

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

February 5, 2024

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened on this 5th day of February 2024 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Gregory C. Bender, 2nd District Commissioner

Shawn Thomas, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Monday, February 5, 2024, agenda as printed.

Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes for January 29, 2024, with the change of 150 BTU's to 150,000 BTU's. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dale Houston, Road & Bridge Superintendent, provided quotes from LockIT for two new computers. Mr. Houston explained that his secretary's computer was an emergency, but the other computer would need to be replaced soon. Commissioner Thomas asked the County Clerk to see if LockIT thought it would be more cost effective buying 5-10 new computers at once.

Commissioner Bender made a motion to replace Roberta's computer and labor to install programs not to exceed \$2,409 out of the Road and Bridge Equipment fund. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to cancel the purchase of the Mack truck ordered October of 2022 due to unexpectable delays. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the 2025 Kenworth truck and bed in the amount of \$231,092 to be paid out of the Road & Bridge Equipment fund. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan Florian, EMS Director, has a 2007 Ford Expedition with a failing transmission. Mr. Florian said that Sheriff Marston is disposing of a 2017 Ford Explorer which could replace the Expedition. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow EMS to purchase the 2017 Ford Explorer from the Sheriff's Department for \$5,000, with an additional \$2,343 for decals, to be paid out of the Equipment Fund. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Florian

said the City of Wilson, who allows EMS to house the ambulance at no cost, is buying a new generator for the building where the ambulance is housed. The City of Wilson asked if the County would be willing to pay for half of the generator. Commissioner Rolfs made a motion to allow EMS to pay up to \$500 toward the generator out of the EMS Capital Outlay Fund, with a request to purchase from a business within the county. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Carl Miller, Ellsworth County Appraiser, presented the contract for Kimble Mapping for Ellsworth County's GIS. Commissioner Bender made a motion go with Kimble mapping for a year contract in the amount of \$11,500. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Miller said he was invited to Topeka to testify on Bill 5022. Mr. Miller wants a change in classification for an unfair tax on all terrain vehicles. Mr. Miller is going on behalf of himself and Stafford County to testify. The Commissioners would like Mr. Miller to also speak on behalf of Ellsworth County and would like an update on Bill 5022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve abatements 2023 – 60 through 71 for a total of \$2,210.54. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the National Association of Counties dues of \$450 for the 2024 membership. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to pay INA Alert \$3,187.64 for 3 panic buttons installation to be paid with the LATCF grant. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve 2023 Inventory with notice to be given to departments to delete unusable or broken equipment. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve January payroll for \$255,167.79. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve accounts payable for January in the amount of \$891,131.09 plus the prewritten warrants of \$84,572.30 for a total of \$975,703.39. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.