

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 6, 2024**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024 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*

*Shawn Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the agenda for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the minutes from April 29, 2024. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

No one was present for the public forum.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to go into executive session at 9:03 a.m. with **Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director**, in regards to the non-elected open position for 10 minutes. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 9:13 a.m. the Commissioners returned to open session. Commissioner Bender made a motion to allow Kerianne to fill her open position when she can at the Health Department. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Shelby Soukup, Ellsworth County Treasurer**, informed the Commissioners that the State is replacing all their routers which the Treasurer's Office uses for motor vehicle and driver's license. A representative from AT&T will be out here to check on entry for the fiber circuit.

**Kirby Fox, LockIT Technologies**, presented Microsoft Office 365 Licensing proposal to elected officials and department heads. The following were present: **Dale Houston, Shelly Vopat, Marie Ranker, Keith Haberer, Kerianne Ehrlich, Nathan Florian, Teresa Shute, Shelby Soukup, Sue Arensman, Paul Kasper, and Murray Marston**. Mr. Fox said the highest vulnerability for infection is through email. Across the board the county does not have a uniform email system. Microsoft Office 365 product gives LockIT the ability to monitor email infection and provide the county with a uniform .gov email. The .gov email would only deal with a company inside the

United States. The cost per email address would be roughly \$23 per month. The Commissioners told departments to put this cost in their perspective 2025 budgets and the county will look into this year's cost.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve abatement 2023-92 for \$74.54. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the accounts payable for \$584,021.56 plus prewritten warrants of \$1,843.04 for a total of \$585,864.60. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the April payroll for \$300,547.91. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rolfs moved to hire Mid-Continental Restoration to repair the granite in front of the courthouse as well as caulk the outside for \$124,386 to be paid out of the County Building Fund. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rolfs left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Thomas moved to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Shelly D. Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk