

April 4, 2019
10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellertson. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Klefstad, Fougner, Marquart and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre, Anthony Herman, Lee Williams, and Rick Lenarz from True North Steele.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seth Hamre pointed out some corrections to the March minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the amended minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There were additions to the agenda. Jeff Ritteman was added at 2:30 to discuss some vacation time, appointment to the Planning Commission, and the east and west pumping of Stump Lake.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the additions to the agenda. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed a portion of the new Employee Handbook regarding the holding of employment applications for only six months. He has a list of names of past employees but there is no pertinent information that would compromise an individual's privacy. It would not be an issue with the County for the Highway Department to keep a list of prospective applicants beyond six months.

Seth would like to take out the pavement on County Road 7 southwest of Aneta and turn it back to gravel. It has a lot of potholes and is breaking up. The truck traffic on the road is minimal. Seth will check with the city of Aneta. He also discussed fixing County Road 4. The fixing of the road was delayed last year because of weather and will need to be fixed this year.

Seth discussed overtime for the highway workers. County road employees who work on a weekend will be compensated for the weekend work and given vacation hours for each hour they worked

that day. They will receive overtime pay if they have already worked 40 hours for the week.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve paying the county road employees that work on a weekend their hourly rate and receive vacation hours for the hours they worked. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to amend the employee manual to reflect the pay plus a day of vacation for weekend work. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

At 10:30 A.M. culvert bids were opened from True North Steele.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the bid from True North Steele for steel culverts. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

At 10:30 A.M. gravel bids were opened from Gowan Construction, Don Dvorak Gravel and Soper Construction.

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

Lee Williams discussed the elevation of Devils Lake. He was wondering when they would be turning on the pumps because he is getting flooded out. Nelson County does not have any input on when and if the pumps are turned on.

At 11:00 A.M. the bids for County Road 35 began. There were no bids for the project.

Anthony Herman will contact some of the contractors to find out why they had not submitted a bid. There was a discussion about our options for the project. If the PI is too high he may be able to get a new bid but it would have to be by the end of next week. We may be able to wait on County Road 35 and use the state money on another improvement project.

Kevon Gillette and Darlene Quam joined the meeting.

Kevon discussed the problems with County Road 27. It was a good road prior to building the outlet but it has currently gotten wider and holds too much water. The road needs to be reshaped and re-graveled. The County will gravel it using a good quality gravel. It is a county line road but Nelson County is in charge

of maintenance. Seth will contact the neighboring counties to let them know we will be fixing up County Road 27.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to abandon the County Road 35 project because of no bids. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony will survey County Road 27 to see what he can do to improve the conditions.

There were no public comments.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 91 calls for services in March. Keith informed the board that he had hired a new deputy, Dalton Knapper, to take Stell Fallon's position. There was a discussion on some of the calls and about testing for marijuana.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to appoint Dan Arneson to the Planning Commission. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sharon Young discussed the winter snow and flooding issues. The Governor declared a winter storm emergency for the March 13-15 snow storm.

Sharon reported on the spring flood outlook. There is a 50/50 percent chance that the water will rise another foot to a foot and a half. The county has 4,000 sandbags in McVille and 29,000 in Michigan which will be available to the public at no cost.

Sharon presented her letter of resignation. She will be retiring July 1, 2019. The Commission will have to decide how they will advertise for the combined position. She discussed what was necessary for the Superintendent of Schools position and the Emergency Manager position.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept the resignation with reluctance. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle Linstad presented 19 abatements. She had one 2018 abatement for Homestead Credit and 18 for inundated land. Seven were for 2017 and eleven for 2018.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the 18 abatements for inundated land and 1 for homestead credit. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle discussed her sales ratios. The sale of residential properties sold for quite a bit more than what they are valued at. She won't know until after county board how much it will effect residential values.

There was a discussion about time off for Jeff Ritteman. He wants May 24-30 off. The Board approved his time off without hiring a substitute.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the Stump Lake liquor license. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Minnkota replacement tower. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to sign the Nelson County Health System CDBG Administrative Services Agreement. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about conference calling. North Dakota Telephone Company offered a conference calling bridge for \$10.00 per call. Then they charge \$.15 a minute per caller. We do not get charged unless a conference call is made.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to pay all the bills as listed. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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