

**January 6, 2015**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

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

Ron and Roger Wheeler, Mike Haugland, and Ron Tufte discussed mowing specials in Clara Township. Wheelers didn't know that the former County Road 2 is no longer a County Road in Clara Township and felt that they should have been notified. Mike Haugland owns a parcel with mowing specials that doesn't have a road around it to mow. Jayme Tenneson will look into a possible abatement.

Debbie Trostad submitted Road & Bridge reports and discussed checking roads and a Farm to Market fund transfer.

There was discussion on road fund balances, a building for salt and sand, and motorgrader repairs.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to appoint Jay Vasichek to the Job Development Authority. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Rodney, Susan, Abby, Jacob, and Thomas Brossart discussed farming across section lines and destruction of property. States Attorney Jayme Tenneson confirmed that it is a civil matter and not a criminal matter. There was discussion on obstruction of section lines, farming someone else's CRP, rocks in the roadway bladed into a field, and trees growing in the road right of way.

Sharon Young discussed school bus driver requirements, the train derailment tabletop exercise, and the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Marcia Beglau discussed the resignation of an employee, setting the salary for his replacement, and options for hiring a new employee.

Commissioner Ellertson left the meeting.

Keith Olson discussed the calls for service report, speeding citations, New Years Eve activity, the possible loss of a deputy and replacing him, the increased drug traffic, and contract policing.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the policing contracts with the cities in the county. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was discussion on the employee policy manual and meeting with the department heads.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to reapprove the following pledged securities: First Financial, Aneta Station - \$764,216.75; State Bank of Lakota - \$1,999,250.00; First United Bank, Michigan - \$1,392,556.10; Choice Financial Group, Petersburg (Letter of Credit) - \$75,000.00; Farmers & Merchants Bank of ND, Tolna - \$481,990.45; and McVillie Branch of Farmers & Merchants Bank - \$594,950.72. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Bernadette Matejcek discussed checking accounts and investments.

Becky Nelson asked to have the County Recorder's Office painted. The Board approved it.

Michelle Linstad discussed inundated ag land around Stump Lake. It was decided to leave it the same as last year. She explained a correction on an abatement for Darol & Geraldine Harder.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatement for 2014 taxes on 7.13 acres of the North West ¼ of Section 2, Township 149, Range 59 because of Homestead Credit. All voted "Yes". Motion carried

Michelle discussed a disabled veteran's exemption abatement in Michigan for Kenneth Ellingson.

There was discussion on the taxes on the buildings the county purchased in Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to cancel the county's share of taxes on Lots 7-11 and

North 5' of Lot 12, Block C, East Michigan and Lots 7-10, Block 9, Lamb's Addition, Michigan. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to amend the following 2014 budgets: Road & Bridge fund - \$1,585,500.00; LLE Block fund - \$29,400.00; Human Services fund - \$422,300.00; County Park fund - \$186,400.00; Job Development fund - \$89,700.00; and FEMA 2013 fund - \$111,900.00. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the abatement of 2014 taxes on Lots 13-15, Block 14, Lamb's Addition, Michigan because of a disabled veteran's exemption. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle discussed a proposed increase in ag land values for 2015.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

#### **January 15, 2015 - 3:00 P.M.**

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

Jayme Tenneson reviewed the Supreme Court's decision on the Brossart appeal.

Cameron Sillers and Quentin Wenzel, on speaker phone, discussed the Brossart appeal. They felt that if the Brossart case was retried, a conviction could be reached. Jayme Tenneson would like to be the prosecuting attorney with help from Quentin Wenzel.

There was discussion on the delivery of the new pickup, motorgrader repairs, an open house in the new motorgrader building in Aneta, drainage in road ditches, and encroachment on road right of ways.

The meeting was adjourned.

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W.J. Davidson, Auditor  
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Odell Flaagan, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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