

May 5, 2021
10:00 A.M.

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

Also present were Seth Hamre and Jayme Tenneson.

Present by phone conference was Paul Bjornson from KLJ.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Forde to approve the minutes of the April 6th, April 9th and April 14th, 2021 meetings. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Additions added to the agenda: Auditor job duties and salary and State of ND being a Sanctuary State for undocumented immigrants.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the agenda. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed that the highway department has been busy filling pot holes on some of the roads. He also discussed that the highway department has switched over to summer hours, which is Monday thru Friday from 6:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Seth discussed that the Lundeby Bridge guardrails have been repaired.

The board discussed the Resolution of Necessity for Goose Creek (Beaver Creek) Snag & Clear project. The board also discussed that the County Commission does not have any financial interest in this project nor a partner in the project. They also discussed that the Nelson County Water Resource District Board will take care of all permits and are responsible for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept and sign the Nelson County Commission Resolution of Necessity form for the Goose Creek (Beaver Creek) Snag & Clear project. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jayme Tenneson discussed the proposed Second Amendment Sanctuary County Proclamation. With the proclamation Nelson County makes the stand in support of the citizens' rights to possess and carry firearms.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt and sign the Proclamation and making Nelson County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The board discussed the auditor duties and salary with Jenny Wigen.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to increase the auditor's monthly salary effective immediately. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Angela Herda discussed that the residents in the county have been doing a great job on calling into the Law Enforcement Center when doing a controlled burn.

Angela discussed that the Governor lifted the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration on April 30, 2021.

Gary Sonderland joined the meeting during public comments. Gary discussed with the board about a tree variance for planting a row of trees along County Road 5 south of Petersburg. The board decided to table this for a different day for the county to look into the area where Mr. Sonderland would like to plant the trees.

Keith Olson discussed that there were 194 calls of service for the month of April. Keith also discussed the CVIC (Community Violence Intervention Center) Grant, which is a grant to help for child/adult abuse programs in the northeast part of the state.

Stacie Sevigny from Red River Regional Council joined the meeting.

Stacie discussed the North Dakota Community Development Block Grant Program. She also discussed the Resolution of Sponsorship, which Nelson County will act as the sponsoring unit of government for the project titled Nelson County Housing Rehabilitation Project to be conducted during the period of the Fall of 2021 through the Spring of 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to adopt and sign the Resolution of Sponsorship with the Red River Regional Council. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Jennifer Casavant from Pyramid Network Services, LLC joined the meeting by phone conference.

Jennifer discussed a Conditional Use Permit for the ND Statewide Interoperable Radio Networks project, which is the 911 tower located in Petersburg Township. The Conditional Use Permit was passed by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Forde to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the ND Statewide Interoperable Radio Networks project. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Brittany Olson from Ihry Insurance joined the meeting by phone conference.

Brittany discussed the county's buildings, liability and personal property insurance.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to renew the county liability insurance at the five million dollar limit. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Forde to increase the county's personal property insurance effective immediately. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Brittany discussed the county buildings being underinsured and recommended insuring the buildings at the suggested insured value that the county received from NDIRF (North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund).

Moved by Commissioner Forde and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to raise the county buildings insurance from the current valuation of \$5,642,764.00 to the suggested insured value of \$8,818,004.00 effective immediately. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to pay all the bills as listed. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Special Commissioners Meeting
May 18, 2021 - 8:45 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nancy Marquart. Roll Call was taken and the following member was present: Commissioner Steve Forde. Present by phone conference was Commissioner Cody Johnson.

Also present were Kristi Matejcek, Mary Langley, Brooks Warner, Dani Bjorlie, Lori Schuh, Shelby Obermueller, Emily Tronson, Jessica Dias, Angela Herda, Robyn Ward, Bernadette Matejcek, and Dan Aubol and Dan Snider from Colonial Life.

Present by phone conference were Jayme Tenneson, Michelle Linstad, Kathy Berdal, Dawn Swendberg, Amber Stockland, JoAnn Matthews and Seth Hamre.

Dan Aubol and Dan Snider from Colonial Life presented their dental and vision insurance to all the employees that Colonial Life offers.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Special Commissioners Meeting
May 18, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nancy Marquart. Roll Call was taken and the following member was present: Commissioner Steve Forde. Present by phone conference was Commissioner Cody Johnson.

Also present were Kristi Matejcek, Mary Langley, Brooks Warner, Dani Bjorlie, Lori Schuh, Shelby Obermueller, Emily Tronson, Jessica Dias, Angela Herda, Robyn Ward and Bernadette Matejcek.

Present by phone conference were Jayme Tenneson, Michelle Linstad, Kathy Berdal, Dawn Swendberg, Amber Stockland, JoAnn Matthews and Seth Hamre.

On behalf of the Commissioners, Chairman Marquart thanked all the county employees for all their hard work this past year especially during COVID.

All the employees left the meeting.

Gary and Jan Sonderland and Hartvig Reiten joined the meeting.

Also present by phone conference were Jayme Tenneson and Seth Hamre.

The board discussed and reviewed the tree variance that Gary Sonderland is requesting for planting a row of trees along County Road 5 south of Petersburg.

Moved by Commissioner Forde and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the tree variance for Gary Sonderland to plant a row of trees off of County Road 5 south of Petersburg. On a roll call vote all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Nancy Marquart, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

www.nelsonco.org