

February 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 Klefstad, Fougner, Marquart and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre, Anthony Herman, Kevin Walford and Elvin Johnson.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed what has been going on at the Highway Department since he started his position as Road Superintendent. He discussed that the air filters on the new equipment have been plugging up. He also discussed the old trucks in the yard. They will keep the Chevy because it's the only one that pulls the tar wagon. The Ford will not be repaired or sold at this time.

There was a discussion about snow removal and how difficult it has been because of all the snow we have received this year. The priorities are County Roads first then township roads. The bus route is also a priority. Seth also discussed the breakdowns of some of the equipment that have occurred lately. There was a discussion about getting the truck plows out earlier than 7:00 A.M.

Kevin Walford discussed the tracking devices on the new motor graders. The tracking devices on the old equipment went through Stone's Mobile Radio but Butler can do it. Butler can turn on the system and start monitoring our equipment for about the same price we pay Stone's Mobile Radio.

Seth discussed the need for getting cabinets for flammable items that are stored in the basement. He also discussed the safety of sending the crew out on the roads during extreme cold temperatures.

Anthony Herman discussed the Galde Bridge project. The constructional design is basically complete. The project is about one month ahead of schedule on the design plan.

Anthony also discussed the County Road 35 project. They have started with the design so Anthony submitted a Design Project Contract with KLJ for the chairman to sign.

Joseph Messner discussed the abandoned bridge on the section line between Osago and Dayton Townships. The bridge is on a

township road so it is the townships responsibility. He also discussed the condition of the road and possibly closing that section line. The township and residents would have to approve the closing. Jayme Tenneson discussed the process of getting a section line closing. Joseph will start the process again to try to get the road closed.

There was a discussion about the problems with the heat at the daycare center. Seth has a plumber coming to check the expansion tank and how to control the heat on both sides of the building. Seth will check into getting fans so the air can be circulated.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 134 calls for January. There was discussion on a few of the calls.

Sharon Young discussed the Mathcounts Competition which was held February 6th for a select group of 7th and 8th graders. Nelson County is in Region 2 which consists of six counties. The two highest scoring teams and eight top scoring individuals will qualify for state. The county spelling bee is coming up on February 20 for grades 3-8 where forty eight students will be competing.

Sharon discussed the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN). Its purpose for equipment and services to construct a public communications system to serve all first responders throughout the state. Motorola was awarded the contract for the buildout of SIRN.

Sharon discussed the spring flood outlook that was issued January 24th. At this time the risk for significant snow melt flooding this spring on the Red River and Devils Lake Basin is low.

There was a discussion on weather related closing. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to keep the policy that is already in place. Closing the courthouse will be on a situation by situation basis.

There was a discussion on an abatement for Homestead Credit on parcel #27-0001-67925-000.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the abatement for parcel #27-0001-67925-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to cancel the taxes on parcel #15-0005-24479-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept and sign the amended Court Services Agreement. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the Garrison Recreational Grant which is due by April 1, 2019. It will pay 25% of the project costs

but it cannot be used for maintenance. Engels Point is still in the planning stages. NDSU may be able to help with planting grasses on the point. Garrison, Game and Fish and Nelson County are looking at the possibility of developing the area. There would be no cost to Nelson County for the development of this project.

There was a discussion about the Griggs County Agent who is resigning her position and whether we should share the County Agent position. The Board decided not to share our County Agent with Griggs County.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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