

August 4, 2016
10:00 A.M.

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

Also present Robert Frederick, Rodney and Jacob Brossart, Anthony Herman and Elvin Johnson.

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

Anthony Herman gave an update on County Road 1, 4a and County Road 23 through Tolna. County Road 1 is going to be delayed possibly by a month, 4a is just about done and we are waiting on the City of Tolna to install the ADA ramps on County Road 23.

The design, construction and engineering of the County Road 23 project is estimated to be \$400,000.00. Tolna will pay \$185,000.00 and Nelson County will pay \$215,000.00. The ND Department of Transportation will pay Nelson County's portion. All funds will go through the county but Tolna will reimburse Nelson County for their share of the project. There was discussion on how and when the funds would be paid to the County. A meeting will be set up with the City of Tolna to discuss a contract between Nelson County and Tolna.

Anthony presented a Construction Engineering Contract for County Road 1.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to sign the Construction Engineering Contract for the estimated amount of \$95,000.00. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony also informed the Commission that the windrows on County Road 35 have been cleaned up and the Tolna railroad crossing project has been completed.

Rodney Brossart discussed the problem with leafy spurge in Williams and Central Townships. He has some on his property and is trying to control them but the townships are not doing their part. It gets spread when the Highway Department maintains the roads. Rodney sprays

but then it gets cut shortly afterwards and spreads the seeds.

Jeff Ritteman talked about the much needed repair to the boiler. He presented an estimate for the repairs from Northland Coal Equipment to replace the coal boiler tubes. He also discussed the heavy moisture problem in the boiler room.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to fix any repairs necessary to fix the boiler. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jayne Tenneson discussed the problem with the way the Section Line Hearing held on July 7, 2016 was handled. A new hearing will have to be rescheduled at a later date.

Sharon Young discussed the start of school and the new administrators. She is working with the administration on setting up a bus driver workshop, the Spelling Bee and Mathcounts competition.

Sharon discussed her participation as an evaluator in a full-scale shooting exercise in Carrington of July 27. She also discussed the Disaster Box Project. She has contacted 4-H clubs to sponsor/collect items for this project. Northern Lights 4-H donated one complete box and Lakota Cloverleafs and Bison Bunch 4-H clubs will participate in the project this fall.

Sharon also discussed the Railroad Emergency Plan Annex. The Commissioners were given the document for review and Sharon hopes to adopt a resolution to be adding it to the Local Emergency Operations Plan by the next Commissioner meeting.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. He informed the Board that Trent Adams has resigned. John Bartlette has been hired to replace Trent and he will live in Michigan. Starting officer salaries were also discussed.

Nancy Marquart discussed the 2015 Lake Region Narcotics Task Force Annual Report and handed out the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center Audit Report.

Stacy Twete discussed the Veteran's Service Officer job offer to him from Ramsey County. The offer is to be full-time in Ramsey County but spend two afternoons a week with Nelson County and Benson County. Stacy is still in

negotiations with all 3 counties and he will present a proposal to the Board at the next Commissioner meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to transfer \$491.00 from the Weed fund, \$3081.00 from the Veterans Service fund, and \$5872.00 from the County Agent fund to the County General fund according to the cost allocation audit. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

The meeting was recessed.

August 11, 2016 - 8:00 P.M.
Tolna City Hall

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

Also present were some members of the Tolna City Council. Brett Poehls - President, Steven Dahl - Mayor, Jeremy Weber - Councilman, and Kalyn Luehring - Councilman. Jayme Tenneson was also present.

There was a discussion about a contract that needs to be drawn up between the City of Tolna and Nelson County on how the funds will be paid back to Nelson County for the paving of County Road 23 through Tolna.

Bonding has been approved through the bank for the City of Tolna. All the funds will go through Nelson County and be paid back by Tolna. Tolna will provide Nelson County with a verification letter for the bonding from the bank.

Representatives from Tolna will be present at the bid opening for their approval which is tentatively scheduled for the end of August.

Because a portion of this project comes from Federal funds, ADA ramps need to be put in the sidewalk crossings before the paving begins. Tolna will do this work.

The meeting was recessed.

On August 30, 2016 County Commissioners Odell Flaagan, Nancy Marquart, Bruce Ellertson and Maynard Loibl along with elected officials and department heads, met in the

Community Room of the courthouse for the NDACo and NDCCA President's Tour.

Present for the tour were Steve Reiser, President, ND Association of Counties and Dakota Central Social Services Director, Randi Suckut, 1st Vice President, ND Association of Counties and Wells County Commissioner, Bruce Strinden, President, ND County Commissioners Association and Morton County Commissioner, Mark Johnson, CAE, NDACo Executive Director, Aaron Birst, NDACo Legal Counsel, Jeff Eslinger, NDACo Communications Manager and Donnell Preskey Hushka, NDACo Government/Public Relations Specialist.

Steve Reiser talked about the upcoming proposed changes to the funding of Social Services. He also discussed a new state wide radio system that is in the works and the need for new voting equipment throughout the state.

Mark Johnson talked about the cutbacks in funds for State Aid and Highway Distribution due to the slowdown of oil production in western North Dakota.

Also discussed were the behavioral and mental health problems in the state jail systems and the shortfall of qualified evaluators.

No actions were taken at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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