

**October 5, 2016**  
**Budget Hearing**

The budget hearing began at 7:00 P.M. with Commissioners Ellertson, Loibl, Marquart and Fougner present.

Rick and Deb Marquart, Robert Frederick and Rodney and Susan Brossart were also present.

Rick Marquart asked about the mill levy increase and whether it needed to be voted on by the Nelson County residents. The answer to that was no.

The Commissioner's discussed the mill levies for each of the funds and why there were increases.

Rodney Brossart discussed concerns of the condition of the roads in Nelson County and the money that the townships have received to fix them. The Commissioner's expressed that the county roads have improved over the years and that infrastructure is good.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to close the meeting. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

**October 6, 2016**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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

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

Also present were Elvin Johnson, Tim Lee, Alan Klefstad, Robert Frederick, Mark Anderson, KLJ, Shawn Mayfield, KLJ, Anthony Herman, KLJ, and Leon Peterson, ND Weed Control Association President.

Tim informed the Commission that they have finished spraying the cattails and will be putting the snow plows and wings on.

Anthony discussed the preconstruction meeting for County Road 23 which is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in Tolna. The total cost of the project is \$379,648.80. Nelson County will pay the entire contract amount and Tolna will reimburse Nelson County \$194,648.80 for their share of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the Construction Engineering Agreement for County Road 23. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mark Landeis, Marv Narum, Jacob, Rodney and Susan Brossart joined the meeting.

At 10:30 A.M. the hearing about leafy spurge began.

Jacob discussed the problems with controlling the leafy spurge that are on the township right-of-ways of Central and Williams Townships. Rodney has addressed this problem by filing complaints against the Weed Board.

Tim discussed the process for spraying weeds. A weed map is sent to each township at the beginning of the year. The Weed Board will spray the county and state right-of-ways but not the township right-of-way until requested by the townships.

Leon Peterson discussed the difficulty of killing leafy spurge and the different chemicals that could be used on them. One of the reasons that leafy spurge is so hard to kill is because the seeds can remain in the soil for up to 100 years. And because of our wet weather they have flourished.

It was determined that there will be further discussion at the January Weed Board meeting to develop a plan of spraying the leafy spurge.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to close the hearing. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Katie Haarsager from Enbridge updated the Commission on the Sandpiper project. The project was scheduled to be in service in March 2016 but it is currently on hold. This

will create a significant loss in tax revenue for Nelson County.

Becky Nelson talked about the court facilities grant for 2017. The grant will provide security equipment for the courtroom. She will obtain quotes to be presented at the November meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Ellertson and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to cancel taxes on parcel #21-2-46458-100. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to appoint Carol Sand and Susan Bergquist as inspectors for the 2016 General Election. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to re-appoint Deb Duchscherer to the Nelson County Housing Authority. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the abatements for parcel #08-0000-01861-000 and parcel #22-0000-06855-000. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Katelyn Hain discussed the concerns of soybean cyst nematode (SCN) especially in the Aneta and McVillage areas. She can provide the farmers with soil testing bags to determine if SCN is present. The fungus is manageable but not treatable.

Katelyn talked about the tree workshop on October 26 in Lakota. There will be discussion on diversifying the trees that are planted in Lakota.

Katelyn talked about ag in the classroom. She would like to bring a lamb or sheep to show the students. Also discussed was land judging with the senior teens for an upcoming workshop.

Katelyn informed the Board that she has been selected to the North Central Ag and Natural Resources Academy.

Keith Olson presented the calls of service and discussed the increase in calls from last month. The

Federal Award Information DOT Traffic/Safety Contract was presented to the Commissioners for their approval.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Ellertson to sign the DOT Traffic/Safety Contract. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Keith discussed the purchase of two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department to replace the 2013 Chevy Impala and 2011 Chevy Malibu.

Sharon Young discussed the enrollment figures for Dakota Prairie and Lakota School which are up slightly from last year. She also discussed the Devils Lake Reporting Station Moisture Record that showed there was 4.23" of moisture in September. The total for 2016 is 23.82".

Sharon also discussed that 911 texting in an emergency is now available. Texting should be used only when placing a call is not possible. She also presented a resolution for the Railroad Emergency Plan Annex.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to sign the Railroad Emergency Plan Annex resolution. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

At 2:30 P.M. the budget hearing began.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to adopt the following budget for 2017:

County General	\$ 2,371,479
Road and Bridge	198,350
Weed Control	121,325
Hazardous Chemicals	3,500
Law Enforcement	70,000
LLE Block Grant	22,000
FEMA Administration	1,726
FEMA 2013	14,943
Human Services	454,347
Veteran's Service	17,500
County Agent	67,040
Homeland Security	25,000
Job Development Authority	99,225
Historical Society	6,500
Senior Citizens	46,900
Document Preservation	9,600

County Library	28,800
Health District	43,800
Soil Conservation District	50,250
Water Resource District	107,770
Garrison	27,600
Devils Lake Joint Water District	9,700
Red River Joint Water District	20,656

All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

The meeting was recessed.

**October 7, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**Tolna City Hall**

The Preconstruction meeting for County Road 23 began with Commissioners Loibl, Fougner and Ellertson present.

Also present were Jayme Tenneson, Alan Klefstad, Tim Lee, Jeremy Ganske and Jeff Harmsen from Knife River Materials, Steven Dahl, Vicki Engen, Kaylen Luehring and Anthony Herman.

Anthony read the agenda and the Affirmative Action Plan for Knife River Materials. Milling on the road will begin on October 17, 2016 with a completion date of October 29, 2016.

The contract between Nelson County and the City of Tolna was distributed for review.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sheila Fisk  
Nelson County Auditor

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Odell Flaagan, Chairman  
Nelson County Commissioners

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