

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 2, 2024

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened on this 2nd day of January 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 agenda with no further additions. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to table the approval of the minutes for December 27, 2023. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Amanda Ellis was present for the public forum to discuss ongoing issues with the two north front doors locking. Commissioner Thomas suggested that the doors need to be tested every evening for the rest of the week. Elizabeth George and Amanda Ellis will do the testing and keep a log of any issues. Once the week is over a formal email will be sent to INA Alert and the Commissioners detailing the issues found.

APPOINTMENTS:

Paul Kasper, Ellsworth County Attorney, presented a Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Resolution to be signed by the Commissioners per Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve signing of 2024 R01 ROZ with no county funds. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, told the Commissioners that the 2023 vehicles that were ordered have arrived. Water Works is still working on replacing furnaces in the Ellsworth County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Marston also gave an update on the new radios. The work to get the electrical and phone lines is ongoing but he said it was moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Thomas said he would like an update from Ellsworth County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Dale Houston, next week. Commissioner Thomas said that he drove that road to look at the concerns and agrees that the road is too narrow, especially between Ave. F and G . Ms. George will reach out the Mr. Houston to schedule an appointment for the January 8th Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve December payroll for \$352,510.89. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve accounts payable for December in the amount of \$952,244.06 and the prewritten warrants of \$6,251.71 for a total of \$958,495.77. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn the January 2nd meeting at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk