

November 3, 2016
10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaagan with Commissioners Loibl, Fougner, Ellertson and Marquart present.

Also present were Tim Lee and Anthony Herman.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the minutes as distributed. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony presented the Funding Reimbursement Request letter for County Road 4a and County Road 1 that needed to be signed. County Road 4a was for \$383,000.00 and County Road 1 was for \$250,000.00

Anthony also discussed the change order on County Road 1 because of the difference in pipe sizes. The additional cost from Knife River is \$26,000.00 which will be covered under our 80% share from Federal funds.

Elvin Johnson joined the meeting.

Anthony discussed the Progressive Estimate on County Road 23 for \$288,600.12 to be paid by Nelson County. Tolna will be billed for their share of the project for \$147,166.17.

Kadrmaz, Lee and Jackson investigated the curve problem on County Road 4a and determined that the problem is on the north curve coming into Stump Lake Park. The thickness of the slope was tested and it was discovered that it was off by fractions. However, in order to make it a safe curve, Knife River will have to redo the curve. KLJ will be contacting Knife River regarding the additional work that needs to be done to correct the error. Nelson County will not be responsible for the additional cost to fix the curve. A 15 MPH speed limit was suggested for the south curve because of the radius rather than the super elevation.

Tim Lee informed the Board that the County Shop was getting snow equipment ready and that they are finishing up graveling. Also discussed were the building repairs that were done to the shop in Michigan. Damage was partially paid for by the insurance company.

Tim discussed the straw bales along the road that have not been removed yet. A letter will be sent asking them to be removed.

There was discussion on the leasing of land owned by Nelson County in Central Township. A bid opening will be held at the next Commissioner meeting on December 6th at 10:30 A.M. Bids will be accepted until December 5th at 4:00 P.M.

Rebecca Nelson discussed the court facilities grant. She has contacted Ohnstad Electric to do the work. She presented a quote for an 8 camera system. Cameras to the outside doors are optional and will not be covered by the grant. She will have a full quote for the grant ready for the December Commissioner meeting.

Herb Schultz joined the meeting.

The Veteran's Service Joint Agreement with Ramsey County was discussed. Ramsey County will draft a contract for approval by the Commissioner's.

At 11:30 A.M. the appraisal hearing was held with no comments.

Keith Olson presented the calls for service. There were 159 calls for October. Keith also discussed the new patrol vehicle that has been ordered.

Sharon Young discussed the Devils Lake Reporting Station Moisture Record. October moisture was 0.28 with an annual total of 24.10. The Stump Lake level is currently at 1449.94.

Sharon discussed the County Responder meeting with Lake Region Law Enforcement Center that will be held on November 15th the Courthouse in Lakota. They will be talking about issues and concerns that the departments are having.

Sharon has been working with Dakota Prairie School to hold a Bomb Threat Tabletop Exercise. It will involve school staff, fire departments, EMS, Law Enforcement and Emergency Managers.

Clay Cameron, Josh Akers and Kimberly Dickey with NextEra Energy talked about plans for developing an approximately 200 tower wind farm that would cover part of eastern Nelson County and western Grand Forks County.

The Board examined the vouchers and instructed the Auditor to pay all bills as listed.

Meeting recessed.

November 20, 2016 - 9:00 A.M.

Commissioners Loibl, Marquart and Ellertson met at the Walsh County Courthouse in Grafton for the Forest River Watershed bus tour. The tour took them to many problem areas of overland flooding in Nelson and Walsh Counties that is caused by the Forest River. Because the Forest River has limited channel capacity and an adjacent floodplain that slopes away from the river channel, excessive flows break out and travel overland away from the Forest River causing flooding.

November 15, 2016 - 10:00

The meeting was reconvened with Commissioners Fougner, Marquart, Ellertson and Loibl present.

At 10:00 A.M. the sale of tax foreclosure property began with Herb Schultz present.

There were no bids on the foreclosure property.

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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