

June 7, 2016
10:00 A.M.

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

Also present were Shawn Mayfield, Tim Lee, Herb Schultz and Jayme Tenneson.

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

Tim informed the board that the County Road 23 project has been completed.

The employees at the County Highway Department have begun spraying. The new hours for the shop will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the road crew and 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for the office. These hours will continue through the summer.

There was discussion about the culverts on County Road 22 that need to be cleaned out. The remnants of the coffer dams left in place are restricting water flow. The culverts in the McHugh Slough to Lake Laretta legally permitted drain were left blocked after road work was finalized. Silt buildup is restricting water flow and impacting the sheet water removal from our township roads.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the letter to the Nelson County Water Resource Board requesting the clean-up of the culverts on County Road 22. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Tim discussed the need for a new tractor for the Highway Department. He is looking into different options for purchasing. He mentioned we could possibly do a trade or lease, as we have done in the past.

There was discussion on the rotation of our insurance coverage through North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund. A suggestion was made to drop Insurance Associates out of St. Thomas, ND because they are not a Nelson County based company. There was further discussion about adding Ihry Insurance and American Family Insurance, both in McVillage to the rotation list.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to drop Insurance Associates from the rotation of insurance agencies. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to add Ihry Insurance and American Family to the rotation of insurance agencies. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

There was a discussion about informational meetings recently held at the Nelson County Water Resource office and in Walsh County regarding a Hove Slough/Horseshoe Lake drainage project.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to sign the letter to the Nelson County Water Resource Board to show their support for Phase 1 of the project but not Phase 2-4.

Katelyn Hain and Kristi Berdal talked about 4-H Achievement Day which will be held July 8, 2016 at the Stump Lake Park Pioneer Village.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to appoint Bruce Ellertson to the Nelson County Social Service Board.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to appoint Dan Kassian as Nelson County Coroner.

There was discussion about an interest for purchase of a parcel of land owned by Nelson County that was bought out through FEMA because of flooding in 2008. It was decided not to sell the 1 acre parcel.

Rodney, Susan and Jacob Brossart joined the meeting.

Rodney Brossart expressed his concerns about tax equalization. He discussed how the values between 2 pieces of land can be so different. Some are way high and others way low. Why are they not more even? It was discussed that Nelson County is within the guidelines with the state. He also discussed his concerns with the soil survey. Rodney is concerned about the amount of taxes he pays because of drainage on his property. The soil survey would help to reassess his land. Michelle Linstad stated that the soil survey is a slow process. It will be worked on

this fall with a projected completion in time for next year's assessment.

Sharon Young discussed the appointments for the School District Annexation and Reorganization Committee. Naomi Ferguson and David Morken will accept the appointment for a 3 year term.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to appoint Naomi Ferguson and David Morken to the School district Annexation and Reorganization Committee.

Sharon discussed the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on May 25, 2016. There was a completed annual review of Tier II reports from facilities with hazardous chemicals. They also discussed train derailments. It was decided that they will use the guidelines as in the Cass County train derailment in 2013.

Sharon submitted a request to appoint a new member to the LEPC.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to appoint Jayme Tenneson to the LEPC board.

Sharon discussed a disaster box which was created by Dakota Prairie SADD students to help in emergencies.

Mel Obbink, Regional Account Manager for Sidwell, which is a GIS company that builds and maintains parcels, informed the Commission of their services. Nelson County uses Offroads Software.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. He discussed the sheriff's sale which was held Thursday, June 2nd. The total amount raised from the sale was \$26,390 of which \$416.33 will go to the county.

At 2:00 P.M. the Equalization meeting began with Commissioners Flaagan, Ellertson, Loibl, Fougner and Marquart present.

No taxpayers were present to protest their assessments.

Michelle presented a few parcel tax assessments showing what the soil's value would be compared to the current farm land values. All notices of increase have to

be sent out 15 days prior to the County Board of Equalization meeting.

The Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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

The meeting was recessed.

June 21, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Stump Lake Park Café

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

Also present were Tim Lee, Dwight Elfman, Jim Hatlestad and Clay Smaaladen.

There was a discussion on a tractor for the Highway Department. Commissioner Flaagan presented a proposal from Leading Edge Equipment in Michigan for a purchase option. Clay Smaaladen presented 2 lease options through CAT. All proposals were reviewed and discussed. A decision will be made at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Because of the recent storm that passed through the area on Friday, June 17, 2016, many areas received heavy damage. Help from the Highway Department was provided to McVille, Pekin, Michigan, Tolna, and Lakota.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to forgive any costs that were incurred from the storm damage to McVille, Pekin, Michigan, Tolna, and Lakota.

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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