

January 6, 2012

10:00 A.M.

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

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

Rick Urvand and Paul Lee, engineer, discussed options for improving the curves on County Road #27 on the Benson County line and the shortfall of FEMA funds.

Paul presented an engineering agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Dahlen to approve the agreement for engineering services with Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Rick discussed right of way encroachment on Federal Aid roads endangering federal road funding.

Moved by Commissioner Dahlen to have the Road Superintendent start correcting the right of way encroachment on Federal Aid roads. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Sharon Young discussed the Homeland Security grant for training and exercises, the radio reprogramming/narrowbanding grant, and the regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan concept.

Rodney Stevens discussed the temperature control maintenance in the Courthouse, the office relocation and remodeling, painting in the Sheriff's office, coal usage, and the recently purchased pickup.

Ben Varnson gave a presentation in the Community Room with the Commissioners, Rick Urvand, Sharon Young, Lucas Walter, and Rodney Stevens present. He discussed the east end outlet of Devils Lake, opposition to a proposed dam in Griggs County, possible retention sites on the tributaries

of the Sheyenne River, drain tile in the main campground at Stump Lake Park, the Lakota Drain, a pump station north of Lakota, the Michigan Spillway project, problems with drain crossings, issues near Sarnia Dam, the Enterprise Drain pump station, and water issues southwest of Mapes.

Kelly Janke discussed the calls for service report and a contract policing agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Dahlen to approve the policing contract with Lakota City for the additional deputy. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on a permit to sell alcoholic beverages at the centennial celebrations at Whitman and Dahlen.

Michelle Linstad discussed agricultural land values and website issues.

Moved by Commissioner Dahlen and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to hire Gov Office Web Solutions for the county's website. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Brian Hoffart, from Minnkota Power Coop, discussed the application for a conditional use permit for a transmission line to the east end outlet of Devils Lake, landowner contacts, and a proposed change on County Road #27 on the Benson County line.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to reapprove the following pledged securities: State Bank of Lakota - \$1,750,000.00; First United Bank of Michigan - \$250,000.00; Choice Financial Group of Petersburg - Letter of Credit - \$100,000.00; Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Tolna - \$500,000.00; and First Financial, Aneta Station - \$41,909.38. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dahlen and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to designate the State Bank of Lakota, Choice Financial Group of Petersburg, First United Bank of Michigan, McVille State Bank, Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Tolna, and First Financial, Aneta Station as depositories of county funds. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Soil Conservation District mill levy and the Health District's employee policy manual.

Bert Elgin discussed the café grant and other park business.

Moved by Commissioner Dahlen and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to amend the following 2011 budgets. Farm to Market - \$762,600.00; FEMA 2011 - \$5,700.00; Road and Bridge - \$1,282,500.00; County Emergency - \$124,800.00; Law Enforcement - \$50,600.00; LLE Block Grant - \$22,200.00; County Park - \$148,300.00; Job Development - \$66,300.00; Historical Society - \$4,600.00; Senior Citizens - \$27,100.00; and Insurance Reserve - \$73,000.00, All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Sheila Fisk discussed extra "in house" technology duties.

Moved by Commissioner Dahlen and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to pay Sheila Fisk and Michelle Linstad \$100.00 per month for extra technology duties and website work. On a roll call vote, all voted "Yes." Motion carried.

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

The meeting was recessed.

January 17, 2012 - 10:00 AM

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

Brian Hoffart, from Minnkota Power, discussed changes in the proposed transmission line in Leval Township. A landowner suggested moving the poles closer to the road.

Rick Urvand, on speaker phone, discussed the location of the poles.

Michelle Linstad presented a service agreement for the county's website.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the service agreement with

GovOffice for website set up and maintenance. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Elvin Johnson suggested asking Terry Traynor to speak on measure #2 at the upcoming County Township Officers Association meeting.

Lucas Walter discussed possible dates for the Township Officers meeting.

Jordan Koras introduced himself as the new deputy Sheriff and Ruth Stevens introduced JoAnna Lonski as the new deputy County Recorder/Clerk of District Court.

Rick Urvand discussed easements on the county line road and the proposed setback for the Minnkota transmission line.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the conditional use permit for Minnkota Power Cooperative to construct a single pole overhead 69KV electrical transmission line on Section 7, 18, 19, 30, & 31, Township 151, Range 61 with the poles being a minimum of 50' from the centerline of County Road #27. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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