

**Nelson County Commission  
Regular Commission Meeting  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 - 9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson. Roll call was taken and the following members were also present: Commissioners Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> meetings. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: Emergency Management & Permit for Hauling on County Road 22.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Nathan Parks, Auditor, presented a counter offer from Josh Frey on the open States Attorney position.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to accept the counter offer from Josh Frey for the open States Attorney position. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried

Discussion was had on funds from the Victim Witness Advocate Fund that were to be donated to Safe Alternatives for Abused Families (SAAF).

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to donate \$4000.00 to SAAF as previously motioned. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

A permit for Wild Prairie Pork hog barn to haul on County Road 22 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the hauling permit on County Road 22. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Curt Loe, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting to discuss Road & Bridge business and the Nelson County Road & Bridge Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to advertise for bids for gravel and culverts with bid opening on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 at the Regular County Commission meeting. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Motor Grader bids were discussed. Jayme Tenneson, States Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss the bids. It was advised that all bids be returned and bid opening readvertised due to a communication error on when bids were due.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Mork to rebid for a motor grader with bid opening to be 9:00am on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Regular Commission meeting. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

NDDOT Construction Resolution for bridge projects was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to sign the NDDOT Construction Resolution for bridge projects. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Appointment to the Red River Regional Council was discussed to replace Steve Forde's spot on the council.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to appoint Cameron Swenson to the Red River Regional Council. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Nelson County Road & Bridge Policy was discussed. Dave Steffan, Nelson County Township Officer's Association, joined the discussion. Discussion was to move the gravel share of townships to 30% from 35% and crack seal on paved roads to 5% from 10%.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the Nelson County Road & Bridge Policy as discussed. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Doug Straus, G & R Controls, joined the meeting to discuss the Court Facilities Grant.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the cost of \$199,244.00 for courthouse improvements in conjunction with the Court Facilities Grant. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Angela Herda, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting to discuss the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to sign the local match letter for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to sign the letter of intent for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

States Attorney business was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to sign the States Attorney Resolution with Towner County. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to appoint Jayme Tenneson to serve as interim States Attorney until Josh Frey can take over the position. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Larry Johnson, Judy Sateren and Stephen Johnston joined the meeting to express concerns and possible solutions with the Veterans Service Officer.

Michelle Linstad, Tax Director, joined the meeting to present abatements.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the abatements for parcels 05-0000-01272-000, 05-0000-01273-000, 05-0000-01275-000, 05-0000-01276-001, 05-0000-01277-000, 05-0000-01278-000, 05-0000-01279-000, 05-0000-01286-000, 05-0000-01287-000, 05-0000-01287-800, 05-0000-01291-000, 14-0000-02817-000, 14-0000-02819-000 and 14-0000-02821-000. Commissioners Flaagan, Haugland, Swenson and Mork voted "Yes". Commissioner Johnson abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Flaagan and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the bills as presented. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Nathan Parks  
Nelson County Auditor

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Cody Johnson, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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