

April 4, 2013
10:30 A.M.

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

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

Culvert bids were opened from True North Steel and Cretex Concrete Products.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept the bid from True North Steel for steel culverts. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to accept the bid from Cretex Concrete Products West for concrete culverts. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Gravel bids were opened from Gabriel Construction, Heck Trucking, and Dvorak Gravel.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to accept all gravel bids. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Rick Urvand discussed problems with the gravel used on the Ramsey - Nelson County line road, load restrictions, a grant through the weed board for a copier, and a new building for motorgraders.

Rick and Sharon Young discussed the need for a new propane generator and enclosure for the radio tower.

Sharon Young discussed the recent LEPC meeting and Tier II Report, SkyWarn Storm Spotter Training, Severe Summer Weather Awareness Week, grant awards for radios, 2013 spring flood outlook, spring flood emergency declarations, and the flood declaration process.

It was decided to wait to see what the weather is like before declaring an emergency in Nelson County.

Kelly Janke discussed the calls for servicer report, arrests made, the Brossart case, the States Attorney situation, and his relationship with the District Court.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to appoint W.J. Davidson as alternate to the Red River Regional Council. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on hiring a County Agent and Social Services Director.

Kristi Berdal discussed the extension report and the new County Agent.

The resumes from the States Attorney's applicants were reviewed. It was decided to interview Ulysses Jones, David Engen, and Jayme Tenneson.

Cameron Sillers and Quentin Wenzell, attorneys from Langdon, discussed representing Nelson County as assistant States Attorneys for the prosecution of the Brossart case. They will look at the file and report back to the Commission.

Larry Hoverson, on speaker phone, asked about moving the old park café to the pioneer village for a shop.

The meeting was recessed.

April 12, 2013 - 11:00 AM

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

Ulysses S. Jones was interviewed for the office of States Attorney.

At 1:00 PM Commissioner Marquart arrived from attending a Garrison Diversion meeting.

Jayme Tenneson was interviewed for the office of States Attorney.

At 1:45 PM David A. Engen interviewed for the office of States Attorney. He is the only one not interested in moving to Nelson County.

There was lengthy discussion on the merits of each candidate.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to appoint Jayme Tenneson as Nelson County States Attorney contingent upon the results of a background check. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on the assistant States Attorney handling the Brossart case.

The meeting was recessed.

April 25, 2013 - 1:30 PM

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

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to hold an executive session for the purpose of attorney consultation, as authorized by section 44-04-19.2 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC), regarding the prosecution of the Brossart cases. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The executive session began at 1:30 PM and adjourned at 2:21 PM.

There was discussion on whether to hire Cameron Sillers to prosecute the Brossart cases.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to appoint Cameron Siller as special assistant States Attorney to prosecute the Brossart cases. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Sharon Young reviewed the cost of a generator for the radio tower, a possible federal emergency declaration, and the new mandatory evacuation procedure.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to purchase a generator for the radio tower. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

W.J. Davidson, Auditor
Sheila Fisk, Deputy Auditor
Nelson County

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
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