

**January 5, 2021**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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

Present by phone conference was Commissioner Forde.

Also present were Seth Hamre and Jayme Tenneson.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Additions added to the agenda: reopening the courthouse, water issues and a letter from the Nelson County Water Resource District.

Jayme Tenneson discussed the letter that was sent to the ND State Water Commission from the Nelson County Water Resource District regarding the statute on the Nelson County Water Resource District drain complaint and drain permit. Jayme also discussed with the board about water issues in Nelson County and to leave all drain issues or moving water to the Nelson County Water Resource District.

Seth Hamre discussed that he has gotten complaints regarding washboards on the gravel roads throughout the county. He discussed that with barely any rain since September it makes it tough on the roads, but with the last snowfall it helped a little bit with the washboards.

Seth discussed that with the weather being nice and barely any snow, his employees have been busy removing old signs from county roads. They have also been busy fixing equipment and cleaning around the shop.

The Commissioners discussed the Nelson County Property Rental Contract with Michigan Daycare. The board decided to leave the contract alone and will revisit on the contract in January 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to cancel the taxes on parcel #06-0000-01480-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to reappoint Steve Forde and to appoint Florija Naas and Scott Sand to the Nelson County JDA. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to accept the 2021 state mileage rate of \$.56. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Veteran Service Officer Joint Powers Agreement for 2021 with Ramsey, Benson and Nelson County. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the 2020 Schedule of Budget Amendment that Auditor Wigen presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the updated COVID report that they received from Julie Ferry.

The Commissioners discussed on reopening the courthouse. The board decided to keep the courthouse doors locked and open by appointments only until further notice.

The Commissioners discussed if a county employee receives the COVID vaccine shot during business hours, the employee does not have to use their PTO for time off on receiving the vaccine, but if the employee gets sick after the vaccine they will have to use their PTO.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Forde to allow county employees time off, without using PTO to receive the COVID vaccine shot. If the employee gets sick after the vaccine and needs to take time off, the employee will need to use their PTO. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Angela Herda gave an update on COVID with the schools and sporting events in Nelson County. She also gave an update on COVID throughout the county.

No public comments.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 155 calls for the month of December. Keith also discussed that their total calls for service for the whole year in 2020 was 1,822.

Michelle Linstad presented an abatement to the Commissioners on parcel #18-0001-35201-000.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept the abatement on parcel #18-0001-35201-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Stacie Sevigny and Lori Estad from the Red River Regional Council discussed the Potential Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Project within Nelson County.

Bernadette Matejcek presented the county's pledged securities with the Commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the pledged securities as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Fougner to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jenny Wigen  
Nelson County Auditor

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Nancy Marquart, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners