

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 28, 2020

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 28th day of September 2020 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

Members Present:

Dennis L. Rolfs, 1st District Commissioner

Kermit Rush, 2nd District Commissioner

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr, 3rd District Commissioner

OPENING BUSINESS:

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

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Minutes for September 21, 2020. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Greg Bender and Rusty Varnado were in attendance but did not ask to address the Commissioners.

Stacie Schmidt, Ellsworth County Economic Development Director, needed signatures for the CDBG grant checks.

APPOINTMENTS:

Amy Boxberger & Marissa Woodmansee, representing Community Corrections, discussed the setbacks COVID-19 has created for the jurisdiction's offenders. Ms. Boxberger asked for approval on her report. Commissioner Rush made a motion to approve the 2020 year-end outcomes report. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremiah Brown, EMS Director, said that the EMS employees are personally paying to wash the ambulances at K & K car wash. Mr. Brown and Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, want permission to obtain a Fleet card so they can charge at K & K car wash. Commissioner Rush made a motion to allow the EMS and the Health Department to obtain a fleet card

controlled by the Director of each Department. Commissioner Rolfs seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kerianne Ehrlich, Health Department Director, discussed the COVID-19 cases in Ellsworth County. The Ellsworth Correctional Facility has several cases which are not community related, but KDHE reports the cases to Ellsworth County. However, Ms. Ehrlich is concerned the prison staff will contact COVID-19 and spread it to the community.

Andrew Bair, Ellsworth County Medical Center (ECMC) CEO, said although no one has been hospitalized at ECMC, they have had to turn their focus on mental health. There is a rise in depression and suicide. Mr. Bair is concerned with school closure. Several nurses and other employees have school aged children, and the employees have the right to stay home with their children if the schools close.

Shelly Vopat, Ellsworth County Clerk, informed the Commissioners she received a bid from Crystal Clear Cleaning for \$2,000 to clean all the outside Courthouse windows. Commissioner Rush, who requested the bid, said he thought the County should accept the bid. Commissioner Rolfs agreed. Ms. Vopat informed the Commissioners that she had been approved for a \$5,000 grant from Center for Tech and Civic Life for the prevention and spread of COVID-19 during the General Election. Commissioner Rush made a motion to allow the County Clerk to submit the grant agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life for \$5,000 COVID-19 election relief. Commissioner Dlabal seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Keith Haberer, Emergency Management Director, notified the Commissioners that Ellsworth County was awarded around \$10,000 for the EMPG grant the County qualifies for every year. Ellsworth County was awarded a partial \$42,000 grant for Emergency Operations Center enhancements. Ellsworth County was awarded \$14,050 for tables, chairs, a situations monitor and a laptop.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dlabal adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

September 30, 2020