

October 2, 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 Marquart, Klefstad, Fougner and Loibl.

Also present were Seth Hamre, Anthony Herman, Jayme Tenneson, Paul Bjornson, Rodney Brossart, Susan Brossart and Jacob Brossart.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The board discussed the \$9,500.00 surveying cost form KLJ regarding the encroachment on Rodney Brossart's property located in Central Township (W ½ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 151, Range 59) and applying the \$9,500.00 towards Rodney and Susan Brossart's Special Assessments. Rodney, Susan and Jacob Brossart were present and given the opportunity to speak to the Commissioners about applying the \$9,500.00 to their special assessments on their property regarding the encroachment.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to apply the \$9,500.00 surveying costs towards the special assessments on Rodney and Susan Brossart's property located in Central Township, W ½ of the NE ¼ and the NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 151, Range 59 per ND Century Code 24-05-23. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Seth Hamre discussed finishing up on graveling the county roads.

Seth discussed that a culvert washed away in Nesheim Township from the last hard rain in September and Brian Johnson from Johnson Excavating is replacing it. He also discussed other roads in the County that are under water and closed since the last hard rain.

Anthony Herman discussed the Maintenance Agreement from NDDOT regarding our federal aid routes in the County.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to sign the Maintenance Agreement regarding our federal aid route. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony discussed that the bid opening for the Galde Bridge project will be November 8, 2019 with NDDOT.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to amend the design contract on the Galde Bridge to \$3,000.00 instead of \$5,000.00. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Anthony introduced Paul Bjornson from KLJ to the board. Paul will be taking over Anthony's position from KLJ and will take over Nelson County's projects.

The Commissioner meeting was recessed.

The budget hearing began with Lisa Halvorson present.

Lisa Halvorson expressed her concerns about the increase of their taxes and valuations. The Board and Tax Director explained to her that Nelson County raised all residential property valuations by 21% to be compliant with the State.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to close the budget meeting. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Hearing closed.

The Commissioners meeting reconvened.

The meeting was open to public comments and Joe Messner joined the meeting.

Joe Messner discussed the closing of a section line running through his property between Osago and Dayton townships. Jayme Tenneson discussed the process on what needs to be done to initiate a road closing. Mr. Messner will have to talk to his neighbors and get petition signatures regarding closing the section line.

Joe Messner left the meeting.

The board discussed the Michigan Munchkins Daycare contract and increased the daycare rent from \$500.00 to \$575.00 starting January 1, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to increase Michigan Munchkins Daycare rent to \$575.00 a month starting January 1, 2020. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Keith Olson presented the Calls for Service. There were 151 calls for service in September. He discussed getting bids for a new pickup for one of the deputies.

Jeff Ritteman discussed the shed located behind the Courthouse will need new siding and roof.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to replace the old siding and roof with new steel siding and steel roof. On a roll call vote Commissioners Klefstad, Loibl and Fougner voted "Yes", Commissioner Marquart voted "No". Motion carried.

Jeff discussed with the board about purchasing a new tractor with an attached mower and snow blower for the Courthouse property. The board discussed having Jeff get some bids on a new tractor with a mower and snow blower. Tabled until the November meeting.

Angela Herda discussed that she visited with all the fire departments in Nelson County. She also discussed that she attended an active shooter training in Grand Forks.

Katelyn Hain discussed that the Extension office and States Attorney office hired a new administrative assistant and she will begin with both offices on October 15, 2019.

Michelle Linstad discussed abatements on parcels #15-0001-23307-000, 23-0001-79150-000, 3-0000-0879-000, 3-0000-0880-000, 26-0003-57629-000, 26-0003-57631-500, 27-0001-67905-000 and 5-0000-01281-000.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to approve the abatements on parcels #15-0001-23307-000, 23-0001-79150-000, 3-0000-0879-000, 3-0000-0880-000, 26-0003-57629-000, 26-0003-57631-500, 27-0001-67905-000 and 5-0000-01281-000. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The board discussed charges on requesting recorded minutes. When requesting recorded minutes there will be a fee of \$5.00 for downloading recordings onto an USB drive and also a fee of \$25.00 per hour after the first hour for the time working on downloading and researching.

Moved by Commissioner Klefstad and seconded by Commissioner Marquart to charge \$5.00 for the USB drive and a fee of \$25.00 per hour after the first hour for time working on downloading and researching. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to have salary employees who make less than \$35,568.00 a year to fill out timecards per the Fair Labor Standard Act (FSLA). All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to reappoint Ron Houdek to the Housing Authority Board. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Klefstad to appoint Mary Langley as the Interim Director for the Human Service Zone. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

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

Meeting recessed.

**Special Commissioners Meeting
October 3, 2019 - 3:00 P.M.**

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

Also present were Jayme Tenneson and David Rude.

The board walked through the new county building located in Lakota with the builder David Rude.

Moved by Commissioner Loibl and seconded by Commissioner Fougner to pay the DR Construction invoice for the new county building. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to have the City turn off the water at the new county building. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting recessed.

**Special Commissioners Meeting
October 18, 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 Marquart, Loibl, Klefstad and Fougner.

Also present were Brian Johnson, Ben Varnson, Todd Whitman, David Sateren and Angel Herda.

The board and visitors present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board discussed with the Nelson County Water Board about the Four Corners/Solberg Slough - Pickerel Lake Watershed - Hwy 15 project. A hearing will be held on November 4th at 10:00 A.M. at the Aneta Community Center regarding this project.

The board discussed all the county roads that are under water from all the rain and are going to have the Nelson County Emergency Manager file for an Emergency Declaration for the county.

Moved by Commissioner Fougner and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to have Nelson County Emergency Manager file for an Emergency Declaration for Nelson County. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

The tax foreclosures were discussed. A minimum sale price was set for each property to be sold at the county sale in November.

Moved by Commissioner Marquart and seconded by Commissioner Loibl to approve the minimum sale price that was set on the tax foreclosure properties for the county sale. All members voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wigen
Nelson County Auditor

Bruce Ellertson, Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

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