

February 6, 2014

10:00 A.M.

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

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

Lauri Rysavy, Michigan City Mayor, presented information on the Michigan Bypass project on Highway 2 with Jim Vasichek, Dale Mayer, Roger Schwan, John Steffan, Rod Fisk, Scott Gilbertson, and Jim R. Vasichek present.

They are concerned with the Department of Transportation's plan to eliminate two access points to the city. One access point has the highest traffic volume and the other is used by the ambulance and the fire department. They are needed for improved safety. They are requesting support to keep all of the access points to the city.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to support the City of Michigan's request to keep all four access points to the city on Highway 2. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Mark Lyman, Russ Melland, and Greg Schelin, from Enbridge Energy Company discussed the proposed pipeline route, rezoning for the pump station, safety issues, road maintenance, environmental issues, and the source of electricity.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to approve a zone change from agricultural to industrial for the proposed Enbridge pump station located in the NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 152, Range 60 in Dodds Township. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Tim Lee discussed the cost of operating a motorgrader, selling the old roller, road maintenance bills for Clara Township, Weed Board compensation, 911 street signs, and the possible purchase of buildings in Michigan. It was

decided to send a certified letter to Clara Township regarding their bill.

Herb Schultz arrived at the meeting.

Sharon Young discussed the county Math Counts contest, tuition review committee reappointment, the spring flood outlook, and the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan revision project.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to reappoint Rob Loe to the tuition review committee. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to sign the Maintenance Certification for Federal Aid Projects.

There was discussion on the mileage rate and the Brossart appeal. It was decided to leave the mileage at \$.565 per mile.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to retain Cameron Sillers for the Brossart appeal.

Jayme Tenneson presented a resolution regarding the election of a States Attorney.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the resolution to allow candidates to run for the States Attorney position in both Nelson County and Griggs County. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Keith Olson presented the calls for service report and discussed hiring a new deputy, construction projects in the area, the dog purchase, evidence room, visibility in the county, and the salary of the interim Sheriff.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to increase Keith Olson's salary by \$500.00 per month. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Trevor Schaible and Mark Hanson, from the Aneta Fire District, discussed buying out the county's share of the

fire hall in Aneta, and possible lots available for a building for the motorgrader.

Four abatement applications were reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatements for the E1/2 SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 153, Range 57, owned by Myron Hanson, because of inundated ag land; Lots 11 and 12, Block 7, East Addition, Lakota, owned by Allan Hejlik; Lots 5 & 7, Block 5, Peterson's 1st Addition, Petersburg, owned by Donald Gudmundson; and Part of NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 21, Township 149, Range 58, owned by Leslie Brooks, because of Homestead Credit. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Six applications for Custodian were reviewed. Randy Johnson, Jon & Shari McLean, and Jeff Ritteman will be interviewed.

Michelle Linstad discussed the ag land adjustment worksheet.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to increase ag land values by 7 percent according to the ag land assessment done by NDSU. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

The financial statement was reviewed.

Terry Traynor, from the Association of Counties, discussed on speaker phone state allocated funds to counties.

Stacy Twete discussed his appointment as Veterans Service Officer in Ramsey County.

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

The meeting was recessed.

February 18, 2014 - 1:30 P.M.

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

Jon and Shari McLean reviewed their proposal to contract the Courthouse custodial work.

Jeff Ritteman interviewed for the custodian position.

Randy Johnson interviewed for the custodian position.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl to contract the custodial work with Jon and Shari McLean. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to hire Jeff Ritteman for the Courthouse custodian position. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Tim Lee discussed the buyout of the fire hall in Aneta, possible lots for a motorgrader building, 911 signs, the proposed purchase of two buildings in Michigan, the Clara Township bills, and culverts in County Road #1.

There was discussion on a conditional use permit for a Verizon cell tower from November 2011. It was decided that another permit is not needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

W.J. Davidson, Auditor
Sheila Fisk, Deputy Auditor
Nelson County

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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