

**August 6, 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 Marquart, Klefstad and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre, Anthony Herman, Brian Johnson and Matt Springer.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2019 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Matt Springer from the US Fish & Wildlife Service in Devils Lake discussed the easement and ditching along County Road 22 and if the county was going to fill in and restore the ditching. The board discussed that they will look into it.

Matt Springer and Brian Johnson left the meeting.

Seth Hamre discussed that the county should be done with graveling county roads in October.

Seth discussed hiring another employee for the County Highway Department.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve Seth on hiring another person for the county shop. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jayme Tenneson joined the meeting.

Jayme Tenneson discussed with the board to have KLJ do the survey work to determine the actual boundary line between County Road 4 easement and Brossart's property.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to have KLJ do the survey regarding the boundary line between County Road 4 and Brossart's property. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony Herman discussed that he will setup the survey as soon as possible.

Julie Ferry and Anna Ojczyk joined the meeting.

At 11:30 A.M. the public health district budget hearing began with Julie Ferry and Anna Ojczyk present. Julie reviewed the Health District budget.

Commissioner Fougner joined the meeting by phone conference.

There were no public comments.

Steve Forde joined the meeting.

Steve Forde discussed with the board about the Housing Market Survey Grant for Nelson County. The Housing Market Survey Grant Program is a cost-sharing incentive program for rural communities to develop a local housing strategy and to conduct a market survey to determine the status of existing housing as well as, future housing needs in Nelson County. The discussion was tabled until the September meeting for Steve to get more information for the board.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 187 calls in July.

Michelle Linstad discussed an abatement on parcel 34-0000-09569-000.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the abatement on parcel 34-0000-09569-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to transfer \$761.00 from the Weed fund, \$3,496.00 from the Veterans Service fund and \$7,048.00 from the County Agent fund to the County General fund according to the cost allocation audit. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Ben Varnson, David Sateren, Todd Whitman, Scott Huso, Scott Severson and Brian Johnson joined the meeting.

Ben Varnson discussed the Four Corner/Solberg Slough (Pickerel Lake Watershed-Hwy 15) project. He also discussed that the Nelson County Water Resource District is supportive of pursuing an effort to use a snagging and clearing approach to

clean and maintain a portion of the Pickerel Lake Watershed in Nelson County.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to support the Certification of Significant Community Support with Lake Region Law Enforcement Center regarding the SIRN equipment purchase and installation for the Lake Region E911. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed.

**AUGUST 7, 2019 - 9:00 A.M.**

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

Don Fougner joined the meeting by phone conference.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kim Ruliffson from NDSU Extension joined the meeting by phone conference.

Kim Ruliffson discussed with the board the Family Committee Wellness vacant position in the County Agents office with Nelson County. She also discussed sharing this vacant position with Steele County.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to share the Family Committee Wellness position with Steele County. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mary Langley discussed with the board about the Human Services Zone and budget. She also discussed that Trish Young has retired from Social Services and that she will fill in as an emergency temp until the administrative assistant position is filled.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve Trish Young on filling in as the Social

Service Administrative Assistant emergency temp until the position is filled. All member voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre reviewed the Road & Bridge, Weed Control and Farm to Market budgets.

Dawn Mandt joined the meeting.

Dawn Mandt discussed the Red River Regional Council projects throughout the region. She discussed the budget for Red River Regional Council and is requesting \$16,000.00 from Nelson County.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve \$16,000.00 for the Red River Regional Council budget. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Fougner left the meeting.

Jenny Wigen reviewed the Auditor, Employee Benefits, Technology and Non-Departmental budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to raise the County Auditor's annual salary from \$42,000.00 to \$45,000.00. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Stump Lake Park budget.

The board reviewed the Janitor and Building & Grounds budgets.

The board reviewed the States Attorney budget.

Bernadette Matejcek reviewed the Treasurer's budget.

Becky Nelson reviewed the Recorder/Clerk of Court and Document Preservation budgets.

Keith Olson reviewed the Sheriff, Contract Police and LLE Block Grant budgets.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the Sheriff's Department a 2% plus additional \$1,200.00 raise for 2020. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle Linstad reviewed the Tax Director budget.

The meeting was recessed.

**SPECIAL MEETING - AUGUST 14, 2019**

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

The board discussed the resignation from Don Staniszewski for Nelson County Housing Board and to appoint a new board member.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept the resignation from Don Staniszewski. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to appoint Angie Twete to the Nelson County Housing Authority Board. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jenny Wigen  
Nelson County Auditor

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Bruce Ellertson, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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