

**January 4, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Commissioner Marquart discussed the arrangements for the office Christmas party. It will be held at Dusty Roads on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The party of two drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be personally funded by the Commissioners and the State's Attorney.

There was a discussion about the Park Management Agreement and some amendments that will need to be made for 2018. The Commission discussed expenses that were paid by Nelson County and revenue reimbursements from the Park Managers. Commissioner Marquart will review the agreement and make or add changes, then present it at the next Park Board meeting which is scheduled for January 19, 2018 at 3:30 P.M.

Katheryn Sears, editor for the Lakota American joined the meeting.

Tim Lee, Elvin Johnson, Anthony Herman, Clay Smaaladen, Kevin Walford and Brian Quam from Butler Machinery joined the meeting.

Tim Lee discussed that the bill for the road work on County Road 23 through Tolna was sent in November but he has not heard back from them regarding payment. The board instructed the Auditor to call the City Auditor of Tolna to get an update regarding payment.

There was a discussion of money owed to Nelson County from Melvin Township and the options the County would have to collect it.

Anthony Herman informed the Board that the final plans have been completed for the seal coat on County Road 1 and will be ready for the March bid opening.

Clay Smaaladen discussed the maintenance that was recently done on the motor graders. The motor graders had hit 5000 hours and needed regular maintenance. It is a scheduled maintenance and is not under the warranty. Nelson County has had this type of maintenance in other years but the cost has gone up because of the new emissions and the higher cost of the DPF filter. There was a discussion on possibly having a longer lease with an extended warranty and add more hours into the contract. The current contract is up in 2019.

There was a discussion on the new state mileage rate.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to adopt the new mileage rate of \$.545 per mile. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Katelyn Hain discussed the proposed 2019 budget that was given to the Commission before the meeting. For Nelson County, the difference between the current base policy and the proposed base policy would require an increase of county support of \$9,156.00 for 2019. It was discussed that sometime in the future we may have to look into sharing County Agent services with neighboring counties to help with the budget increases.

Katelyn discussed upcoming programs such as the Farm Trade Show in Devils Lake, Cattle update in Aneta, and Café talk in McVille. Also discussed was organizing a soil health tour or cover crops tour with the Soil Conservation District. Katelyn and Kristi have been trying to create more interest in 4-H since attendance has declined.

There was a discussion on the Terry Will property in Aneta that went back to the county for non-payment of taxes. Terry Will has expressed that he wanted to buy the property back from the county.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to sell the property back to Terry Will for all 4 years of taxes owed on that property plus pay the 3 years of taxes due on his other two properties with payment due in 30 days or he will forfeit all rights to the property. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Sharon Young is continuing to work on the Petition for Annexation of Property filed in December. She is also preparing for the Math Counts and Spelling Bee in February.

Sharon discussed the grant she was awarded from the Enbridge Safe Community Grant Award for \$1,000.00. The money will be used to fund the Incident Command Response Unit (ICRU) pickup and trailer expenses. She also discussed the Pipeline Safety & Emergency Response Training in Lakota on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon discussed the Weather & Climate Review for December 2017 and January 2018. The prediction for January, February and March is supposed to be colder than normal. The NWS takes its first look at the spring flood potential in January. A preliminary spring flood outlook will be issued on or around January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the beer and liquor licenses for the Lakota Golf Club. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Keith Olson presented the Call for Service. There were 129 calls for December. Keith informed the Board that he has hired a new deputy. Stell Fallon will be based in Michigan and will begin the middle of January. Keith discussed the cameras that were put in two vehicles and that he has received the new body cams. Chairman Loibl signed the contract police contracts for the cities. The hours and training for the deputies were discussed.

There was a discussion about the 2018 Veteran's Service Officer Contract with Ramsey and Benson Counties.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept and sign the 2018 Veteran's Service Officer Contract. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The elevation for inundated land by Stump Lake Park was discussed. The 1453 feet currently in place will remain the same.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the pledged securities as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the abatements for parcels 18-0001-35311-000, 15-0000-8000-113, 21-0000-8001-115 and 15-0000-8000-115. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to cancel the taxes on parcels 21-0005-46714-000 and 27-0001-67804-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to amend the following 2017 budgets: Law Enforcement - \$110,500.00; Veteran's Service - \$12,610.00; Bank Stabilization Project - \$57,813.00; Incident Command Trailer - \$722.00. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting recessed.

**January 10, 2018 - 1:30 P.M.**

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

A phone call was made to Howard Swanson, the attorney representing Nelson County in the Brossart excessive force litigation case. Mr. Swanson explained the law suit and what we could expect to happen.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to go into an Executive Session for the attorney consultation on the Brossart excessive force litigation. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Commissioner meeting was recessed.

The Executive Session began.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to go back into regular session. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to move forward with what was discussed with Mr. Swanson during the Executive Session. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sheila Fisk  
Nelson County Auditor

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Maynard Loibl, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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