

January 8, 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 and Marquart.

Also present were Tim Lee, Brian Johnson, Kevin Walford and Anthony Herman.

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 December 4, 2018 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim Lee discussed the map he received that showed where Tri County Water will be digging. How much does the county want to charge for each cut? It would be cheaper to bore than to dig.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad that all county roads have to be bored not dug. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony Herman discussed that there was \$299,019.32 in state funds that are still available and needs to be used by June 1, 2019. State funding cannot be used for road maintenance so there was a discussion on other projects that the funds can be used for. Some of the money will be used on the Petersburg project.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to use the remainder of the funds from HB 1176 on County Road 35 from Hwy 15 to the county border. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve \$11,000.00 for engineering costs with KLJ for the County Road 35 project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to sign the final acceptance of the County Road 1 chip seal project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim discussed a couple of trucks that are no longer used by the Highway Department but they can be fixed to running condition and sold. The board agreed to sell the trucks.

There was a discussion on the Highway Department accounts receivable ledger and a dust control bill that has not been paid.

Kevin Walford from Butler Machinery informed the board that our first motor grader has arrived and the rest will be soon to follow.

Commissioner Marquart discussed a complaint she received about snow removal on a county road involving one of our Highway Department drivers.

Brian Johnson discussed the CR 22 project. He has removed almost all of the spoils off the wetlands that the Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) is in charge of and also pulled the tiles.

Michelle Linstad discussed abatements for parcels 2-0002-11608-000, 15-0005-24477-000 and 15-0001-23576. She also discussed mobile home taxes that need to be canceled on parcels 27-0000-8000-102 and 21-0000-8001-113.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the abatements for parcels 2-0000-11608-000, 15-0005-24477-000, 15-0001-23576-000 and the cancellation of mobile home taxes on parcels 27-0000-8000-102 and 21-0000-8001-113. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle also discussed the recommended ag values increase in order to be within the 10% tolerance level with the state. She recommends a county increase in values of 1.6% so we have room to work with inundated land applications this year on top of the 1.4% increase required by the state for a total increase of 3%.

There was also a discussion about the elevation level for purposes of inundated land. Last year it was set at 1453.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to leave the elevation at 1453. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart increase ag values by 3% to remain in compliance with the state tolerance level. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Klefstad and Marquart voting "Yes" and Commissioner Fougner voting "No". Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the applications received for the Road Superintendent position. Interviews for the 6 applicants will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Babe Johnson discussed the problem she is having with the blade driver that removes the snow on the township road by her farm.

Keith Olson discussed the Calls for Service. There were 165 calls for December. The board discussed some of the calls that were made in the County. The drug problem in Nelson County was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to amend the 2018 budgets for Law Enforcement by \$26,513.44

and the Incident Command Trailer by \$914.45. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Time restrictions on public comments was discussed. A special time slot will be put on the agenda for open public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to limit the time for open public comments to 5 minutes per person. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the cost allocation transfers. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the 2019 state mileage rate of \$.58. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to appoint Rod Mattern and Don Fougner to the Planning Commission. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The draft copy of the new Employee Manual was discussed. A section regarding overtime and the time limit on the use of comp time will be added. Overtime by all appointed supervisors must be approved by the Commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to re-appoint Don Fougner and Ed Poehls to the Nelson/Griggs District Health Unit Board of Health. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting recessed.

January 15, 2019

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

There was a discussion on questions that will be asked of all applicants that are interviewing for the Road Superintendent and what the starting pay will be for that position.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to offer \$55,000.00 for the position of Road Superintendent. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Ron Miller, Curt Loe, Mike Stein, Seth Hamre and Kelly Bazal were interviewed for the Road Superintendent position.

After the interviews were completed, there was a discussion on each applicant. A call was made to Seth Hamre to offer him the position.

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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