

May 7, 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 Fougner, Klefstad, Marquart and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre, Anthony Herman, Tom Reisdorf, Chris Smaaladen, Greg Close and Don Huber.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. the County Road 27 bids were opened from Close Construction and NCZ Express.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the bid from Close Construction. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony Herman discussed that he will get a contract together for the County Road 27 project for Close Construction and Nelson County to sign and finalize before they begin the project. Project should begin in July. The County Road 27 bid was closed.

Seth Hamre discussed that the county shop returned and received credit from Butler on all the extra parts that were not being used. He also discussed Highlander Company will be out to fix the lights on the County's radio system tower.

Seth discussed that Norris Olson will be retiring from the Nelson County Highway Department on June 28th. He also discussed that an Equipment Operator position is open at the County Highway Department and will be closing on May 24th.

Seth discussed that the Nelson County Highway Department will be graveling County Road 35 and will be using the County's equipment. He also discussed they will be graveling County Road 27, which Ramsey County will pay 50% on.

Anthony Herman discussed that the County Road 20 bridge project should begin in July 2020.

Chris Smaaladen and Tom Reisdorf from Ulteig Engineers stopped by to introduce themselves and visit with the Commissioners about Ulteig Engineers.

The Board had a discussion about the county building project here in Lakota.

Sharon Young discussed that the Commissioners need to appoint a new member to the Local Emergency Planning Committee to replace Tim Lee.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Founger to appoint Seth Hamre, Nelson County Road Superintendent to the local Emergency Planning Committee.

Sharon discussed the Severe Summer Weather Awareness week, which was held April 29 - May 3. During that week the warning sirens were tested in all the cities and Stump Lake Park. She also discussed that a tornado drill was conducted here at the courthouse with all the employees.

Sharon discussed Fire Awareness and the fire danger rating, which is posted daily on Facebook. She also discussed controlled burn procedure and to contact the Law Enforcement Center in Devils Lake if you are going to burn.

Sharon discussed she is working on applying for the 2019 Homeland Security Grant. She also discussed that she plans to apply the grant towards Exercise funds and Shelter supplies.

Sharon discussed the State Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN), which is a statewide public safety communications system for all first responders. She also discussed the current system, which has poor coverage and over 40% of existing equipment is at the end of repairable life. SIRN must guarantee 95% mobile coverage region wide. She discussed that Motorola was awarded the bid for a new system and will take about five years. The new radio system will have no congestion, no interference and consistent predictable coverage.

The Board discussed opening Sharon's Emergency Manager/Superintendent of Schools position as a full time position. Resumes will be accepted until May 31st.

There were no public comments.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 166 calls for service in April. He discussed that one of the deputy's squad car was hit by a deer and will be fixed.

Keith discussed that the Sheriff's department will be trading in one of the deputy's 2016 Ford Explorer for a 2020 Ford Explorer.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to pay the invoice as soon as the Sheriff's Department receives the new deputy's vehicle. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle Linstad presented an abatement for parcel #15-0001-23402-000.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the abatement for parcel #15-0001-23402-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to appoint Kevon Gillett and Todd Whitman to the Nelson County Weed Board. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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