

September 4, 2013

9:30 A.M.

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

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

Rick Urvand presented an application for a utility permit.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve a utility permit for Aaron Mork to install drain tile under County Road #5 between sections 16 and 17 in Nash Township. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Rick discussed the proposed box culvert at the Tolna Coulee, the graveling of County Road #22, the Federal Aid Road Program, the paved road into Stump Lake Park, the safety program, the Enbridge Pipeline bond to repair roads, a backup payroll person, budgets, and his resignation as Road Superintendent.

Sharon Young discussed school events, the multi-hazard emergency planning training course for schools, the federal disaster public assistance, the hazard mitigation grant program, the emergency disaster and demolition debris management workshop, and the upcoming emergency management conference.

Kelly Janke submitted the calls for service report and discussed the DUI saturation check and policies when assisting other agencies.

Jayme Tenneson discussed pet and abandoned vehicle ordinances in the City of Lakota.

Bernadette Matejcek, Ruth Stevens, Debbie Trostad, Sharon Young, Kelly Janke, Jayme Tenneson, Michelle Linstad, Sheila Fisk, and Trish Young were present to discuss computer network maintenance with Don Fisk from

Insight Technology. Problems with the current network maintenance were reviewed and Don answered questions.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to purchase network maintenance from Insight Technology and to drop the current provider. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Amber Mackey, from Safe Alternatives for Abused Families, presented information on the "Be the Difference" walk in Devils Lake and requested funding. The States Attorney will look into the proposed funding.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to cancel Treasurer's check #6083 as recommended by the Treasurer. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Elvin Johnson discussed the need for signs on Highway #2 that says "You are entering Nelson County".

An abatement application from Alvina Germundson was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to approve the abatement of 2011 and 2012 taxes on the East ½ of Lots 7 & 8, Block 2, Olsgard's 2nd addition, McVillage because of Homestead Credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

September 5, 2013 - 8:30 A.M.

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

The state audit was reviewed. The State Auditors recommended adopting a fund balance policy.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the fund balance policy as presented. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The overall budgets for the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, and other county funds were reviewed.

The actual 2012 and estimated 2013 ending fund balances were reviewed. The actual 2012 and estimated 2013 mill levies were reviewed.

There was discussion on the value of the employee benefits.

Rick Urvand and Debbie Trostad reviewed the Road and Bridge, Weed, Farm to Market, FEMA 2010, FEMA 2011, and Road and Bridge Contingency fund budgets.

Kelly Janke and Naomi Ferguson reviewed the Sheriff and contract policing budgets, and discussed statistics on calls and crimes, contract policing contracts, and the large volume of traffic on Highway #2.

There was discussion on terminating a deputy due to the man camp not materializing and a possible decrease in funding. Kelly talked about lost or delayed services if he loses a deputy.

Sharon Young reviewed the Superintendent of Schools, DEM, Hazardous Chemical, and Homeland Security budgets. She discussed the retirement benefit and a possible disaster overtime budget.

Commissioners Marquart and Fougner left the meeting.

W.J. Davidson reviewed the Auditor's budget.

Bernadette Matejcek reviewed the Treasurer's budget.

Michelle Linstad reviewed the Tax Director's budget.

Oybek Turayev reviewed the County Agent's budget.

The meeting was recessed.

September 6, 2013 - 8:30 A.M.

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

Dan Kassian presented information on county burial costs.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to increase the payment for county burials to \$3400.00 per burial. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Marcia Beglau presented an agreement with Griggs County.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Griggs County to share services. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Marcia Beglau reviewed the Social Services budget with Gunhild Schmidt present.

Ken Quam talked about his proposed salary.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the proposed 2014 salaries for Social Services. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

A change in the funding of the public administrator was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the North Dakota Association of Counties for Public Administrator support services. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

State rates for lodging and the States Attorney's opinion on funding for SAAF were reviewed.

Jayme Tenneson reviewed the States Attorney's budget.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to increase the States Attorney's salary by \$600.00 per month. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to fund Safe Alternatives for Abused Families in the amount of \$500.00. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The County Park budget was reviewed.

Ruth Stevens reviewed the County Recorder/Clerk of Court budget and discussed the grant for interactive video for district court.

Rodney Stevens reviewed the Janitor's budget and discussed the need for a new snow blower.

It was decided to pay the substitute janitor \$12.00 per hour.

After discussion, it was decided to remove the new cell phone from the County Agent's budget.

The Devils Lake Joint Water budget was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to discontinue funding for the Devils Lake Joint Water Resource District due to a lack of benefit to Nelson County. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the preliminary budgets as amended. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

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

The meeting was recessed.

September 20, 2013 - 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened in the Community Room with Commissioners Flaagan, Ellertson, Fougner, and Marquart present.

Ben Varnson, Mike Donohue, Gene Gehrke, Duane Ash, David Sateren, Jeff Frith, Lee Williams, Charlene Varnson, Barb Ash, Amie Vasichek, Jim Vasichek, Sharon Young, Gordon Nelson, Jayme Tenneson, and Greg Daws were present to discuss whether the Devils Lake Joint Water Resource District should be funded.

Ben Varnson supports funding the joint board and discussed its history, advantages to managing water on a

water-shed basis, the Michigan Spillway project, a culvert inventory, the Tolna Coulee, the water problems in the northwest corner of the county, and activities of the joint board.

Jeff Frith, Executive Director of the joint board, discussed goals and benefits of the joint board, their budget, water quality monitoring, engineering activities, the mill levy, sedimentation in the Tolna Coulee, the economic impact of the high water level, stabilization of Devils Lake and Stump Lake, the Red River Water Supply project, and compensation for lost ag land.

Several people expressed support for funding the joint board.

There was discussion on the benefits of sharing ideas, why the 3rd outlet from Stump Lake was dropped, the natural outlet from Stump Lake, the water level at freeze-up, road problems, pumping issues, and the County Road #22 grade raise north of Mapes.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to reconsider not funding the Devils Lake Joint Water Resource District and to reinstate and approve their budget. On a roll call vote, all voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Amie Vasichek discussed the City of Lakota's sale of tables and chairs.

Angela Spanier discussed the County Library mill levy and Lakota City Library's interaction with the Carnegie regional library.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to pursue the County Library mill levy issue and to request a breakdown of how the funds are spent. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Kelly Janke discussed Lakota City's funding for a deputy and a DOT contract.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the Department of Transportation traffic safety contract for overtime for the deputies. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

A letter from the Emergency Manager supporting the emergency pumping of water north of Michigan was reviewed.

A letter from Rodney and Susan Brossart regarding taxes and an email from Cameron Sillers regarding an upcoming trial were reviewed.

There was discussion on possible grants for Stump Lake Park and taxes.

The meeting was recessed.

October 1, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

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

The Board reviewed the Proposal to Perform Preliminary Design and Construction Engineering Services from Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson with Rick Urvand and Ron Miller present.

Nick West from Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson, discussed the project, which is an overlay on County Road #1 and County Road #14 to Dahlen.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept the engineering proposal from Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson for the County Road #1 overlay project. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The engineering agreement was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the engineering agreement with Kadrmas, Lee, & Jackson for project CNOA-3200 (025) PCN20513, which is an overlay on County Road #1 from Highway #35 to the Grand Forks County line and County Road #14 from County Road #1 to the Dahlen railroad tracks. 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

www.nelsonco.org