworth County (EMS) \$196,680, Ellsworth County (Sheriff) \$56,000, North Central Flint Hills \$6,000, Ellsworth Senior Center \$1,348, Ellsworth County (sanitizing stations) \$25,600 and Administration fees \$29,631. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Kermit Rush** expressed his concern for 21<sup>st</sup> road. Mr. Rush said 21<sup>st</sup> road is in terrible condition coming into town from Scates cemetery. Mr. Rush said it has not been maintained for a long time. Mr. Rush asked that the Commissioners mention this to the Road & Bridge department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bender moved to approve August payroll in the amount of \$262,411.79. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the August accounts payable for \$338,666.50 plus prewritten warrants for \$3,156.17 for a total of \$341,822.67. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners tabled their decision on the Fox Lawn & Landscape quote until more details were made available.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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