

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

March 25, 2024

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened on this 25th day of March 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

CANVASS OF ELECTION

Chairman Bender called the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:10 a.m. to canvass the ballots from the March 19, 2024, Presidential Primary Election. Included in the canvass was Commissioners Greg Bender, Dennis Rolfs, Shawn Thomas and the County Clerk, Shelly Vopat. There were 2 Provisional ballots. The canvass board, as recommended by election standards, elected to count both. After counting the Provisional Ballots, the totals were adjusted.

OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to approve the minutes for March 18, 2024. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Kirkbride, Ellsworth County Medical Center CEO, informed the Commissioners that the hospital had a patient from New York that had just been passing through Ellsworth. The family was minimally involved so the hospital staff worked everything out to get him transferred to New York.

Terry Kueser joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

Murray Marston, Ellsworth County Sheriff, wanted to know about discussion on the assessments on the agenda in the new business. The Commissioners said they had decided to

go with the Goldberg Group. Sheriff Marston said the county could handle it from here. The Commissioners asked the County Clerk to send letters to the firms who had bid on the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bender moved to hire Goldberg Group Architects to assess the county jail and courthouse. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs moved to not reimburse non county employees on trips. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was adopted. Commissioner Bender abstained from voting.

Commissioner Thomas received a call from Matthew Fulkerson. Mr. Fulkerson said he had been banned from the Commissioner's meetings. Commissioner Thomas was informed he was not banned from the meetings, however, the Commissioners said they did not want to meet with him anymore about the non-county road.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rolfs moved to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk