

**August 3, 2017**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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

Also present at the meeting were Tim Lee, Elvin Johnson and Anthony Herman from KLJ.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting as presented. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee distributed pictures of an unauthorized digging of a ditch on an easement right-of-way on the south side of County Road 4 just east of the dairy by the box culvert. The county will look into this issue.

Tim discussed that work will begin on cleaning out the silt from the box culvert on County Road 4. Also, drain tiles will be put in the soft spots of County Road 5. There are approximately six spots that need to be fixed.

Industrial Builders out of Fargo looked at the Galde Bridge, 7 miles west of Aneta on County Road 20. When Tim gets the estimate for repairs he will send it to the State Water Commission for payment.

A tree variance submitted by James Miles was approved but it was determined that it isn't an actual variance.

Anthony gave a report on the curve on County Road 4a. The project came in about 20% under budget. The extra work that was done to correct the curve will be paid by KLJ.

Anthony updated the Board on County Road 23. Some of the striping through Tolna will be removed and redone.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to sign the Final Review and Acceptance on County Road 35. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to sign the Final Review and Acceptance on County Road 4a. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the Final Review and Acceptance on Pavilion Road. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony discussed using federal funds to do the chip seal on the roads completed this year. We could borrow against next year's available funds but it was decided to wait until next year to do the chip seals. Anthony will check whether HB1176 funds can be used on the Petersburg project.

There was a discussion on the day care center in Michigan. The center is 5 months behind on rent.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to have Jayme Tenneson, Nelson County State' Attorney, send a letter that would require payment in full of past due rent of \$2500.00 by August 31, 2017 or an eviction notice will be sent. Roll call vote was taken and all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sharon Young discussed the re-appointment of the Tuition Review Committee member.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to re-appoint Rob Loe effective July 1, 2017 for a 3 year term to the Tuition Review Committee. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sharon discussed the drought throughout North Dakota. Ninety-five percent of the state is abnormally dry. Nelson County is in the 5% that is not in the drought area.

Sharon will be attending the ND Flood Risk Map Kickoff Meeting at the Ramsey County Courthouse on August 9, 2017. The purpose is for the State Water Commission and FEMA to talk about updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and improve information used to assess flood risk.

Sharon discussed that she was awarded \$19,053.00 from the 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant. These funds will cover 60% of her 2017 salary (36% of salary and benefits). The Commissioners reviewed the current floodplains map.

The quality of the courthouse water was discussed. Kevin Rysavy estimated that it would be about \$1,100.00 to \$1,200.00 to install a self-cleaning water system.

Deputy Mark Dudgeon presented the Calls for Service. He also provided a graph showing the amount of calls per city. There were 240 Calls for Service for the month of July.

Also present for the meeting were Deputy Danielle Rosewaren, Deputy TJ Bakken, Deputy Luke Olson, Rob Johnson, Brett Poehls and Tim Haakenson.

Brett Poehls, President of the Tolna Community Club, discussed issues with the sheriff deputies at the Tolna Street Dance during

Tolna Days. They felt that the way some situations were handled could have been done differently.

Deputy Dudgeon was asked to set up the body-cam videos from that night in the Community Room so the Board could review what happened.

Rob Johnson, Director of the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center talked about the LEC Stepping Up Initiative program which identifies mental health issues in the jails. Currently our correctional facilities do not provide services for individuals with mental health problems. Jayme Tenneson represents Nelson County on the committee. The committee will be meeting and talking about how to address these issues.

The Board continued the meeting in the Community Room to view the videos and possibly resolve these issues.

There were 4 deputies and 1 reserve deputy on duty in Tolna the night of the dance. The city is only required to hire a reserve deputy and have 1 county deputy on duty during a dance.

Some unattended coolers with alcohol in them were take away from the back unlit fence area and were secured at the front gate by the deputies. There were also incidences of minors that were drinking and were detained by the deputies. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that it is a matter of perception of how the deputies handled the situations.

Deputy Dudgeon suggested that in the future, they could attend a Community Club meeting to communicate what their expectations are for an upcoming event.

Michelle Linstad presented an abatement for parcel #09-0000-2084-000 for inundated land acres.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatement for #09-0000-2084-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to transfer \$335.00 for the Weed fund, \$3,669.00 from the Veterans Service fund and \$7,362.00 from the County Agent fund to the County General fund according to the cost allocation audit. All members votes "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to cancel outstanding check #39798, dated 3/5/2015 in the amount of \$51.45 and send it to the State Land Department as unclaimed property.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to sign a Letter of Support for the City of McVille so they can apply for a grant to purchase a skid steer.

Mary Langley joined the meeting to discuss sharing the Nelson County Social Services Director services with Griggs County. She will be meeting with the Social Services Board and the County Commissioners of both counties to discuss how the share will work for each county.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve a preliminary resolution to re-designate the auditor's office from an elected position to an appointed position.

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

Meeting adjourned.

**August 10, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**McVille Cafe**

Roll call was taken for the Nelson County Commission with Bruce Ellertson, Maynard Loibl, Don Fougner and Alan Klefstad present.

Also present at the meeting were Mary Langley, Nelson County Social Service Board members Judy Galde and Carol Sand, Griggs County Commissioners Ron Dahl, John Wakefield, Dale Pederson and Troy Olson, Griggs County Social Services Board members Irene Hanson, Diane Adrian and Janice Johnson and Griggs County Auditor Samantha Larson.

Nelson and Griggs Counties met at the McVille Café to discuss the sharing of a Social Service Director and a Social Worker. Griggs County is in need of a Social Services Director and has asked Nelson County if we could share our Director, Mary Langley. Because of the added amount of work for the Director, a social worker would be shared to split up Mary's caseloads.

Several ideas and options were discussed between all boards about sharing a director. With the shared director, the caseloads that Mary currently has would have to be split and also shared. The budgets, benefits and salary were discussed. It was decided to do a split of 60% Nelson County and 40% Griggs County.

Jayme Tenneson will work on the Memorandum of Understanding contract. Since he is the States Attorney for both counties, he will send a waiver to each of the counties allowing him to work on the contract.

Anthony Herman presented to the Commissioners a Final Estimate for Payment from KLJ to Knife River on the curve on County Road 4a.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to sign the Final Estimate for Payment. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Griggs County boards left the room while the Nelson County Social Services Board and the County Commissioners continued the meeting. There was further discussion about the sharing of the director and social worker with Griggs County.

The Nelson County Social Services Board approved the sharing of a director with Griggs County. They made recommendations to the County Commission to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with Griggs County and raise the director's pay from a State Classification Grade M to a Grade N.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the Social Services Board recommendations for providing administrative services and raise Mary Langley's salary from a State Classification Grade M to a Grade N. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed.

The meeting was reconvened with all the boards present.

The Griggs County Social Services Board approved the Nelson County proposal for a shared director. The start-up date for the sharing will be August 15, 2017.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sheila Fisk  
Nelson County Auditor

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Maynard Loibl, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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