

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 18, 2024

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened on this 18th day of March 2024 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Commissioner Bender was not in attendance.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Shawn Thomas, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2024. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, asked if there has been any discussion about the assessment proposals from the architect firms who had previously met with the Commissioners February 26th and March 4th of this year. Commissioner Thomas asked the County Clerk to put the discussion on next week's agenda so all three Commissioners will be in attendance for the discussion.

Shawn Estrel, Environmental Sanitarian, asked if the Commissioners wanted to participate in the LEPP Septic Grant. The grant would be for \$22,000 to \$24,000 used to fix failing or septic systems that do not meet current system standards. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to apply for the LEPP Septic Grant conjunction with Saline & Lincoln County. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Avenue E is open now but will need to be shut down again when operations start.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve abatements 2023 – 80 through 83 for \$432.83. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for Ellsworth County employees from \$0.55 to \$0.65 per mile per the State of Kansas rate. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

A landowner asked the Commissioners to consider mailing Rural Directories to all Ellsworth County landowners. Commissioner Thomas estimated it would cost between \$30,000 to \$82,000 a year to mail Rural Directories to all landowners in Ellsworth County. Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Rolfs decided based off the cost that Ellsworth County could not afford it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk