

November 8, 2018
10:00 A.M.

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

Also present were Tim Lee, Anthony Herman and Elvin Johnson.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to approve the amended minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting as presented. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Chairman Loibl read Debbie Trostad's letter of agreement regarding her part-time hours and pay for her position at the Highway Department.

Tim Lee reported to the Board that the plows and wings have been put on the machines. He also discussed that they have patched all the bad spots on County Road 4 because Mayo Construction hadn't showed up to do the repairs.

Anthony Herman presented the miscellaneous engineering services agreement for the County Road 22 project for the Chairman to sign.

Anthony reported that the Army Corp of Engineers had understood that no spoils had been put in the wetlands. If no spoils were put in the wetlands, they would not have to regulate this project. But after KLJ took pictures of the area, it was discovered that some of the materials had gone into the wetlands. The project still would not be regulated by the Corp because it didn't constitute a drain.

However, the State Water Commission (SWC) had determined that per a 1995 letter that states that everything in the Devils Lake Basin is of State Water Commission concern and not under the authority of the local Water Board. The County has been instructed to restore the road back to its original state and remove all the pipes. Since clean-up involves moving water, the Water Board will have to do the work. The spoils will have to be removed before freeze-up.

Anthony discussed the Galde Bridge. The bridge will need to be longer and stronger because of the new load classifications than was originally planned. Anthony will do a cost comparison estimate between a double span and a triple span.

The appraisal hearing began at 11:00 a.m., no cities or townships were in attendance to dispute the foreclosure minimum prices.

Rob Johnson from the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center (LRLEC) and Ed Brown, Ramsey County Commissioner and Chairman of the board for LRLEC joined the meeting.

Rob Johnson discussed the intercom and surveillance project they are working on for the jail. He discussed splitting the \$261,320.00 that the LRLEC will be responsible for with the four neighboring counties that use the facility.

Michelle Linstad presented abatements for parcel #15-0007-24728-000 for Homestead Credit and parcels #29-0000-8292-000 and #29-0000-8293-000 for inundated land.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to accept the abatements for parcels #15-0007-24728-000, 29-0000-8292-000 and 29-0000-8293-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Michelle discussed farm residence exemptions. It is up for review at the next legislative session in 2019. At that time they will decide whether to continue the farm residence exemption program. The program will continue in Nelson County until the decision of the legislature. Michelle will be sending out approximately 283 applications in 2019.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 160 calls in October. Keith reported that the Drug Task Force has been working in the area and a couple of busts were made. The Sheriff's Department is in the process of receiving estimates for the new vehicle.

Sharon Young reported that Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week was held from October 29 - November 2.

Sharon discussed that because of the full-scale exercises that were held this summer, it was determined that there was some need for improvement in the use of the Incident Command System and radio communications. She is in the process of hosting two training courses and two tabletop exercises to address these issues.

Sharon discussed updating the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update. We are required to update the plan every 5 years. The current plan will expire in June 2020.

Katelyn Hain and Kristi Berdal discussed the NDSU 3rd quarter report. Katelyn informed the board that she did a soil health tour to help better the soils in an area of Nelson County by planting perennial grasses. She also discussed that she was accepted to be part of the National Extension Development program in 2019. Kristi discussed that she had recently given skin cancer and colon cancer lessons.

Bids for the new county building were reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept the bid from David Rude for the new county building with a vapor barrier and only four windows. A roll call voted was take and all members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting was recessed.

SPECIAL MEETING
November 13, 2018 - 1:00 P.M.

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

Also present were Bill Franzen, Brian Johnson, Alan Anderson, Dustin Slaamod, Jacob, Rodney & Susan Brossart, Ben Varnson, Todd Whitman, Tim Lee, Anthony Herman, Scott Nelson and Jayme Tenneson.

Anthony Herman reported on the status of the County Road 22 project. Since we are in a closed basin area, we cannot get a permit to continue with the project. All drainage in the Devils Lake Basin has to go through the State Water Commission (SWC). Since we can't get a permit and the work we were doing classified it as a drain, the County has to put the road project back to its original condition. Spoils piles have to be removed from the wetlands area and all pipes removed.

The SWC will take on the lead of this project in December. If we don't do something before the 120 day clock is up, the SWC will hire their own engineers and contractors to get the road back to its original condition at the County's expense.

Brian Johnson stated that the best time to remove the spoils would be during the winter and the restoration of the ditches can

be taken care of after the spring run-off. The pipes may not be able to be taken out because of the ground freezing.

Because this is not considered a drain at this point eventually could be a drain, the SWC has turned the authority for the project over to the local water board. The Water Board will be working with SWC on the clean-up of this project.

What do we have to do right now to satisfy the SWC is recover the spoils piles, pull a tile or two on every end, put plugs and caps in and bury them.

There was a discussion about how the expenses for the restorations will be shared between the Township, Water Board and the County. Brian Johnson could not give a figure at this time.

The work will be done that needs to be done to satisfy the Army Corp of Engineers and the SWC. How the costs are shared will be at a later date.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to adjourn the meeting. All members votes "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened.

The Thanksgiving holiday was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to give the employees the day after Thanksgiving off. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting recessed.

**Commissioners Meeting - County Sale
November 20, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.**

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

The Auditor declared the county sale open at 10:00 A.M. with Lori Rysavy, Kathy & Cal Lockwood and Daniel Berdal present.

The Auditor asked if those present have read the Terms of Sale and understand that all sales are final. All present said yes. Both parties present also signed a Delinquent Tax Oath

certifying that they have no unpaid taxes in the state of North Dakota.

The Auditor called for bids on the foreclosure properties in Aneta, Michigan, Petersburg and Klotten Townsite.

Kathy and Cal Lockwood bid \$200.00 on All of Lots 4 & 5 of Block 1, Colson's Addition, Klotten Townsite and \$200.00 on Lot 8 of Block 1, Colson's Addition, Klotten Townsite. There were no other bids on these properties.

Daniel Berdal bid \$200.00 on All of Lot 3, E ½ & N 225' of W ½ of Block 4, N 225' of E ½ all of Block 5, Colson's Addition, Klotten Townsite. There were no other bids on this property.

There were no other bids for any other properties.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to accept the bids from Kathy & Cal Lockwood and Daniel Berdal. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The Auditor declared the sale closed.

There was a discussion about the Christmas holiday. The regular scheduled holiday for Christmas Eve is the afternoon of the 24th. Since the 24th falls on a Monday, with Christmas on Tuesday, will the employees have all day Monday off.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to give all day Monday, December 24th off for the Christmas Holiday. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Sheila Fisk
Nelson County Auditor

Maynard Loibl, Chairman
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