

**February 5, 2013**

**10:00 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 Marquart to approve the minutes as distributed. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Rick Urvand discussed the purchase of a furnace for the shop and the need for a semi-tractor.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to authorize Rick to purchase a used semi-tractor that doesn't have excessive miles on it. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Rick discussed equipment rates, office cleaning, and gravel trailer repairs.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to leave the equipment rate as is. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Ruth Stevens was present.

There was discussion on the actions of the Sheriff and States Attorney.

Shelia Fisk reviewed options to backup the computer network in the Courthouse.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to purchase a remote backup manager from Insight Technologies. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Jean Miller discussed the number of cases handled by the States Attorney's office.

Lonnie Olson, Ramsey County States Attorney, agreed to help out as acting States Attorney until another States Attorney is hired. He discussed the jury pool in Grand Forks, his staff in Ramsey County, a possible joint powers

agreement, and salary. Lonnie and the Board agreed to a salary of \$75.00 per hour plus mileage.

Kelly Janke discussed the calls for service report, radios purchased, a door between the Sheriff's offices, the upcoming judge's decision on a plea agreement, the use of tasers, the use of force policy, charges not being filed, communication with the previous assistant States Attorney, response to calls, and the use of a drone.

There was discussion on an ad for hiring a new States Attorney.

Five abatement applications were reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve Myron Hanson's 2012 abatement for the E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 153, Range 57 because of inundated land. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve Richard Urvand's 2012 abatement for Lots 13 and 14 of Block 7, Original Townsite McVile because of the disabled veteran's tax credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve Peter Lippert's 2012 abatements for W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Lots 6-9 of Section 19 and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 20, Township 151, Range 60 because of inundated land. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to approve Jason Johns's 2011 and 2012 abatements for Lots 1 and 2 of Block 21, Original Townsite, Petersburg because of disabled veterans tax credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve Mitchell Kapaun's 2012 abatement for part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, Township 153, Range 57 (7.39 acres) because of disabled veterans tax credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to appoint Lonnie Olson as acting States Attorney. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The County Agent position was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to opt out of the agreement with Griggs County for sharing a Social Services Director. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

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

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Odell Flaagan, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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