

February 6, 2020

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, Fougner and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre and Paul Bjornson.

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 January 6, 2020 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed that they have been cleaning and organizing the county shop. He also discussed that they will be replacing the weather stripping around the big overhead doors.

Seth discussed that the Galde Bridge project will be starting soon.

Paul Bjornson discussed the gravel project that was done by Close Construction on County Road 27.

Paul and Seth discussed the Bridge Inspection & Load Rating Service Agreement with NDDOT.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the Bridge Inspection & Load Rating Service Agreement with NDDOT. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Bids were opened for the rent of the landfill quarter from Jay & Renae Opoien, Frayne Berg and Dan Rorvig. Renae Opoien and Frayne Berg were present for the bid opening and had the opportunity to raise their bids. The final bid was for \$2,800.00 from Renae & Jay Opoien for the rent of the landfill quarter located at NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 151, Range 59 for three years.

Seth, Paul Bjornson, Renae Opoien and Frayne Berg left the meeting.

Colette Iseminger from Nelson County Aging joined the meeting.

Colette discussed with the board about Nelson County Council of Aging and what they offer for the senior citizens in Nelson County. She also discussed on where the senior mill levy goes throughout the county. Colette discussed that the board for the Nelson County Council of Aging is looking at contracting with the Grand Forks Senior

Center on taking over the administration for Nelson County Council of Aging.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to contract with Grand Forks Senior Center for the Nelson County Council of Aging. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Klefstad discussed with the board that Ramsey County, Benson County and Nelson County interviewed candidates for the Veterans Service office. They offered the position to Bryce Crosby, who has accepted the position.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept and hire Bryce Crosby for the Veterans Service office in Nelson County. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The meeting was open to public comments and Rodney, Susan and Jacob Brossart joined the meeting.

Rodney Brossart discussed with the board on an incident that happened at the Courthouse on February 5, 2020 when Rodney entered the courthouse he ran into one of the doors going into the courthouse community room. He discussed if the door can be open a different way, so it wouldn't happen again. The board discussed that all public doors need to be open outward instead of inward.

Rodney, Susan and Jacob Brossart left the meeting.

Keith Olson discussed the Calls for Service. There were 115 calls for January. He also discussed the overtime that some of the deputies had in January.

The board discussed the abatements on parcel numbers 21-0001-46130-000 and 21-0001-46350-000.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the abatements on parcel numbers 21-0001-46130-000 and 21-0001-46350-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Katelyn Hain, Charlie Stoltzow with NDSU, Lesley Lubenow with NDSU, Kim Ruliffson with NDSU, Dwight Haus, Angela Jutila, Brenda Steffan, Danielle Bjorlie, DeAnn Galde, Preston Sundeen, Korrey Tweed, Bryan Sateren, Bill Hodour, Mark Huso, Rodney Brossart, Susan Brossart, Jacob Brossart and Kristi Matejcek joined the meeting.

The board discussed the NDSU Extension Agent and FCW/4-H Director positions that are open within Nelson County. The board opened the floor to the public and gave them an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the open NDSU positions. The public shared a lot of great information with the board on how important these positions are

for Nelson County. The board thanked everyone for coming and sharing their opinions.

The public left the meeting.

The board discussed the full time Extension Agent and .4 FCW/4-H Director positions that are open in Nelson County.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to have the NDSU Extension Office advertise and hire a full time Extension Agent and .4 FCW/4-H Director. Roll call was taken and all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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