

June 5, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

Also present were Seth Hamre and Angela Herda.

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 May 6, 2020 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Addition added to the agenda: July Commissioner meeting date and time.

Angela Herda discussed with the Commissioners about County Road 22, which water is washing away on the sides of the road and also running over one of the township roads, which farmers cannot pass to get to their fields. She also discussed filing for an Emergency Drain Grant to drain some of the water located on County Road 22.

Chairman Ellertson discussed that he spoke with the State regarding the situation on County Road 22. The State discussed that there is a clause regarding the drainage on County Road 22 and that there will be no new drainage to Devils Lake because of a closed basin. The ND Water Commission will not allow any drainage from County Road 22.

Jenny Wigen discussed that she received a phone call from Ben Varnson from the Nelson County Water Board stating that the Kloten Emergency Maintenance Project has been completed and that the cost for the County's portion of the project was \$8,824.00.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to pay the amount of \$8,824.00 for the Kloten Emergency Maintenance Project. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed that they completed the County Township Road Mileage Certification for the State and had Chairman Ellertson sign the certificate before mailing the forms to the State.

Seth discussed that the Highway Department is working on crack sealing. He also discussed that there is only one township road that is still closed in Nelson County.

Seth discussed that the deck has been poured on the Galde Bridge project.

Seth discussed that the Highway Department has five older trucks that will be up for bids. Bid opening will be held at the July Commissioner meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to reappoint Rob Loe and Kristi Berdal to the School District Annexation and Reorganization Committee. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to reappoint Dan Kassian as County Coroner. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed getting time cards installed onto all the Courthouse employee's computers, except for the elected officials.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to have the Auditor and Human Service Zone Director work with Paystubz on getting time cards installed onto all the Courthouse employee's computers, except for the elected officials. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jenny Wigen discussed that the county's insurance rotates every two years to a different insurance agent in Nelson County. As of June 4, 2020 the county's insurance switched from Nodak Insurance to Ihry Insurance in McVillage. There was also discussion on the Nelson County Fire & Tornado policy to have it follow the same rotation as the regular county insurance.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to have the Fire & Tornado policy follow the same rotation as the county's insurance. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed on changing the time of the July Commissioner meeting to 9:00 A.M. instead of 10:00 A.M.

Angela Herda discussed that she has been working on the 2020 (EMPG) Emergency Management Performance Grant. She also discussed that there is an EMPG Supplemental Grant for upcoming COVID-19 expenses, which is a match grant.

Julie Ferry joined the meeting by phone conference.

Julie gave an update on the COVID-19. She also discussed that all the emergency workers have been fitted for N95 masks.

The Commissioners discussed on reopening the Courthouse along with the Nelson County Highway Department and the Nelson/Griggs Health District to the public, but with guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to reopen the Courthouse, Nelson County Highway Department and Nelson/Griggs Health District to the public on June 15, 2020. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl that the public will need to wear a mask when entering the Courthouse. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

There were no public comments.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 151 calls in May. He also discussed that the Sheriff's Department received a \$5,000.00 grant from Enbridge for the new radio system.

Kristi Berdal, Amber Stockeland and Shelby Obermueller joined the meeting.

Lesley Lubenow from NDSU Extension joined the meeting by phone conference.

Kristi Berdal introduced the new employees in the Extension Office at the Courthouse. Amber Stockeland is the new Family & Community Wellness and Shelby Obermueller is the new Administrative Assistant.

Lesley Lubenow from NDSU Extension gave an update on the new Extension Agent, who accepted the position and will start with the county on July 16, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the abatement that Michelle Linstad presented on parcel #15-0001-23209-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

No taxpayers were present to protest their assessments.

Michelle Linstad discussed the omitted property and changes in true and full value in Nelson County on residential and commercial properties. The Tax Equalization was tabled for July Commissioner meeting.

Michelle discussed Rodney and Susan Brossart and Antonia Brossart inundated land that they filed in Williams Township. Williams Township Board met on April 14th and approved the inundated land acreage as submitted in 2019 by Rodney and Susan Brossart and Antonia Brossart.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to follow Williams Township's decision to approve the inundated land in Williams Township for Rodney and Susan Brossart and Antonia Brossart. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle discussed WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program) inundated land on some properties located in Nelson County with the Commissioners. There was discussion to visit with the States Attorney regarding WRP inundated land.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl that WRP land is not eligible for inundated acreage. On a roll call vote Commissioner Klefstad, Loibl and Ellertson voted "Yes", Commissioner Marquart voted "No". Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners